

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

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FROM: Economic Development Agency

SUBMITTAL DATE:
June 23, 2009

SUBJECT: Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on the Environment and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds for the Whitewater Park Project

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt the attached Environmental Assessment Report and FONSI for the Whitewater Park Project based on the findings incorporated in the report and conclude that the project is not an action which may affect the quality of the environment;
2. Approve the attached Request for Release of Funds; and
3. Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to execute the Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Assessment Report to be filed with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

BACKGROUND: Commences on Page 2

Robert Field
Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	YES
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	08-09

COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA: No

SOURCE OF FUNDS: City of Cathedral City Community Development Block Grant Funds

Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	☐
Requires 4/5 Vote	☐

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature

Jennifer L. Sargent

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
DATE 6/15/09
BY MICHELLE CLACK
Departmental Concurrence

Dep't Recomm.: ☐ Consent ☒ Policy
Per Exec. Ofc.: ☐ Consent ☒ Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: 4

Agenda Number:

3.31

BACKGROUND:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Program is subject to environmental review in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations and 24 CFR Part 58. These actions include finding a level of clearance and requesting release of funds from HUD.

The City of Cathedral City proposes to use \$300,000 of CDBG funds for the acquisition of six vacant parcels, for a combined total of one acre of land, to be developed by the City into the Whitewater Park. The parcels are located within close proximity of each other and the acquisition of these parcels, together with adjacent parcels already owned by the City, will provide for development of a five-acre neighborhood park serving a predominantly low and moderate-income community.

The proposed park will include a baseball field, two basketball courts, two handball courts, play areas, shade structures, walking paths, parking, restrooms, a water feature, a storage building, and a retention basin.

Having completed the applicable review procedures outlined in 24 CFR 58.41, an evaluation has been made of the potential effects the project shall have on the environment. The attached documentation (form HUD-7015.15) has been prepared pursuant to 24 CFR 58. A finding has been made that the proposed project, Whitewater Park Project, will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Attachments:

1. Request for Release of Funds and Certification, Form HUD-7015.15 (2 original copies)
2. Environmental Assessment [24 CFR Part 58.36]
3. Combined Notice to the Public

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT [NEPA]
(24 CFR 58, SECTION 58.36)

WHITEWATER PARK PROJECT
CATHEDRAL CITY, CALIFORNIA

RIVERSIDE COUNTY EDA
44-199 MONROE STREET, SUITE B
INDIO, CA 92201
APRIL 29, 2009

SECTION I

PUBLIC NOTICE

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT UPON THE ENVIRONMENT

AND

INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

COMBINED NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
May 4, 2009

Jeff Stone, Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors
County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street,
Riverside, CA 92501, (951) 955-1040

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:

The purpose of this notice is to identify two (2) separate but related actions to be taken by the County of Riverside.

1. Finding of No Significant Impact
2. Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds

On or about May 19, 2009, the County of Riverside Board of Supervisors will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) release federal funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for the following project:

PROJECT NAME: Whitewater Park Project (City of Cathedral City)

FUNDING: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) \$300,000.

PURPOSE: The City of Cathedral City will use CDBG funds for the acquisition of six vacant parcels, for a combined total of one acre of land, to be developed by the City into the Whitewater Park. The parcels are located within close proximity of each other and the acquisition of these parcels, together with adjacent parcels already owned by the City, will provide for development of a five-acre neighborhood park serving a predominantly low and moderate-income community. The park will include a baseball field, two basketball courts, two handball courts, play areas, shade structures, walking paths, parking, restrooms, a water feature, a storage building, and a retention basin.

LOCATION: The project area is located in the Whitewater Neighborhood of Cathedral City. The six parcels to be acquired are situated between Ortega Road to the south and Ocotillo Road to the north, Via De Anza to the east, and on both sides of Moreno Road. Assessor's Parcel Numbers are 680-393-004, 680-393-005, 680-393006, 680-393-009, 680-405-005, and 680-450-003.

The County of Riverside has determined that such request of funds will not constitute an action significantly impacting the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the County of Riverside has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (PL 91-190).

The reason for such decision not to prepare such statement is as follows: the County of Riverside prepared and approved an Environmental Assessment (in accordance with 24 CFR 58.36) dated April 29, 2009. The Environmental Assessment was conducted, and the potential impacts and alternative evaluated, through consultation with appropriate resources. Based upon the findings, the County of Riverside has determined that the project is not an action that will result in a significant impact on the quality of the human environment.

An environmental review record respecting the above-listed project has been made by the County of Riverside which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reason why such statement is not required. The environmental review record is on file at the Economic Development Agency for the County of Riverside, 44-199 Monroe Street, Suite B, Indio, CA 92201, or 1325 Spruce Street, Suite 400

Riverside, CA 92507, and is available, upon request, for public examination or copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. **No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the Request for Release of Federal Funds.**

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision and wishing to comment on the project are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the County of Riverside to: Riverside County Economic Development Agency, 1325 Spruce Street, Suite 400, Riverside, CA 92507. The public is advised to specify which "notice" their comment address. Written comments should be received at the above address on or before 5:00 PM on **May 18, 2009**. All such comments so received will be considered, and the County will not request the release of federal funds or take any administrative action on the above-listed project prior to HUD's written authorization to use those funds.

The County of Riverside and the City of Cathedral City will undertake the project described above with CDBG funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The County of Riverside is certifying to HUD that the County and Supervisor Jeff Stone, in his official capacity of Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, EDA may use CDBG funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the County of Riverside's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if the objections are based upon one of the following:

- (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the County of Riverside;
- (b) the County of Riverside has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58;
- (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or
- (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will hold the Request for Release of Federal Funds for an additional 15-day comment period. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures under 24 CFR 58.

Objections to the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) must be addressed to: Environmental Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 611 West 6th Street, Suite 800, Los Angeles, CA 90017. Objections to the Request for Release of Funds (RROF) on a basis other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD. No objections received by HUD after the 15-day objection period will be considered.

SECTION II

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

(FORM HUD-7015.15)

Request for Release of Funds and Certification

U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development
Office of Community Planning
and Development

OMB No. 2506-0087
(exp. 3/31/2011)

This form is to be used by Responsible Entities and Recipients (as defined in 24 CFR 58.2) when requesting the release of funds, and requesting the authority to use such funds, for HUD programs identified by statutes that provide for the assumption of the environmental review responsibility by units of general local government and States. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 36 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. This agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless that collection displays a valid OMB control number.

Part 1. Program Description and Request for Release of Funds (to be completed by Responsible Entity)

1. Program Title(s) Community Development Block Grant Program	2. HUD/State Identification Number	3. Recipient Identification Number (optional) 4.CC.01-07
4. OMB Catalog Number(s) 14-218	5. Name and address of responsible entity Riverside County Economic Development Agency 1325 Spruce Street, Suite 400 Riverside, CA 92507	
6. For information about this request, contact (name & phone number) Michelle Corredato 760.863.2650	7. Name and address of recipient (if different than responsible entity)	
8. HUD or State Agency and office unit to receive request U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development 611 West 6th Street, Suite 800 Los Angeles, CA 90017		

The recipient(s) of assistance under the program(s) listed above requests the release of funds and removal of environmental grant conditions governing the use of the assistance for the following

9. Program Activity(ies)/Project Name(s) Whitewater Park Project	10. Location (Street address, city, county, State) APNs: 680-393-004, 680-393-005, 680-393-006, 680-393-009, 680-405-005, and 680-405-003
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11. Program Activity/Project Description

The City of Cathedral City will use CDBG funds for the acquisition of six vacant parcels, for a combined total of one acre of land, to be developed by the City into the Whitewater Park. The parcels are located within close proximity of each other and the acquisition of these parcels, together with adjacent parcels already owned by the City, will provide for development of a five-acre neighborhood park serving a predominantly low and moderate-income community. The park will include a baseball field, two basketball courts, two handball courts, play areas, shade structures, walking paths, parking, restrooms, a water feature, a storage building, and a retention basin.

Part 2. Environmental Certification (to be completed by responsible entity)

With reference to the above Program Activity(ies)/Project(s), I, the undersigned officer of the responsible entity, certify that:

The responsible entity has fully carried out its responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action pertaining to the project(s) named above.

2. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the environmental procedures, permit requirements and statutory obligations of the laws cited in 24 CFR 58.5; and also agrees to comply with the authorities in 24 CFR 58.6 and applicable State and local laws.
3. After considering the type and degree of environmental effects identified by the environmental review completed for the proposed project described in Part 1 of this request, I have found that the proposal ☐ did ☐ did not require the preparation and dissemination of an environmental impact statement.
4. The responsible entity has disseminated and/or published in the manner prescribed by 24 CFR 58.43 and 58.55 a notice to the public in accordance with 24 CFR 58.70 and as evidenced by the attached copy (copies) or evidence of posting and mailing procedure.
5. The dates for all statutory and regulatory time periods for review, comment or other action are in compliance with procedures and requirements of 24 CFR Part 58.
6. In accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b), the responsible entity will advise the recipient (if different from the responsible entity) of any special environmental conditions that must be adhered to in carrying out the project.

As the duly designated certifying official of the responsible entity, I also certify that:

7. I am authorized to and do consent to assume the status of Federal official under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and each provision of law designated in the 24 CFR 58.5 list of NEPA-related authorities insofar as the provisions of these laws apply to the HUD responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action that have been assumed by the responsible entity.
8. I am authorized to and do accept, on behalf of the recipient personally, the jurisdiction of the Federal courts for the enforcement of all these responsibilities, in my capacity as certifying officer of the responsible entity.

