

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Supervisor Roy Wilson

SUBMITTAL DATE: May 12, 2009

SUBJECT: Fourth District Use of Community Improvement Designation Funds (CIDF)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the use of Community Improvement Designation funds for consulting and other services relating to the restoration/acquisition of the Rice-Blythe-Ripley railroad line.
2. Approves and directs the Auditor-Controller to make the following budget adjustments:

Increase Appropriations:	Contributions to Non County Agency	\$ 5000.00
10000-1000100000-536200		

Decrease Board Designation:	Community Improvement	\$ 5000.00
10000-1000100000-320135		

Palo Verde Valley Community Improvement Fund,
P.O. Box 211,
Blythe, CA 92226.

BACKGROUND: The Arizona and California Railroad has been attempting to abandon and shut down the Rice-Blythe-Ripley railroad line, citing a lack of regional usage. Members of the local community disagree, saying that the railroad has been and could once again be a vital part of the regional economy, especially for agri-business and existing or potential mining operations. The City of Blythe, Fisher Ranch, Compton Ag and Helena Chemical Co. are among the local entities which have made \$5,000 contributions to the effort. So far at least \$30,000 has been donated to this continuing effort. These funds are being used to pay a consultant and a lawyer who specializes in railroad abandonment issues. The money is being held by the Palo Verde Valley Community Improvement Fund, which is governed by a local district board.

Roy Wilson, Fourth District Supervisor

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Consent

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