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**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
 REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
 COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**FROM:** Redevelopment Agency

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
 January 13, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Mesa Verde Blythe Airport Water System – Engineering Services Agreement

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Directors:

1. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the attached Third Amendment to the Engineering Services Agreement between the Redevelopment Agency and Webb and Associates in the amount of \$93,775 for a total contract amount of \$1,742,734 for the Mesa Verde Blythe Airport Water System Improvement Project; and
2. Authorize the Executive Director or designee to administer the Agreement in accordance with the California State's Public Contract Code.

**BACKGROUND:** The Mesa Verde community has long suffered with a dilapidated and failing water system. A new source of water has been identified to supply the Mesa Verde water distribution system. A new well, dug in November 2007 can be tapped to supply water to the Mesa Verde community. The location of the new well is at the Blythe Airport, on the north site of I-10. The residential neighborhoods of Mesa Verde lie on the south side of I-10.

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 Executive Director

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 1,742,734	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2008/09

**COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA: No**

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> City of Blythe-County RDA Funds	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVE

BY: *Jennifer L. Sargent*  
 Jennifer L. Sargent

County Executive Office Signature

Consent     Policy  
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Dept't Recomm.:  
 Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.: Item 4.2, 2/5/08; Item 3.9, 5/17/05; Item 4.5, 12/16/08    District: 4    Agenda Number:

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**BACKGROUND** (continued):

This project consists of several phases for the comprehensive system that includes the well on the north side of Interstate 10, a reservoir, new water lines on the south side of Interstate 10 and new pipelines to convey the water from the new well to the system on the south side of Interstate 10. The first phase was the installation of new water lines on the south site of Interstate 10. The second phase was the installation of the new well. The third phase is the pipeline construction. The reservoir is the fourth phase of the project. The fifth and final phase of the project will include a water treatment system, completion of the pipeline loop and water pumping equipment for the well. The pipeline and the reservoir are currently under construction.

The complete project was conceived in 2002 and has proceeded in phases as funding has become available. The funding for the water lines on the south side of Interstate 10 was provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Rural Utility Funds. The funding for the new well was provided by the joint County-City of Blythe Redevelopment Funds. In the early planning of this project, a mitigated negative declaration was adopted in accordance with CEQA regulations and findings were made in accordance with §33445 of the Health and Safety Code (BOS Item 3.9, May 17, 2005) for the project in its entirety. The Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors also make associated Redevelopment findings for the pipeline and all future phases of this project at their February 5, 2008 meeting (BOD Item 4.2).

The original agreement with Albert A. Webb and Associates did not include the design of a water treatment system, or the related bidding and construction services associated with that phase of the project. This was because the type of water treatment system needed could not be determined until the well was completed and the water testing commenced. Once that was determined, the 1<sup>st</sup> amendment was approved to add the services associated with the specific water treatment system required.

As the project progressed, changes to the scope of services were required, including the type and size of water storage reservoir, a change in the water transmission pipeline design, and a change in the booster station design. Additional easement acquisitions have also been needed, requiring additional survey work and monumentation. These other services were included in the second amendment to the engineering services agreement.

The third amendment to the agreement will cover engineering services related to the relocation of the evaporation ponds required for the water treatment system. The size of the pond is approximately 3.5 acres, and the original plan called for the evaporation ponds to be located within the vicinity of the well and the pump equipment. Staff has determined that the original location is better suited for commercial development that would benefit the economic health of the airport. The new location of the ponds is approximately 4,000 feet from the original site to a location that would not have a negative impact on future commercial development. The scope of services in the third amendment includes surveying, soils and material testing, geotechnical studies, pipeline design and construction management.

Agency Counsel has reviewed the attached agreement and approved it as to form and staff is recommending approval by the Board of Directors.

**Attachment:**

Third Amendment to Engineering Services Agreement with Albert A. Webb and Associates