Signature of Certifying Officer of the Responsible Entity

Title of Certifying Officer

Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

Date signed

X

Address of Certifying Officer

**Riverside County EDA
1325 Spruce Street, Suite 400
Riverside, CA 92507**

Part 3. To be completed when the Recipient is not the Responsible Entity

The recipient requests the release of funds for the programs and activities identified in Part 1 and agrees to abide by the special conditions, procedures and requirements of the environmental review and to advise the responsible entity of any proposed change in the scope of the project or any change in environmental conditions in accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b).

Signature of Authorized Officer of the Recipient

Title of Authorized Officer

Date signed

X

Warning: HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL

BY

MICHELLE CLACK

DATE

6/15/09

SECTION III

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED

SECTION IV

STATUTORY CHECKLIST

LEVEL OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW DETERMINATION

Project Name/Description: Whitewater Park Project (City of Cathedral City)

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File Number: 4.CC.01-07

Location: APNs: 680-393-004, 680-393-005, 680-393-006, 680-393-009, 680-405-005, and 680-405-003

Funding Amount: \$300,000

Funding Type: ☒ CDBG ☐ ESG ☐ Other:

Level of Environmental Review: *(cite sections)*

- ☐ Exempt per 24 CFR 58.34
- ☐ Categorically excluded not subject to statutes per §58.36(b)
- ☐ Categorically excluded subject to statutes per §58.35(a)
- ☒ **Environmental Assessment per §58.36, or EIS per 40 CFR 1500**

STATUTES AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR 58.6

FLOOD INSURANCE/FLOOD DISASTER PROTECTION ACT

1. Does the project involve the acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of structures, buildings or mobile homes?

☐ No; flood insurance is not required. The review of this factor is completed.

☒ Yes; continue

2. Is the structure or part of the structure located in a FEMA designated Special Flood Hazard Area?

☒ No. Source Document (FEMA/FIRM floodplain zone designation, panel number 0665C159G, date: 8/28/09, Zone X)

(Factor review completed).

☐ Yes. Source Document (FEMA/FIRM floodplain zone designation, panel number, date:

(Continue Review).

3. Is the community participating in the National Insurance Program (or has less than one year passed since FEMA notification of Special kept in the Environmental Review Record.

☐ No (**Federal assistance may not be used in the Special Flood Flood Hazards**)?

☐ Yes – Flood Insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program must be obtained and maintained for the economic life of the project, in the amount of the total project cost. A copy of the flood insurance policy declaration must be **Hazards Area**).

COASTAL BARRIERS RESOURCES ACT

1. Is the project located in a coastal barrier resource area? (See www.fema.gov/nfip/cobra/shtm).

☒ No; Cite Source Documentation: There are no Coastal Barrier Resource Areas within Riverside County.

(Factor review completed).

☐ Yes – **Federal assistance may not be used in such an area.**

AIRPORT RUNWAY CLEAR ZONES AND CLEAR ZONES DISCLOSURES

1. Does the project involve the sale or acquisition of existing property within a Civil Airport's Runway Clear Zone, Approach Protection Zone or a Military Installation's Clear Zone?

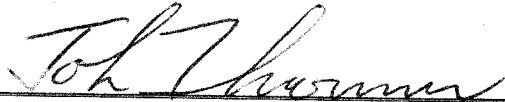
☒ No; cite SD, page: EDA Staff Review

Project complies with 24 CFR 51.303(a)(3)

☐ Yes; **Disclosure statement must be provided** to buyer and a copy of the signed disclosure statement must be maintained in this Environmental Review Record.



Signature/Name: Michelle Corredato, Program Manager/Date: April 29, 2009



Responsible Entity Official Signature/Title: John Thurman, EDA Development Manager/
Date: April 29, 2009

Statutory Checklist

[24CFR §58.5]

Record the determinations made regarding each listed statute, executive order or regulation. Provide appropriate source documentation. [Note reviews or consultations completed as well as any applicable permits or approvals obtained or required. Note dates of contact or page references]. Provide compliance or consistency documentation. Attach additional material as appropriate. Note conditions, attenuation or mitigation measures required.

Factors

Determination and Compliance Documentation

Historic Preservation [36 CFR 800]	The subject properties are vacant and contain no structures, nor are there any historic structures in the vicinity of the project site. The properties are not located in any historic district. Thus, the project will not result in any adverse impacts related to historic preservation. The Cathedral City General Plan indicates that the subject property is not within an area deemed to be sensitive for cultural resources. Therefore, the project is not anticipated to have adverse impacts on archaeological resources. However, no archaeological surveys have been performed on the site and archaeological finds could be encountered during grading. <i>Sources:</i> National Park Service, 2008, National Register Information System. Website: http://www.nr.nps.gov/ California State Parks, Office of Historic Preservation 2008. Website: http://ohp.parks.ca.gov City of Cathedral City, 2002, City of Cathedral City General Plan, Archeological and Historic Resources Element. Agua Caliente Tribal Historic Preservation Office.
Floodplain Management [24 CFR 55, Executive Order 11988]	The properties are not located within the 100-year flood hazard zone, as mapped by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). They are located within Zone X - Other Areas (Areas determined to be outside the 0.2% annual chance floodplain) according to Flood Insurance Rate Map # 06065C1587G, Panel 1587 of 3805, effective August 28, 2008. Therefore, the properties would not be susceptible to flood hazards and there will be no adverse impacts related to floodplain management. <i>Sources:</i> Federal Emergency Management Agency. 2008. Flood Insurance Rate Map # 06065C1587G, Panel 1587 of 3805, August 28, 2008.

Wetlands Protection [Executive Order 11990]	The properties are within an urbanized area in Cathedral City. They are not located within a Wetland area, nor are there wetlands in the vicinity; therefore, there will be no impacts related to wetlands protection. <i>Sources:</i> U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2009. Wetlands Online Mapper. Website: http://wetlandsfws.er.usgs.gov
Coastal Zone Management Act [Sections 307(c),(d)]	The properties are not located in the vicinity of the Pacific Ocean shoreline or other navigable water body. Therefore, they are not located on land subject to the provisions of the Coastal Zone Management Act (administered as part of the California Coastal Management Program. <i>Sources:</i> Coastal Zone Management Act, 2005. California Coastal Management Program. Website: http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov
Sole Source Aquifers [40 CFR 149]	The properties are not water source, the site is not underlain by a sole source aquifer, and there are no sole source aquifers in the vicinity or within the City of Cathedral City. Therefore, the proposed project would not affect the quality or viability of a sole source aquifer. <i>Sources:</i> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 2008. Designated Sole Source Aquifers in EPA Region 9. Website: http://www.epa.gov/region09/water/groundwater/ssa.html

Endangered Species Act [50 CFR 402]	The proposed project is located within an urbanized area of Cathedral City and the subject parcels and adjoining vacant properties are completely surrounded by residential properties and paved roadways. Vegetation on the properties consists of scattered trees and low native vegetation. The site is not designated as the location of any plant, animal, or habitat of special concern, or potential wildlife corridor in the City of Cathedral City General Plan Biological Resources Element or Coachella Valley Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan. Therefore, the proposed action would not adversely affect endangered or protected species or conflict with the provisions of the Endangered Species Act. <i>Sources:</i> City of Cathedral City, 2002, City of Cathedral City General Plan, Biological Resources Element. Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) 2007. Coachella Valley Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan.
Wild and Scenic Rivers Act [Sections 7 (b), (c)]	No Wild and Scenic Rivers are located in Cathedral City. The properties do not contain any waterways, nor are they within one mile of a listed wild and scenic river. Therefore, the proposed action would not adversely affect a Wild and Scenic River or conflict with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. <i>Sources:</i> National Park Services, 2009. Wild and Scenic Rivers. http://www.rivers.gov/wildriverslist.html
Air Quality [Clean Air Act, Sections 176 (c) and (d), and 40 CFR 6, 51, 93]	The future development of a neighborhood park is not expected to have adverse impacts on existing air quality in the project area as it will serve residents of the existing neighborhood. Parking may be provided, but would be minimal. The project site is in a "non-attainment" area but project design and specifications will mitigate any identified temporary construction impacts to air quality and development of the park will comply with all applicable air quality regulations and requirements. <i>Sources:</i> Project plans and specifications.

Farmland Protection Policy Act [7 CFR 658]	The subject properties are currently designated as Residential Low Density in the City of Cathedral City General Plan and are considered Urban and Built-Up Land by the California Department of Conservation, Division of Land and Resource Protection and are surrounded by urban uses. The proposed action would ultimately provide for recreational uses and could thus reduce pressures to develop farmland in outlying areas. <i>Sources:</i> California Department of Conservation, 2006. Division of Land Resource Protection, Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program. Website: ftp://ftp.consrv.ca.gov/pub/dlrp/FMMP/pdf/2006/riv06_centra1.pdf
Environmental Justice [Executive Order 12898]	This project will not have a disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental affects on environmental justice populations. Although environmental justice populations, which include minority and/or low-income populations, exist within the vicinity of the project area, the proposed action – parkland acquisition along with associated future park development – will by its nature contribute to the provision of an amenity for the neighborhood that will provide for the recreational needs of residents in the area. Any potential noise and visual environmental affects associated with the future development of a park will be addressed during the City’s standard Design Review and Conditional Use Permit process. <i>Sources:</i> City of Cathedral City 2009. Cathedral City Municipal Code, website: http://qcode.us/codes/cathedralcity/ U.S. Census, 2000. QT-P32. Income Distribution in 1999 of Households and Families. 2000. DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics. Website: http://factfinder.census.gov

