

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

318C



FROM: Economic Development Agency

SUBMITTAL DATE:
September 23, 2010

SUBJECT: Coachella Valley Water District Agreements for Mecca 18" Water Line Extension Project

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Make the following findings in accordance with Health & Safety Code Section 33445:
 - a. The proposed improvements will benefit the Mecca Sub Area of the Desert Communities Project Area (DCPA) by improving water services.
 - 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 projects are consistent with the implementation plan adopted for the DCPA; and,
2. Consent to the payments by the Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside.

BACKGROUND: (Commences on Page 2)

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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:	2010/11

COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS 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

BY: *Jennifer L. Sargent*
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County Executive Office Signature

FISCAL PROCEDURES APPROVED
 ROBERT E. BYRD, AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
 BY: *Samuel Wong* 9/22/10
 SAMUEL WONG

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
 BY: *Anita C. Willis* 9/16/10
 ANITA C. WILLIS
 DATE: 9/16/10
 Departmental Counsel

Dept's Recomm.: Consent Policy
 Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

BACKGROUND:

The unincorporated community of Mecca suffers from poor infrastructure, which is a barrier to development for the rural community. The Redevelopment Agency is developing several projects for Mecca to provide essential services, including the new Boys and Girls Club, new Fire Station, and community wide street improvements, which are currently under construction.

In order to upgrade fire flow and water service capacity for the Boys and Girls Club and the Fire Station projects, the Coachella Valley Water District is requiring that an 18" waterline be extended to serve these projects. The waterline will be constructed on Avenue 66, which is where both of these projects are located. The waterline upgrade will also provide the infrastructure needed for the development of a future commercial shopping center that is being developed by a local non-profit agency.

The Redevelopment Agency is proposing to undertake this infrastructure improvement because it will serve the capital projects that are currently being developed and will eliminate an infrastructure barrier to future private development. The Mecca Street Improvement project currently in development has been broken into several phases. Phase 1 has been completed; and Phase 2 is scheduled to commence in fall 2010. Avenue 66 is scheduled for street improvements in Phase 3 of the project. It is the Redevelopment Agency's intent that the waterline be installed prior to the construction of the street improvements to ensure that our construction processes are as efficient as possible.

The construction of the Mecca Boys and Girls Club project was awarded to Parkwest Construction by the Board of Directors on February 23, 2010 (Item 4.2). While the line will serve other projects, the Boys and Girls Club project has started construction and the Agency is requesting that the Board approve the necessary 18" waterline extension to serve the project.

The Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) is the utility provider for these improvements, and the agreements provide clarification of the RDA responsibilities and CVWD's responsibilities. RDA staff, County Counsel and CVWD's counsel have reviewed the agreements and the staff is recommending approval by the Board of Directors.

The installation of the waterline extension is a project that is statutorily exempt from CEQA under Article 18, Section 15282 (k). The plans and specifications for the 18" waterline and the ancillary equipment are currently in design. Once the construction documents are complete, they will be presented to the Board of Directors for approval to bid the project. The project cost will be paid for by the Redevelopment Agency Desert Communities Project Area funds and will have no impact on the general fund.