

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

623B



FROM: Economic Development Agency and TLMA - Planning Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:
July 6, 2009

SUBJECT: Thermal Design Guidelines

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached Thermal Design Guidelines, dated July 6, 2009.

BACKGROUND: The County of Riverside and its contractor, PDS West, have been working together with the community of Thermal for over two years to develop special, unique design guidelines for both public projects and privately sponsored development plans in that community. The development of the Thermal Design Guidelines has involved public input through meetings of the Thermal Community Council and through the Riverside County Planning Commission at a public workshop held on April 29, 2009. This project was managed by the Economic Development Agency, with the active participation of other County departments, especially the Planning and Transportation Departments, and was funded by the Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside. The Thermal Design Guidelines are now ready for consideration and adoption by the Board of Supervisors.

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FINANCIAL DATA

Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30

Requires 4/5 Vote

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature

BY:
Dan Martinez

Policy

Consent

Dep't Recomm.:
Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: Fourth

Agenda Number:

3.55

BACKGROUND CONTINUED:

The Thermal Design Guidelines would apply to the entire community of Thermal, as defined by the boundaries of the Thermal Community Council. In addition to the historic agricultural service center and agricultural products shipping core of Thermal, these boundaries include the Jacqueline Cochran Regional Airport, and generally include all of the area between Harrison Street on the west and the All-American Canal on the east, and between the City of Coachella on the north and 66th Avenue westerly of the Whitewater River and 62nd Avenue easterly of the Whitewater River, on the south.

The Thermal Design Guidelines would establish special design themes for community entry monuments, street signs, street lighting fixtures, street-side landscaping and walkways, trail facilities, and historic and solar energy accommodative building designs for industrial, commercial, and residential structures, and community art. The design guidelines also include a proposal for a town plaza, to create a focal point for future community activities.

Staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors adopt the Thermal Design Guidelines, dated July 6, 2009.