HUD Environmental Standards

Determination and Compliance Documentation

Noise Abatement and Control [24 CFR 51 B]	The proposed land acquisition project will not generate noise, and thus there will be no adverse effects related to noise associated with this action. The development of a future neighborhood park may involve minor noise impacts resulting temporarily from construction activities or in the long term from park usage/activities; however, any potential effects will be readily addressed by standard limitations (e.g. on construction hours) and park design and usage conditions incorporated through the City's design review and conditional use permit process. <i>Sources:</i> City of Cathedral City 2009. Cathedral City Municipal Code, website: http://qcode.us/codes/cathedralcity/
Toxic/Hazardous/Radioactive Materials, Contamination, Chemicals or Gases [24 CFR 58.5(i)(2)]	The subject property is not located on or in proximity to landfills, industrial sites, or other potential sources of hazardous materials or wastes. The site of the proposed action is not on the EPA National Priorities List (NPL) and is not a Superfund site. The site is not located adjacent to or in close proximity to an NPL or Superfund site. No permanent buildings would be demolished within the site; therefore, construction workers and nearby residents would not be exposed to above-ground lead or asbestos contamination. Properties are not located near operations handling petroleum products or chemicals of an explosive or flammable nature. The properties are vacant, are abutting other vacant properties and/or residential properties, and are located within a primarily single-family neighborhood. The properties are not near any large industrial or commercial users of hazardous materials. Therefore, there would be no adverse effects related to toxic or hazardous materials. <i>Sources:</i> City of Cathedral City 2002. City of Cathedral City General Plan, Hazardous and Toxic Materials Element. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 2009. National Priorities List. Website: http://www.epa.gov/superfund/sites/npl/ca.htm U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 2008. Cleanup Sites in California, Website: http://www.epa.gov/region09/cleanup/california.html

Siting of HUD-Assisted Projects near Hazardous Operations [24 CFR 51 C]	The properties are not within the immediate vicinity of hazardous industrial operations handling fuels or chemicals of an explosive or flammable nature, nor any above ground storage tanks containing flammable and/or explosive materials. The properties are abutting other vacant properties and/or residences, and are located within a predominantly single family neighborhood. Therefore, there would be no adverse effects related to project siting near hazardous operations. <i>Sources:</i> City of Cathedral City 2002. City of Cathedral City General Plan Hazardous and Toxic Materials Element Site Observations, February 2009.
Airport Clear Zones and Accident Potential Zones [24 CFR 51 D]	The Palm Springs International Airport is the closest public or private airport, and is located approximately 3.59 miles northeast of the project site. The project site is not located within 2500 feet of the end of a civil airport runway or 8000 feet of the end of a military airfield runway. The subject property is located within Airport Compatibility Zone D, which allows limited residential development and non-residential uses at an intensity 100 people per acre average and a maximum of 300 people per acre. A neighborhood park would be anticipated to be well within these limits. Therefore, there would be no adverse effects related to the project siting in or near an airport clear zone and/or accident potential zone, or any other airport compatibility issues. <i>Sources:</i> Riverside County Airport Land Use Commission, 2009. Website: http://www.rcaluc.org/plan_new.asp

DETERMINATION:

- () This project converts to Exempt, per Section 58.34(a)(12), because it does not require any mitigation for compliance with any listed statutes or authorities, nor requires any formal permit or license (Status "A" has been determined in the status column for all authorities); **funds may be drawn down** for this (now) EXEMPT project; OR
- () This project cannot convert to Exempt because one or more statutes/authorities require consultation or mitigation. Complete consultation/mitigation requirements, publish NOI/RROF and obtain Authority to Use Grant Funds (form HUD 7015.16) per Sections 58.70 and 58.71 before drawing down funds; OR
- (X) **The unusual circumstances of this project may result in a significant environmental impact. This project requires preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA). Prepare the EA according to 24 CFR Part 58, Subpart E.**

PREPARER SIGNATURE: _____

Michelle Corredato

DATE: 4/29/09

PREPARER NAME AND TITLE: **Michelle Corredato, Program Manager**

RESPONSIBLE ENTITY OFFICIAL / SIGNATURE: _____

John Thurman

NAME AND TITLE: **John Thurman, EDA Development Manager – CDBG/ESG Programs**

DATE: 4/29/09

SECTION V

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Summary of Findings and Conclusions

ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED ACTION

Alternatives and Project Modifications Considered [24 CFR 58.40(e), Ref. 40 CFR 1508.9]

- **Alternative Location** – This alternative would require identifying an alternative site for the neighborhood park. There are no vacant properties of similar size to adequately provide for a similar amenity within the vicinity. Thus, there is no alternative location that would be able to provide for a park to serve this neighborhood.
- **Alternative Uses** – This alternative would require developing the project site for other uses. Due to the residential nature of the surrounding area, commercial and industrial land uses would not be compatible. Recreational and open space uses can provide the existing neighborhood with a desirable amenity while remaining complementary with the surrounding neighborhood.
- **Fewer recreational facilities within the park** – This alternative could result in fewer impacts (e.g. noise) on adjacent residences due to less intense usage, but would provide less amenity for the neighborhood.

No Action Alternative [24 CFR 58.40(e)]

- **No Project** – This alternative would maintain the present condition of inadequate park and open space facilities serving City residents. This lack of existing parks and open space has been previously identified as a problem for the community.

Mitigation Measures Recommended [24 CFR 58.40(d), 40 CFR 1508.20]

- **Review by all persons participating in the Design Review and Conditional Use permit process.** Any conditions imposed as a result of these reviews shall be reflected in the project plans and contract documents.
- **Review by all applicable Cathedral City departments and public agencies participating in the building permit and inspection process.** Any conditions found to be necessary as a result of the review shall be reflected in the contract documents and plans.

Additional Studies Performed

None.

List of Sources, Agencies and Persons Consulted [40 CFR 1508.9(b)]

LSA Associates, Inc.

City of Cathedral City

FEMA Flood maps

Riverside County Airport Land Use Commission website

Agua Caliente Tribal Historic Preservation Office

SECTION VI

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

Environmental Assessment

Responsible Entity: The Economic Development Agency for Riverside County
[24 CFR 58.2(a)(7)]

Certifying Officer: John Thurman, CDBG Program Administrator
[24 CFR 58.2(a)(2)]

Project Name: Whitewater Neighborhood Parkland Acquisition

Project Location: The project area is located in the Whitewater Neighborhood of Cathedral City. The six parcels to be acquired are situated between Ortega Road to the south and Ocotillo Road to the north, Via De Anza to the east, and on both sides of Moreno Road, within the City of Cathedral City. Assessor's Parcel Numbers are 680-393-004, 680-393-005, 680-393-006, 680-393-009, 680-404-005, and 680-405-003.

Estimated total project cost: \$260,000.00

Grant Recipient: Riverside County Economic Development Agency

Recipient Address: 1325 Spruce Street, Suite 400, Riverside, CA 92507

Project Representative: Rich Malacoff, Senior Planner, City of Cathedral City

Address: 68700 Avenida Lalo Guerrero, Cathedral City, CA 92234

Telephone Number: 760-770-0339

Conditions for Approval: NA

FINDING: [58.40(g)]

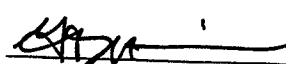
☒ **Finding of No Significant Impact**

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☐ **Finding of Significant Impact**

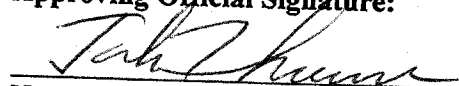
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Preparer Signature:

 **Grant Wilson**
for
Name/Title/Agency: Patty Nevins, Planner
LSA Associates, Inc.

Date: 4/6/09

Approving Official Signature:

 **Date:** 4/29/09
Name/Title/ Agency: John Thurman, Principal Development Specialist
Economic Development Agency for Riverside County

Statement of Purpose and Need for the Proposal:

Cathedral City's General Plan identifies a significant shortage of public parkland within the City, noting that based on 2000 census estimates and using recommended parkland standards of three acres per thousand population, the City needs a total of 128 acres of parks but has only 28.55 acres.

Currently, there are seven existing public parks within the City. These are mostly small parks; all are less than eight acres, and three are less than three acres in size. Thus, there is clearly a need for additional parkland within the City.

