

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

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FROM: Redevelopment Agency

SUBMITTAL DATE:
July 21, 2009

SUBJECT: Thermal Water, Sewer and Road Improvements Project

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Directors:

1. Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Thermal Water, Sewer and Road Improvements Project;
2. Make the following findings in accordance with Health & Safety Code Section 33445:
 - a. The proposed improvements will benefit the Thermal Sub Area of the Desert Communities Project Area (DCPA) by improving water and sewer services and road surfaces.
 - b. Due to limited funding for new capital improvements, there are no other reasonable means of financing available to the community for this project.
 - c. The proposed improvements will assist in the elimination of physical blighting conditions within the project area and provide essential services.
 - d. The project is consistent with the implementation plan adopted for the DCPA.

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Executive Director

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost: Project cost to be determ.	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost: \$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost: \$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2009/2010

COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA: Yes

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Redevelopment Agency Capital Improvement Funds - Desert Communities Project Area	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE
Jennifer L. Sargent
BY: _____
Jennifer L. Sargent

County Executive Office Signature

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

Prev. Agn. Ref.: Item 4.1 4/29/08; Item 4.1 11/29/05; Item 4.1 10/25/05 | **District:** 4th | **Agenda Number:**

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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: *Katherine A. Lind*
DATE: 07/09/09

Departmental Concurrence

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3. Approve the Thermal Water, Sewer and Road Improvements Project;
4. Approve the Plans and Specifications for the Airport Boulevard Drain and Irrigation Line Replacement Project; and
5. Authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise the Notice Inviting Bids for the Airport Boulevard Drain and Irrigation Line Replacement Project.

BACKGROUND: The Thermal Water, Sewer and Road Improvements Project involves the installation of water lines, sanitation sewer lines, road improvements and the replacement of irrigation and drain lines within the Thermal Sub Area of the DCPA. These improvements are necessary to provide the domestic water, sewer and fire flow requirements for the development of current and future public projects. In addition, by increasing the capacity of these services the project will remove current barriers to the development of commercial and industrial projects along the Airport Boulevard corridor due to lack of adequate infrastructure in Project Area.

The first component of the project is the replacement of approximately 8,200 lineal feet of agricultural irrigation line and 8,700 lineal feet of agricultural drain line within Airport Boulevard. The lines must be replaced within existing easements because they were not designed to withstand traffic loads that the new road improvements will bring. The remaining water, sewer and road projects within the Thermal Water, Sewer and Road Improvements Project will be brought forward individually to the Board at later dates.

The funding for the Thermal Water, Sewer and Road Improvements Project will come from Redevelopment Agency capital improvement funds, Desert Communities Project Area, and will not require General Funds.

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) an environmental assessment of the impacts of the construction of all of the improvements were reviewed. Based on the Initial Study a potentially significant impact was identified, but revisions made prior to release for public review would mitigate the effects to a point where clearly no significant effect would occur and a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program have been prepared for adoption by the Board of Directors.

Coachella Valley Water District has completed their plan check review and has approved the Plans. County Counsel has reviewed and approved the bid document as to form, therefore, EDA staff recommends that the Board adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigated Monitoring and Reporting Program, make the findings in accordance with Health & Safety Code Section 33445, approve the Thermal Water, Sewer and Road Improvements Project, approve the Plans and Specifications for the Airport Boulevard Drain and Irrigation Line Replacement Project and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise Notice Inviting Bids.

Attachments:

Mitigated Negative Declaration with Initial Study
Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program