

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

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**FROM:** Economic Development Agency

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
July 20, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Mecca Fire Station #40, Brown Street Commercial, Mecca Post Office

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

- 1) Conduct a Public Hearing in accordance with Health & Safety Code Section 33679;
- 2) Make the following findings in accordance with Health & Safety Code section 33445:
  - a. The proposed new construction of the Mecca Fire Station #40, Brown Street Commercial, and Mecca Post Office is of benefit to the Desert Communities Project Area, Mecca Sub-area ("Project Area");
  - 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 Project Area; and
- 3) Consent to the payments by the Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside for the construction of the Mecca Fire Station #40, Brown Street Commercial, and Mecca Post Office.

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY: MICHELLE CLACK  
DATE: 8/10/09  
Departmental Concurrence

Robert Field  
Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA/FM

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	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:	09/10

**COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA:** Yes

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

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

BY: Jennifer L. Sargent

**County Executive Office Signature**

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

Prev. Agn. Ref.: BOD 1/10/06 4.1

District: 4th

Agenda Number:

9.15

**BACKGROUND:**

On January 10, 2006, the Redevelopment Agency approved the Mecca Downtown Revitalization Plan (Plan), which included preliminary planning for the Mecca Fire Station. The Plan identified and defined key components needed to improve the community which included increased access to public services and the revitalization of the downtown area. From this, several public service facilities have been constructed; Mecca Family Service Center and Community Health Clinic, Mecca Community Library, and Riverside County Sheriff Sub-Station. Other projects defined in the Plan are in various stages of development; Mecca Downtown Street Revitalization, Mecca Fire Station #40, Brown Street Commercial, Mecca Post Office and Mecca Senior Center. The new facilities will further the County's efforts to create a community services core in Mecca.

The Redevelopment Agency authorized the acquisition and relocation of businesses and residents of 11 parcels in the Mecca Downtown. These parcels represent about 75% of a block, which is the preferred location for the Mecca Fire Station #40, Brown Street Commercial, and the Mecca Post Office.

The site for Mecca Fire Station #40, (APNs 727-193-010, -011, -012, -013 and 727-193-023, -024) has been cleared and is ready for development as new construction which will replace the obsolete station located on 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The new fire station will be immediately adjacent to the Mecca Community Library and Riverside County Sheriff Sub-Station.

The site for the Brown Street Commercial (APNs 727-193-014 and -025) has been cleared and is also ready for development as new construction that will replace a substandard and blighted facility on the same block. The new commercial facility will be immediately adjacent to the new fire station.

APNs 727-193-027, -028, -030 are currently occupied by the obsolete Mecca Post Office and a substandard commercial building that is subject to an RDA relocation plan. Once the commercial building is vacated it will be demolished, allowing the construction of the new Mecca Post Office.

The environmental review for the development of the eleven parcels acquired for redevelopment purposes has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). 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 no significant effect would occur. A Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program has been prepared for adoption by the Board of Directors.

Staff recommends approval of all motions and that the Board conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed project, pursuant to Section 33679 of the California Health and Safety Code. Attached is a summary report which has been made available to the public, detailing the facts supporting the redevelopment purposes for this project.

Attachment: Proof of publication for Public Hearing

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