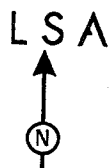
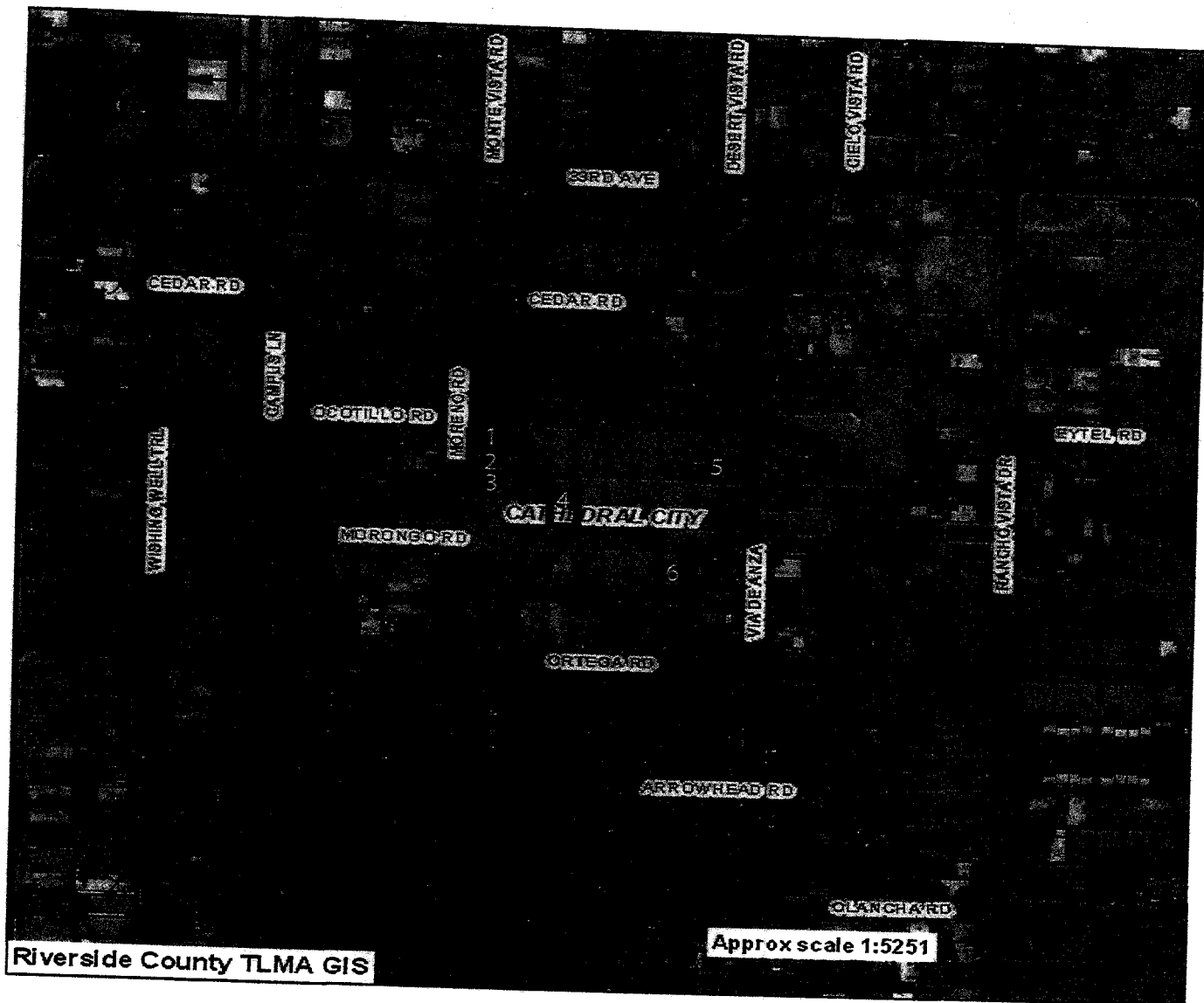
Description of the Proposal: The project consists of the acquisition of six vacant parcels within close proximity to each other for inclusion in a future neighborhood park (See Figures 1 through 3). The total acreage of the combined parcels is slightly over one acre. The parcels are being acquired to combine with additional adjacent vacant properties to provide for future development of a neighborhood park that will serve the residents of the surrounding single family neighborhood.

The future neighborhood park will be approximately five acres in size. A conceptual site plan for the future park depicts a baseball field, two basketball courts, two handball courts, play areas, shade structures, walking paths, parking, bathrooms, a water feature, a storage building, and a retention basin.

The estimated cost of the current project – the acquisition of six vacant parcels – is \$260,000.00. Plans for development of the future park are conceptual at this time; thus, the total cost of the future park is unknown.

Existing Conditions and Trends: The six parcels are vacant land, primarily abutting other vacant parcels and fronting on public streets (parcel 680-405-003 abuts single family home to the south and east). The parcels are part of a larger vacant area that can logically provide for a future neighborhood park of approximately five acres in size. This vacant land is located within an existing residential neighborhood known as the Whitewater Neighborhood, located west of Date Palm Avenue and north of Dinah Shore Drive. The residential area includes a mixture of older single family, duplex, and small multiple family structures as well as scattered vacant lots.

The current General Plan designation for the subject property is RL, Residential-Low Density; the zoning designation for the property is R-1, Single Family residential. Park and open spaces uses are compatible with the residential uses described in the General Plan and Zoning regulations, and parks may be developed subject to approval of a Conditional Use Permit.



APN Map Legend

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FIGURE 1

Cathedral City Parkland
Project Location

SOURCE: RIVERSIDE COUNTY GIS

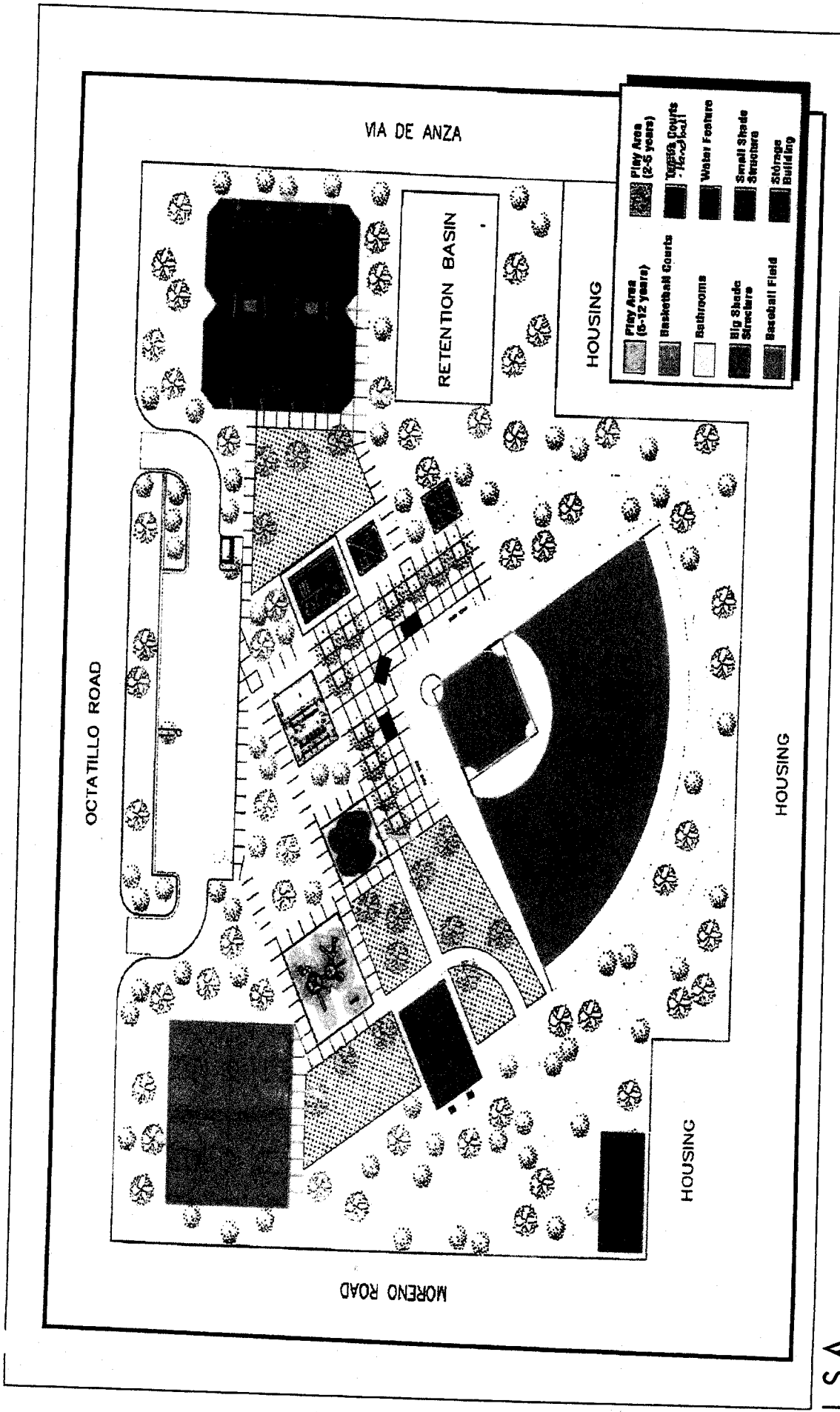
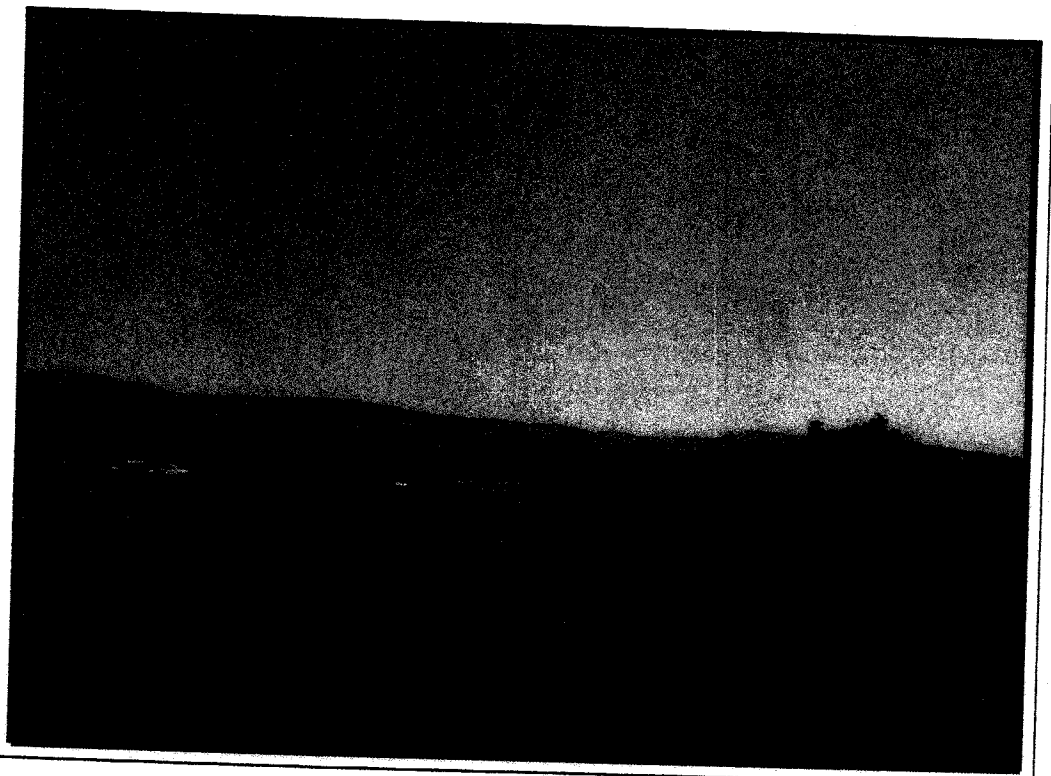


FIGURE 2



Looking Southwest
Ocotillo / DeAnza



Looking Northeast
Moreno / Ortega

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FIGURE 3

Cathedral City Parkland
Site Photos

Environmental Assessment Checklist

[Environmental Review Guide HUD CPD 782, 24 CFR 58.40; Ref. 40 CFR 1508.8 & 1508.27]
 Evaluate the significance of the effects of the proposal on the character, features and resources of the project area. Enter relevant base data and verifiable source documentation to support the finding. Then enter the appropriate impact code from the following list to make a determination of impact. **Impact Codes:** (1) - No impact anticipated; (2) - Potentially beneficial; (3) - Potentially adverse; (4) - Requires mitigation; (5) - Requires project modification. Note names, dates of contact, telephone numbers and page references. Attach additional material as appropriate. Note conditions or mitigation measures required.

