

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

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FROM: Economic Development Agency

SUBMITTAL DATE:
June 16, 2011

SUBJECT: Funding Agreement between Jurupa Area Recreation and Park District (JARP) and the Redevelopment Agency for the Acquisition of Park and Open Space Land

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Make the following findings pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 33445.1:
 - a. This funding agreement is of benefit to the Jurupa Valley Redevelopment Project Area by helping to eliminate blight within the project area by providing funding assistance to JARP for the acquisition of natural habitat and open space land for the purpose of providing recreational opportunities to surrounding community and will be owned, maintained and operated by JARP, a public entity;

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Robert Field
Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 197,577	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: Jurupa Valley Redevelopment Capital Improvement Project Funds	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

County Executive Office Signature

Prev. Agn. Ref.: N/A District: 2 Agenda Number: **3.43**

FISCAL PROCEDURES APPROVED
 PAUL ANGULO, CPA, AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
 BY: 6/15/11
 REVIEWED BY: SAMUEL WONG
 APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
 6-14-11
 REVIEWED BY: ANITA C. WILLIS
 BY:

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

RECOMMENDED MOTION: (Continued)

- b. No other reasonable means of financing the cost of the project are available to the community due to the fact that the current economic crisis has substantially reduced the community's revenues to fund the project;
 - c. The payment of funds for the cost of the project is consistent with the Implementation Plan for the project area and is necessary to effectuate the purpose of the project area's Redevelopment Plan, which calls for providing assistance in the acquisition of land for the purpose of providing recreational purposes;
 - d. The acquisition of land that is publicly owned is provided for and is consistent with the redevelopment and implementation plan; and
2. Consent to the expenditure of redevelopment funds for the project.

BACKGROUND:

The Redevelopment Agency (RDA) has been working with the Jurupa Area Recreation and Parks District (JARP) to assist in acquiring habitat and open space lands for the purpose of providing recreational opportunities to surrounding communities. JARP has received notification from the Riverside County Tax Collector's Office their request to purchase 162.72 acres of property as a Chapter 8 Defaulted Tax Purchase has been approved. The purchase price for this property, which includes past due property taxes, interest, and penalty payments is \$197,577. The property is located within the Jurupa Area Plan of the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan and is primarily comprised of coastal sage scrub plant. The property will be used for habitat conservation and open space recreational opportunities on multi-use trails such as walking, hiking, biking and equestrian uses.

Health and Safety Code Section 33445.1 provides that the Redevelopment Agency may pay for all or a part of the value of the land and the cost of the installation and construction of any building facility structure, or other improvement that is publicly owned and is located outside and not contiguous to the project area, if the legislative body determines that such improvements would be of benefit to the project area and that no other reasonable means of financing such improvements is available to the community. The purchase and development of such property will accommodate the existing and future recreational needs of Jurupa Project Area and surrounding communities. Providing adequate recreational facilities provides a place for families to experience outdoor activities in close proximity to their communities where such opportunities currently do not exist. It also assists in eliminating potential criminal activities such as vandalism, theft, graffiti and other illegal activities, by providing an avenue for alternative recreational and family centered activities in a nature-filled environment.

RDA staff recommends the Board make the aforementioned findings and consent to the expenditures of the redevelopment funds for the project.