

**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:**  
August 3, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Approval of the Mecca Boys and Girls Club Project

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

1. Make the following findings in accordance with §33445 of the Health and Safety Code:
  - a. The proposed Mecca Boys and Girls Club project will benefit the Desert Communities Project Area;
  - b. No other reasonable means of financing the projects are available as the Mecca Community is predominantly low-income without private interest or funding for the proposed project;
  - c. The proposed projects will facilitate the elimination of physical blighting conditions and provide essential public services, recreation, and education opportunities; and
  - d. The project is consistent with the Redevelopment Implementation Plan adopted for the Desert Communities Project Area; (continued on Page 2);

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*Robert Field*

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Executive Director

<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:	2009/2010

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

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> Redevelopment Funds – Desert Communities Project Area	<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**

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY: MICHELLE CLACK  
DATE: 8/12/09  
Departmental Concurrence

Dep't Recomm.:  Consent  Policy

Per Exec. Ofc.:  Consent  Policy

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**Prev. Agn. Ref.:** Item 4.6 on 12/05/06 **District:** 4<sup>th</sup> **Agenda Number:**

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**RECOMMENDED MOTION: (continued)**

2. Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration No. RDA 2009-02 and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Mecca Boys & Girls Club project;
3. Approve the Mecca Boys & Girls Club Project;
4. Approve the Plans and Specifications for the construction of the project; and
5. Authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise the Notice Inviting Bids for the project.

**BACKGROUND:**

The scope of the Mecca Boys and Girls Club project is the development of a 30,000-square-foot Boys and Girls Club with a teen center, computer lab, homework help center, gym, indoor basketball courts, arts and crafts area, boxing club and an outdoor patio. The project site, currently owned by the Redevelopment Agency, is on the south side of Avenue 66 in Mecca. The project will be adjacent to the Mecca Social Service Center and Community Health Clinic and across the street from the Mecca Library and Sheriff Sub-Station.

The project will provide improved access to essential recreation, training and education services and will continue the Redevelopment Agency's revitalization efforts in the Mecca community.

Section §33445 of the Health and Safety Code provides that a redevelopment agency may assist in the design or development of improvements that are of benefit to the project area or the immediate neighborhood in which the project is located. Therefore, Agency staff recommends that the Board of Directors make the recommended findings for the Mecca Boys and Girls Club.

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) an environmental assessment of the impacts of the construction of the project 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 and Monitoring and Reporting Program have been prepared for adoption by the Board.

County Counsel has approved the construction specifications and the construction plans have been reviewed and approved by the County Fire Department and by County Facilities Management. Staff recommends that the Board adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigated Monitoring and Reporting Program, approve the project, approve the plans and specifications for the Mecca Boys & Girls Club and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise Notice Inviting Bids for the project.

**Attachments:**

Mitigated Negative Declaration with Initial Study  
Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program