Land Development	Code	Source or Documentation
Conformance with Comprehensive Plans and Zoning	2	The properties are located within the RL, Residential Low-Density land use designation of the Cathedral City General Plan; the zoning designation for the parcels is R-1. Parks are complementary to residential uses, and can be developed within the R-1 zone subject to approval of a Conditional Use Permit. Parkland acquisition will aid in fulfilling the City's General Plan Parks and Recreation Element goals and policies, which include: • Establishing a diverse park system that provides recreation opportunities at a variety of scales; • Distribution of parks and recreation facilities in a manner that is convenient to City neighborhoods and balanced within population concentrations; • Promoting the development of parks in neighborhoods lacking proximity to park facilities Sources: City of Cathedral City 2002. City of Cathedral City General Plan, Parks and Recreation Element. City of Cathedral City 2009. Cathedral City Municipal Code, website: http://qcode.us/codes/cathedralcity/
Compatibility and Urban Impact	2	The proposed project will not create any impacts related to compatibility and urban impact. Future development of a neighborhood park would be considered an amenity for the surrounding neighborhood, and would be compatible with existing residential land uses in the vicinity. Sources: City of Cathedral City, 2002. City of Cathedral City General Plan, Parks and Recreation Element.
Slope	1	The subject properties are generally flat; there are no significant slopes or landforms within the properties or in the vicinity. Therefore, there will be no adverse impacts related to slopes. Sources: Site Observation, February 2009.

Erosion	1	The subject properties and adjacent vacant lots are generally flat and are surrounding by paved streets and residential structures. They are not affected by water erosion, nor do they create any offsite impacts related to water erosion. The majority of the City is within a severe wind erosion hazard zone; the effects of wind erosion are addressed through the development process via standard requirements (e.g. submittal of a dust control plan). Thus, future development of a neighborhood park is not anticipated to create any adverse impacts related to erosion. Sources: City of Cathedral City 2002. City of Cathedral City General Plan, Geotechnical Element.
Soil Suitability	1	Although the parkland acquisition project does not entail development, future construction of a neighborhood park will necessitate soils studies as most of the City is deemed susceptible to potential seismic effects such as liquefaction and settlement. However, such effects are addressed through the development process via standard requirements (e.g. submittal of a soils report) and future development of a neighborhood park is therefore not anticipated to create any adverse impacts related to soil suitability. Sources: City of Cathedral City, 2002. City of Cathedral City General Plan, Geotechnical Element.
Hazards and Nuisances including Site Safety	1	The site is located within a largely developed urbanized neighborhood, and is not exposed to any hazards or nuisances. Future development of a neighborhood park would not result in new hazards or safety impacts upon neighboring properties. Sources: Site Observation, February 2009.
Energy Consumption	1	The future development of a public park would require some minor energy consumption (fossil fuels, electricity) in the short-term during construction; such amounts would not be considered significant. A park by its nature would not require any significant amounts of long-term energy consumption, and the project will therefore have no adverse affects on energy consumption. Sources: Consultant analysis.

Noise - Contribution to Community Noise Levels	1	The future development of a neighborhood park will introduce some new noise to the area; however, as the future park will serve existing residents of the neighborhood, such additions to the existing ambient noise levels would be anticipated to be minor in nature. Proper site design is expected to minimize potential noise impacts, and would be addressed through the normal design review and conditional use permit processes of the City. Sources: City of Cathedral City 2009. Cathedral City Municipal Code, website: http://qcode.us/codes/cathedralcity/
Air Quality Effects of Ambient Air Quality on Project and Contribution to Community Pollution Levels	1	The future development of a neighborhood park is not expected to have adverse impacts on existing air quality in the project area as it will serve residents of the existing neighborhood. Parking may be provided, but would be minimal. The project site is in a "non-attainment" area, but project design and specifications will mitigate identified temporary construction impacts to air quality and development of the park will comply with all applicable air quality regulations and requirements. . Sources: Project plans and specifications.
Environmental Design Visual Quality - Coherence, Diversity, Compatible Use and Scale	2	The development of a future neighborhood park would be complementary with the surrounding neighborhood. Any visual quality impacts related to structures within the neighborhood park would be addressed by plan review and aesthetic conditions during the City's standard design review and conditional use permit process. Sources: City of Cathedral City 2009. Cathedral City Municipal Code, website: http://qcode.us/codes/cathedralcity/

Socioeconomic	Code	Source or Documentation
Demographic Character Changes	1	The project will not negatively affect the demographics of the area or the vicinity as it will not bring new residents to the area but rather, will serve the existing residents. Parkland acquisition and the future development of a neighborhood park will provide amenities to the existing residents of the surrounding residential neighborhood and will therefore have no impact on demographics. Sources: Site Observations, February 2009
Displacement	1	The subject properties are vacant and neither parkland acquisition nor the future development of a park including the subject properties would have any potential to displace persons. Sources: Site Observations, February 2009.
Employment and Income Patterns	1	Parkland acquisition and the future development of a neighborhood park will have no effect on employment and/or income patterns as it will not bring new residents or uses to the area that could effect such changes. Sources: Consultant Analysis

**Community Facilities
and Services**

	Code	Source or Documentation
Educational Facilities	1	The nearest educational facility is Calvary Christian School, a private school located on Dinah Shore Drive approximately ½ mile southwest of the subject site. Parkland acquisition and the future development of a neighborhood park to serve existing residents will not impact educational facilities either by creating new students, or by having any physical or other affect on existing facilities. Sources: Site and vicinity observations, February 2009. City of Cathedral City 2002. City of Cathedral City General Plan, Schools and Libraries Element.
Commercial Facilities	1	The nearest commercial facilities within the immediate vicinity of the project area are on Date Palm Drive approximately 1/2 mile east of the project site. Parkland acquisition and the future development of a neighborhood park to serve existing residents of the surrounding neighborhood would not adversely impact commercial facilities. Sources: Site and vicinity observations, February 2009.
Health Care	1	The nearest healthcare facility is the Centro Medico de Valle clinic located on Ramon Road approximately one mile northeast of the project site. Parkland acquisition and the future development of a neighborhood park would primarily serve existing residents of the surrounding neighborhood and would not draw new residents requiring such services to the area. Therefore, the project will not adversely affect healthcare. Sources: Site and vicinity observations, February 2009 City of Cathedral City 2002. City of Cathedral City General Plan, Health Services Element.

Social Services	1	A variety of social services, such as the Salvation Army, Assistance League, and Catholic Charities, are located a mile or further from the project site. Parkland acquisition and the future development of a neighborhood park would primarily serve existing residents of the surrounding neighborhood and would not draw new residents requiring social services to the area. Therefore, the project will not adversely impact social services. Sources: Site and vicinity observations, February 2009.
Solid Waste	1	The project will not adversely affect solid waste systems as parkland acquisition and the future development of a neighborhood park would primarily serve existing residents of the surrounding neighborhood, and would not involve uses that typically generate more than nominal amounts of solid waste. Sources: Consultant analysis.
Waste Water	1	The project will not adversely affect wastewater as parkland acquisition and the future development of a neighborhood park would primarily serve existing residents of the surrounding neighborhood, and would not involve uses (e.g. public restrooms or other water-using facilities) that typically generate significant amounts of waste water. Water for turf or other landscaped areas would be designed to minimize water usage and potential runoff. Sources: Consultant analysis.
Storm Water	1	Parkland acquisition will not adversely affect stormwater as it does not include site modifications that would change the flow or release of stormwater through or from the site. Future development of a neighborhood park would likely result in modifications to site drainage, but project design and specifications would address water flow to the site to ensure that existing conditions are not exceeded. Sources: Project plans and specifications.

Water Supply	1	Future development of a neighborhood park would utilize water in excess of the existing usage (some turf and landscaped areas compared to vacant land), but given the limited area of the potential future park such water usage is not anticipated to pose an adverse impact to water supplies. Sources: Project plans and specifications.
Public Safety - Police	1	The project will not adversely affect police services as it is expected to serve existing neighborhood residents and will not draw new residents or uses that would create a need for police services. Sources: Consultant analysis.
- Fire	1	The project will not adversely affect fire services as it is expected to serve existing neighborhood residents and will not draw new residents, structures, or uses that would create a need for fire services Sources: Consultant analysis.
- Emergency Medical	1	The project will not adversely affect emergency medical services as it is expected to serve existing neighborhood residents and will not draw new residents or uses to the area that could create a need for emergency medical services. Sources: Consultant analysis.
Open Space and Recreation - Open Space	2	The project will ultimately have a positive affect on open space as it is comprised of the acquisition of vacant land for the development of a future neighborhood park and will therefore increase the amount of recreation and open space facilities within the City of Cathedral City, in accordance with the goals and policies of the Cathedral City General Plan. Sources: City of Cathedral City 2002. City of Cathedral City General Plan, Parks and Recreation Element.

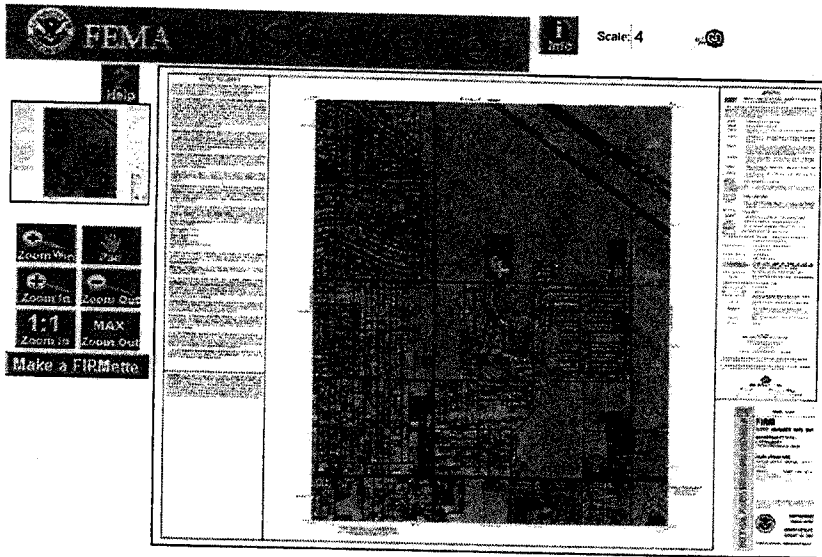
- <i>Recreation</i>	2	The project will ultimately have a positive affect on open space as it will contribute land towards a park to serve the recreational needs of residents within the City of Cathedral City, in accordance with the goals and policies of the Cathedral City General Plan. Sources: City of Cathedral City 2002. City of Cathedral City General Plan, Parks and Recreation Element.
- <i>Cultural Facilities</i>	1	The project will have no affect on cultural facilities as there are no such facilities in the vicinity. Sources: Site and vicinity observations, February 2009.
Transportation	1	The project will not adversely affect transportation as the parkland acquisition and future development of a neighborhood park are intended to serve residents of the surrounding neighborhood. The project is not expected to draw new residents, visitors, or uses to the area that would impact existing transportation services. Sources: City of Cathedral City 2002. City of Cathedral City General Plan, Circulation Element.

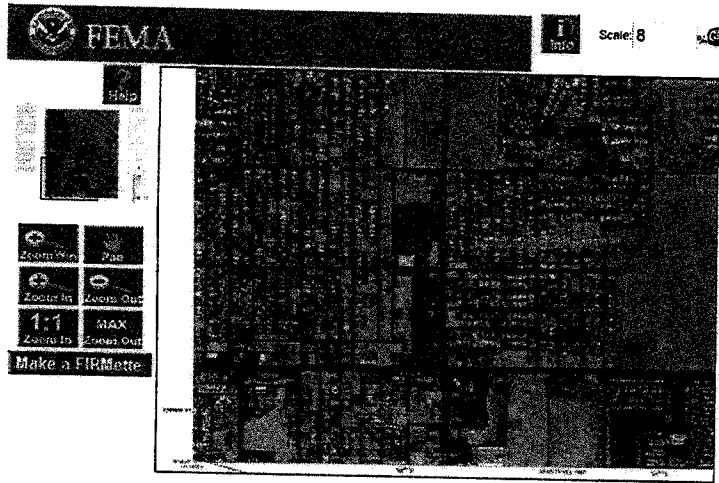
Natural Features	Code	Source or Documentation
Water Resources	1	The project will not adversely affect water resources as there are no water resources located either within the subject properties or in the vicinity. No creeks or streams would be directly affected by the proposed action. Sources: Site and vicinity observations, February 2009.
Surface Water	1	The project will not adversely affect surface water as there are no surface water bodies located either within the subject properties, or in the vicinity. Sources: Site and vicinity observations, February 2009.
Unique Natural Features and Agricultural Lands	1	The project will not adversely affect unique natural features or agricultural lands as the subject properties and other vacant land in the vicinity do not contain any unique natural features, and there are no agricultural uses either on the properties or within the vicinity. Sources: Site observation, February 2009.
Vegetation and Wildlife	1	The project will have no affect on vegetation and wildlife as the subject properties are vacant and are situated within a larger, urbanized area with residential development. Sources: Site observations, February 2009.

Other Factors	Code	Source or Documentation
Flood Disaster Protection Act [Flood Insurance] [§58.6(a)]	1	The project is not located within a flood zone and is not expected to have any adverse impact on existing flood conditions. <i>Source:</i> Federal Emergency Management Agency. 2008. Flood Insurance Rate Map # 06065C1587G, Panel 1587 of 3805, August 28, 2008.
Coastal Barrier Resources Act/ Coastal Barrier Improvement Act [§58.6(c)]	1	There are no coastal areas within Cathedral City or Riverside County; therefore, there will be no impacts to Coastal Barrier Resources. <i>Source:</i> Site observations, February 2009.
Airport Runway Clear Zone or Clear Zone Disclosure [§58.6(d)]	1	The Palm Springs International Airport is the closest public or private airport, and is located approximately 3.59 miles northeast of the project site. The project site is not located within 2500 feet of the end of a civil airport runway or 8000 feet of the end of a military airfield runway. The subject property is located within Airport Compatibility Zone D, which allows limited residential development and non-residential uses at an intensity 100 people per acre average and a maximum of 300 people per acre. A neighborhood park would be anticipated to be well within these limits. Therefore, there would be no adverse effects related to the project siting in or near an airport clear zone and/or accident potential zone, or any other airport compatibility issues. <i>Source:</i> Riverside County Airport Land Use Commission, 2009. Website: http://www.rcaluc.org/plan_new.asp
Other Factors	1	None.

SECTION VII

PROJECT SITE INFORMATION





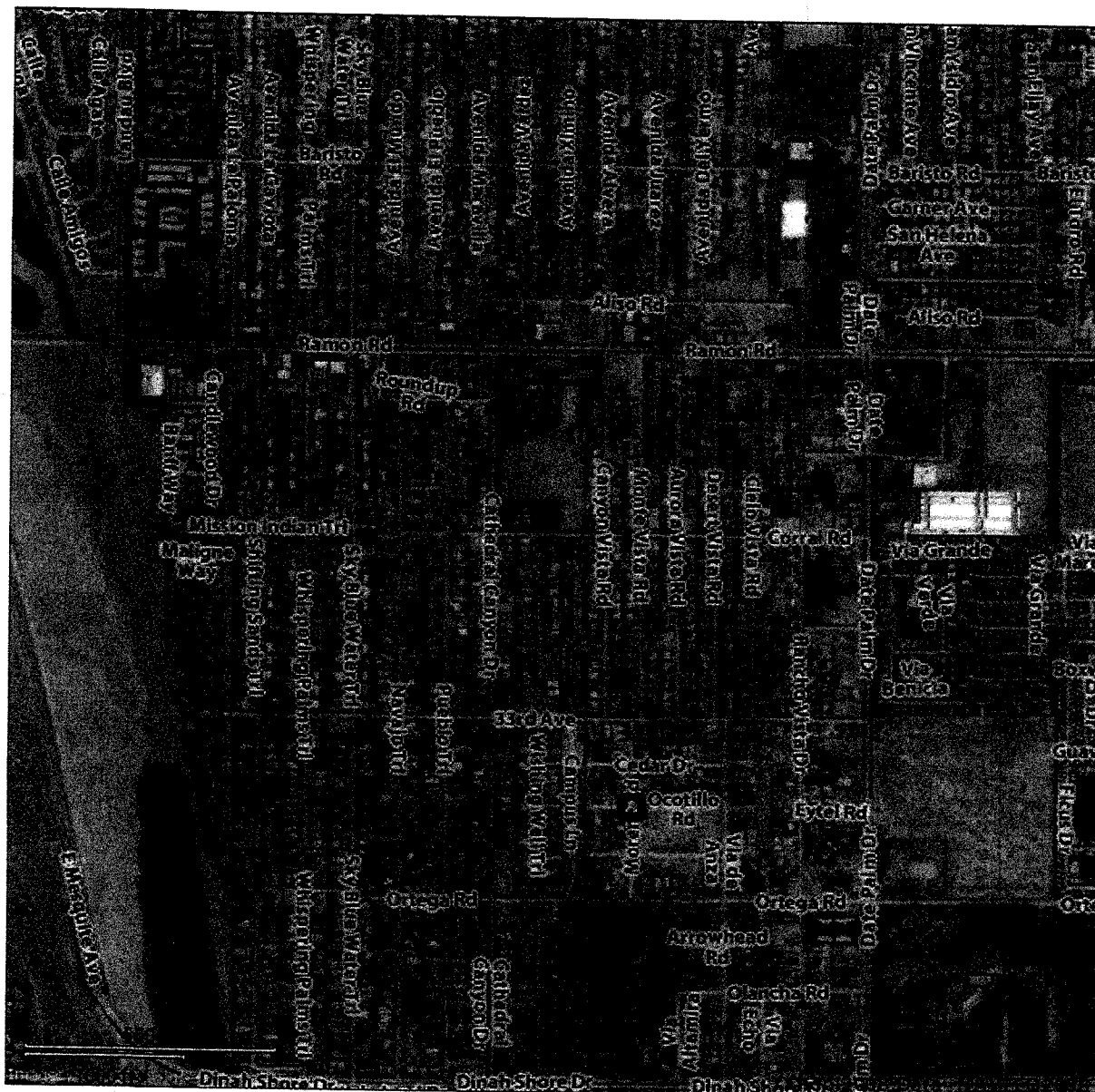
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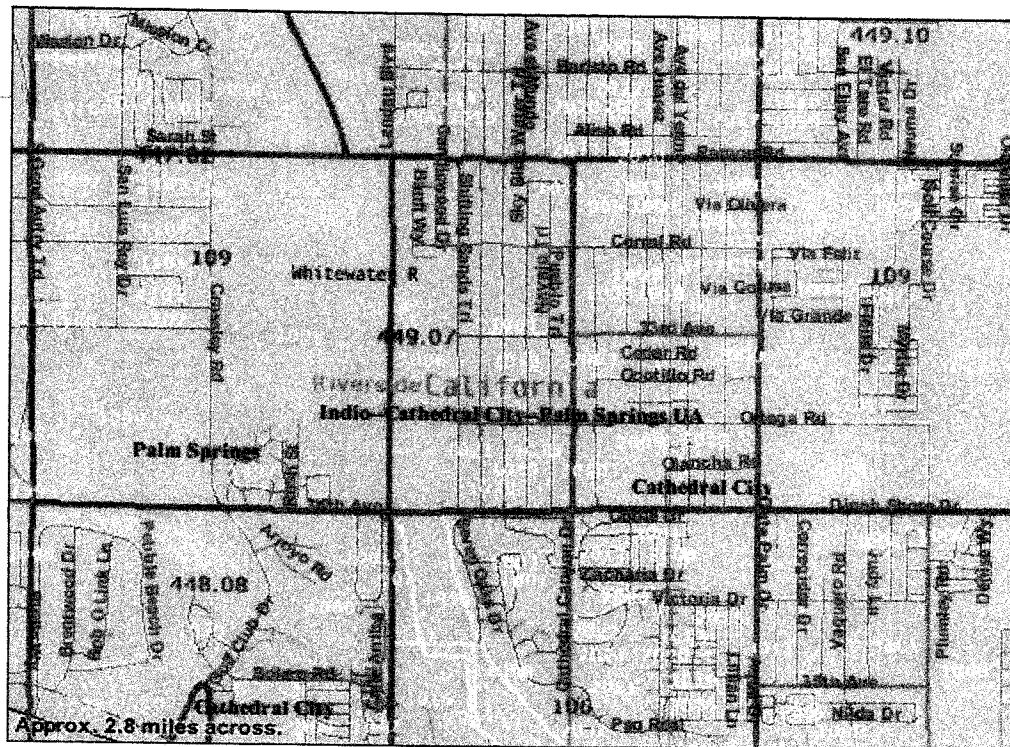
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Features

- Major Road
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- Stream/Waterbody
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1	Administration Building, Sherman Institute	9010 Magnolia Ave.	Riverside	1980-01-09	
2	All Souls Universalist Church	3657 Lemon St.	Riverside	1978-09-18	
3	Andreas Canyon	Address Restricted	Palm Springs	1973-01-08	
4	Archeological Sites CA-RIV-504 and CA-RIV-773	Address Restricted	Blythe	2003-03-12	
5	Arlington Branch Library and Fire Hall	9556 Magnolia Ave.	Riverside	1993-07-22	
6	Armory Hall	252 N. Main St.	Lake Elsinore	1992-01-29	
7	Barker Dam	SE of Twentynine Palms in Joshua Tree National Monument	Twentynine Palms	1975-10-29	
8	Blythe Intaglios	Address Restricted	Blythe	1975-08-22	
9	Buttercup Farms Pictograph	Address Restricted	Perris	1976-05-03	
10	Carnegie, Andrew, Library	8th and Main Sts.	Corona	1977-06-29	

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11	Childs, William, House	1151 Monte Vista Dr.	Riverside	1999-07-28	
12	Chinatown	Brockton and Tequesquite Aves.	Riverside	1990-03-01	
13	Coachella Valley Fish Traps	Restricted Address	Valerie	1972-06-13	
14	Corn Springs	Address Restricted	Desert Center	1998-10-30	
15	Corona High School	815 W. 6th St.	Corona	2005-08-03	
16	Crescent Bathhouse	201 W. Graham Ave.	Lake Elsinore	1975-07-30	
17	Desert Queen Mine	S of Twentynine Palms in Joshua Tree National Monument	Twentynine Palms	1976-01-17	
18	Estudillo Mansion	150 S. Dillon	San Jacinto	2001-10-25	
19	Federal Post Office	3720 Orange St.	Riverside	1978-11-20	
20	First Church of Christ, Scientist	3606 Lemon St.	Riverside	1992-09-22	

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21	First Congregational Church of Riverside	3504 Mission Inn Ave.	Riverside	1997-04-03	
22	Galleano Winery	4231 Wineville Rd.	Mira Loma	2003-06-22	
23	Garbani, Rocco, Homestead	33555 Holland Rd.	Winchester	1999-12-22	
24	Gilman Ranch	1937 W. Gilman St.	Banning	1977-11-17	
25	Harada House	3356 Lemon St.	Riverside	1977-09-15	
26	Heritage House	8193 Magnolia Ave.	Riverside	1973-02-28	
27	Jensen, Cornelius, Ranch	4350 Riverview Dr	Rubidoux	1979-09-06	
28	Lake Norconian Club	Jct. of Fifth and Western Ave.	Norco	2000-02-04	
29	Lederer, Gus, Site	Address Restricted	Desert Center	2003-03-12	
30	March Field Historic District	Eschscholtzia Ave., March Air Force Base	Riverside	1994-12-06	

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31	Martinez Canyon Rockhouse	BLM, Palm Springs-South Coast Resource Area	North Palm Springs	1999-12-14	
32	Martinez Historical District	Off SR 86	Torres-Martinez Indian Reservation	1973-05-17	
33	Masonic Temple	3650 11th St.	Riverside	1980-06-06	
34	McCoy Spring Archeological Site	Address Restricted	Blythe	1982-05-10	
35	Mission Court Bungalows	3355--3373 Second St. and 3354--3362 First St.	Riverside	1993-07-08	
36	Mission Inn	3649 7th St.	Riverside	1971-05-14	
37	Murrieta Creek Archeological Area	Address Restricted	Temecula	1973-04-24	
38	North Chuckwalla Mountain Quarry District	Address Restricted	Desert Center	1981-08-24	
39	North Chuckwalla Mountains Petroglyph District Ca-Riv 1383	Address Restricted	Desert Center	1981-09-03	
40	Old YWCA Building	3425 Mission Inn Avenue	Riverside	1982-01-28	

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41	Perris Depot	120 W. Fourth St.	Perris	1994-08-05	
42	Riverside Municipal Auditorium and Soldier's Memorial Building	3485 7th St.	Riverside	1978-03-31	
43	Riverside-Arlington Heights Fruit Exchange	3391 7th St.	Riverside	1980-06-09	
44	Ryan House and Lost Horse Well	S of Twentynine Palms in Joshua Tree National Monument	Twentynine Palms	1975-06-05	
45	San Pedro, Los Angeles, & Salt Lake RR Depot	3751 Vine St.	Riverside	1977-04-18	
46	San Timoteo Canyon Schoolhouse	31985 San Timoteo Canyon Rd.	Redlands	2001-01-19	
47	Simon's, M. H., Undertaking Chapel	3610 11th St.	Riverside	1980-06-09	
48	Southern Hotel	445 S. D St.	Perris	1992-10-15	
49	Sutherland Fruit Company	3191 Seventh St.	Riverside	1986-04-11	
50	Tahquitz Canyon	Address Restricted	Palm Springs	1972-10-31	

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51	University Heights Junior High School	2060 University Ave.	Riverside	1993-06-24	
52	Victoria Avenue	Victoria Ave., from Arlington Ave. to Boundary Ln.	Riverside	2000-10-26	
53	Woman's Improvement Club Clubhouse	1101 S. Main St.	Corona	1988-11-03	

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COMBINED NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
May 4, 2009

Jeff Stone, Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors
County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street,
Riverside, CA 92501, (951) 955-1040

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:

The purpose of this notice is to identify two (2) separate but related actions to be taken by the County of Riverside.

1. Finding of No Significant Impact
2. Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds

On or about May 19, 2009, the County of Riverside Board of Supervisors will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) release federal funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for the following project:

PROJECT NAME: Whitewater Park Project (City of Cathedral City)

FUNDING: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) \$300,000.

PURPOSE: The City of Cathedral City will use CDBG funds for the acquisition of six vacant parcels, for a combined total of one acre of land, to be developed by the City into the Whitewater Park. The parcels are located within close proximity of each other and the acquisition of these parcels, together with adjacent parcels already owned by the City, will provide for development of a five-acre neighborhood park serving a predominantly low and moderate-income community. The park will include a baseball field, two basketball courts, two handball courts, play areas, shade structures, walking paths, parking, restrooms, a water feature, a storage building, and a retention basin.

LOCATION: The project area is located in the Whitewater Neighborhood of Cathedral City. The six parcels to be acquired are situated between Ortega Road to the south and Ocotillo Road to the north, Via De Anza to the east, and on both sides of Moreno Road. Assessor's Parcel Numbers are 680-393-004, 680-393-005, 680-393006, 680-393-009, 680-405-005, and 680-450-003.

The County of Riverside has determined that such request of funds will not constitute an action significantly impacting the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the County of Riverside has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (PL 91-190).

The reason for such decision not to prepare such statement is as follows: the County of Riverside prepared and approved an Environmental Assessment (in accordance with 24 CFR 58.36) dated April 29, 2009. The Environmental Assessment was conducted, and the potential impacts and alternative evaluated, through consultation with appropriate resources. Based upon the findings, the County of Riverside has determined that the project is not an action that will result in a significant impact on the quality of the human environment.

An environmental review record respecting the above-listed project has been made by the County of Riverside which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reason why such statement is not required. The environmental review record is on file at the Economic Development Agency for the County of Riverside, 44-199 Monroe Street, Suite B, Indio, CA 92201, or 1325 Spruce Street, Suite 400

Riverside, CA 92507, and is available, upon request, for public examination or copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. **No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the Request for Release of Federal Funds.**

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision and wishing to comment on the project are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the County of Riverside to: Riverside County Economic Development Agency, 1325 Spruce Street, Suite 400, Riverside, CA 92507. The public is advised to specify which "notice" their comment address. Written comments should be received at the above address on or before 5:00 PM on **May 18, 2009**. All such comments so received will be considered, and the County will not request the release of federal funds or take any administrative action on the above-listed project prior to HUD's written authorization to use those funds.

The County of Riverside and the City of Cathedral City will undertake the project described above with CDBG funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The County of Riverside is certifying to HUD that the County and Supervisor Jeff Stone, in his official capacity of Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, EDA may use CDBG funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the County of Riverside's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if the objections are based upon one of the following:

- (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the County of Riverside;
- (b) the County of Riverside has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58;
- (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or
- (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will hold the Request for Release of Federal Funds for an additional 15-day comment period. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures under 24 CFR 58.

Objections to the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) must be addressed to: Environmental Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 611 West 6th Street, Suite 800, Los Angeles, CA 90017. Objections to the Request for Release of Funds (RROF) on a basis other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD. No objections received by HUD after the 15-day objection period will be considered.

THE PRESS-ENTERPRISE

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Ad Desc.: Whitewater park project

I am a citizen of the United States. I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to or interested in the above entitled matter. I am an authorized representative of THE PRESS-ENTERPRISE, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published daily in the County of Riverside, and which newspaper has been adjudicated a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Riverside, State of California, under date of April 25, 1952, Case Number 54446, under date of March 29, 1957, Case Number 65673 and under date of August 25, 1995, Case Number 267864; that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in said newspaper in accordance with the instructions of the person(s) requesting publication, and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to wit:

05-04-09

I Certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: May. 4, 2009
At: Riverside, California



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

PO BOX 1180
RIVERSIDE CA 92502

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COMBINED NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF FINDING OF
NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE
OF FUNDS
May 4, 2009

Jeff Stone, Chairman, Riverside County Board of
Supervisors
County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street,
Riverside, CA 92501, (951) 955-1040

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:

The purpose of this notice is to identify two (2) separate but related actions to be taken by the County of Riverside.

1. Finding of No Significant Impact
2. Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds

On or about May 19, 2009, the County of Riverside Board of Supervisors will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) release federal funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for the following project:

PROJECT NAME: Whitewater Park Project (City of Cathedral City)

FUNDING: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) \$300,000.

PURPOSE: The City of Cathedral City will use CDBG funds for the acquisition of six vacant parcels, for a combined total of one acre of land, to be developed by the City into the Whitewater Park. The parcels are located within close proximity of each other and the acquisition of these parcels, together with adjacent parcels already owned by the City, will provide for development of a five-acre neighborhood park serving a predominantly low and moderate-income community. The park will include a baseball field, two basketball courts, two handball courts, play areas, shade structures, walking paths, parking, restrooms, a water feature, a storage building, and a retention basin.

LOCATION: The project area is located in the Whitewater Neighborhood of Cathedral City. The six parcels to be acquired are situated between Ortega Road to the south and Ocotillo Road to the north, Via De Anza to the east, and on both sides of Moreno Road. Assessor's Parcel Numbers are 680-393-004, 680-393-005, 680-393006, 680-393-009, 680-405-005, and 680-450-003.

The County of Riverside has determined that such request of funds will not constitute an action significantly impacting the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the County of Riverside has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (PL 91-190).

The reason for such decision not to prepare such statement is as follows: the County of Riverside prepared and approved an Environmental Assessment (in accordance with 24 CFR 58.36) dated April 29, 2009. The Environmental Assessment was conducted, and the potential impacts and alternative evaluated, through consultation with appropriate resources. Based upon the findings, the County of Riverside has determined that the project is not an action that will result in a significant impact on the quality of the human environment.

An environmental review record respecting the above-listed project has been made by the County of Riverside which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reason why such statement is not required. The environmental review record is on file at the Economic Development Agency for the County of Riverside, 44-199 Monroe Street, Suite B, Indio, CA 92201, or 1325 Spruce Street, Suite 400 Riverside, CA 92507, and is available, upon request, for public examination or copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the Request for Release of Federal Funds.

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision and wishing to comment on the project are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the County of Riverside to: Riverside County Economic Development Agency, 1325 Spruce Street, Suite 400, Riverside, CA 92507. The public is advised to specify which "notice" their comment address. Written comments should be received at the above address on or before 5:00 PM on May 18, 2009. All such comments so received will be considered, and the County will not request the release of federal funds or take any administrative action on the above-listed project prior to HUD's written authorization to use those funds.

The County of Riverside and the City of Cathedral City will undertake the project described above with CDBG funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The County of Riverside is certifying to HUD that the County and Supervisor Jeff Stone, in his official capacity of Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, EDA may use CDBG funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

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if the objections are based upon one of the following:

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The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will hold the Request for Release of Federal Funds for an additional 15-day comment period. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures under 24 CFR 58.

Objections to the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) must be addressed to: Environmental Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 611 West 6th Street, Suite 800, Los Angeles, CA 90017. Objections to the Request for Release of Funds (RROF) on a basis other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD. No objections received by HUD after the 15-day objection period will be considered.

Request for Release of Funds and Certification

U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development
Office of Community Planning
and Development

OMB No. 2506-0087
(exp. 3/31/2011)

This form is to be used by Responsible Entities and Recipients (as defined in 24 CFR 58.2) when requesting the release of funds, and requesting the authority to use such funds, for HUD programs identified by statutes that provide for the assumption of the environmental review responsibility by units of general local government and States. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 36 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. This agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless that collection displays a valid OMB control number.

Part 1. Program Description and Request for Release of Funds (to be completed by Responsible Entity)

1. Program Title(s) Community Development Block Grant Program	2. HUD/State Identification Number	3. Recipient Identification Number (optional) 4.CC.01-07
4. OMB Catalog Number(s) 14-218	5. Name and address of responsible entity Riverside County Economic Development Agency 1325 Spruce Street, Suite 400 Riverside, CA 92507	
6. For information about this request, contact (name & phone number) Michelle Corredato 760.863.2650	7. Name and address of recipient (if different than responsible entity)	
8. HUD or State Agency and office unit to receive request U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development 611 West 6th Street, Suite 800 Los Angeles, CA 90017		

The recipient(s) of assistance under the program(s) listed above requests the release of funds and removal of environmental grant conditions governing the use of the assistance for the following

9. Program Activity(ies)/Project Name(s) Whitewater Park Project	10. Location (Street address, city, county, State) APNs: 680-393-004, 680-393-005, 680-393-006, 680-393-009, 680-405-005, and 680-405-003
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11. Program Activity/Project Description

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Part 2. Environmental Certification (to be completed by responsible entity)

With reference to the above Program Activity(ies)/Project(s), I, the undersigned officer of the responsible entity, certify that:

1. The responsible entity has fully carried out its responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action pertaining to the project(s) named above.
2. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the environmental procedures, permit requirements and statutory obligations of the laws cited in 24 CFR 58.5; and also agrees to comply with the authorities in 24 CFR 58.6 and applicable State and local laws.
3. After considering the type and degree of environmental effects identified by the environmental review completed for the proposed project described in Part 1 of this request, I have found that the proposal ☐ did ☐ did not require the preparation and dissemination of an environmental impact statement.
4. The responsible entity has disseminated and/or published in the manner prescribed by 24 CFR 58.43 and 58.55 a notice to the public in accordance with 24 CFR 58.70 and as evidenced by the attached copy (copies) or evidence of posting and mailing procedure.
5. The dates for all statutory and regulatory time periods for review, comment or other action are in compliance with procedures and requirements of 24 CFR Part 58.
6. In accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b), the responsible entity will advise the recipient (if different from the responsible entity) of any special environmental conditions that must be adhered to in carrying out the project.

As the duly designated certifying official of the responsible entity, I also certify that:

7. I am authorized to and do consent to assume the status of Federal official under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and each provision of law designated in the 24 CFR 58.5 list of NEPA-related authorities insofar as the provisions of these laws apply to the HUD responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action that have been assumed by the responsible entity.
8. I am authorized to and do accept, on behalf of the recipient personally, the jurisdiction of the Federal courts for the enforcement of all these responsibilities, in my capacity as certifying officer of the responsible entity.

Signature of Certifying Officer of the Responsible Entity

Title of Certifying Officer

Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

Date signed

X

Address of Certifying Officer

**Riverside County EDA
1325 Spruce Street, Suite 400
Riverside, CA 92507**

Part 3. To be completed when the Recipient is not the Responsible Entity

The recipient requests the release of funds for the programs and activities identified in Part 1 and agrees to abide by the special conditions, procedures and requirements of the environmental review and to advise the responsible entity of any proposed change in the scope of the project or any change in environmental conditions in accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b).

Signature of Authorized Officer of the Recipient

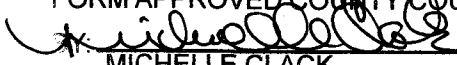
Title of Authorized Officer

Date signed

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Warning: HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL


MICHELLE CLACK

6/15/09
DATE