

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

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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY: GREGORY P. PRIAMOS  
DATE: 8/25/14

Departmental Concurrence

**FROM:** Economic Development Agency/Facilities Management

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**

September 11, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Termination of County of Riverside's Interest in State Lands Commission Lease No. P.R.C. 3448.9; CEQA Finding of No Project – District 4/District 4 [\$0]

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

1. Find that the proposed project is not subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3) because it is not a project as defined by Public Resources Code section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15378; and
2. Approve the Termination of the County of Riverside's Interest in Lease No. P.R.C. 3448.9 with the California State Lands Commission, concerning real property located in the historic bed of the Colorado River in the City of Blythe, County of Riverside, State of California.

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary:** (Commences on Page 2)

Robert Field  
Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** N/A

**Budget Adjustment:** No  
For Fiscal Year: 2014/15

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

APPROVE  
BY:   
Rohini Dasika

County Executive Office Signature

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

- A-30
- 4/5 Vote
- Positions Added
- Change Order

**Prev. Agn. Ref.:** | **District:** 4/4 | **Agenda Number:**

**3-15**

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## **BACKGROUND:**

### **Summary**

The California State Lands Commission (SLC) has authority over public trust lands of the State along the Colorado River. The SLC's Land Management Division in Sacramento administers the leasing of these lands. On March 1, 1966, the SLC issued a forty-nine year Lease to the County of Riverside (County), also referenced as Lease No. P.R.C. 3448.9, for certain real property located near the Colorado River in the City of Blythe, Riverside County, California, legally described and referenced as Parcels 1, 2 and 3 (Parcels) therein Lease No. P.R.C. 3448.9. The land subject to Lease No. P.R.C. 3448.9 was adjacent to land owned in fee by the County at the time SLC issued Lease No. P.R.C. 3448.9. One of the Parcels, also referenced as the Southerly Blythe Marina Campground, is located south of Interstate 10 and the other two Parcels, collectively referenced as Quechan Park and the Blythe Mobile Home Estates property, are located north of Interstate 10.

In 1998, the County quitclaimed its real property interest in its property to the Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District (District). The District took over the management and control of the property thereafter, including Lease No. P.R.C. 3448.9. In 2012, the District completed a lot line adjustment for the parcels north of Interstate 10 and recorded new legal descriptions for the parcels with Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 833-310-017 and APN 833-310-016 north of Interstate 10. In December of 2012, the District conveyed the parcel located north of Interstate 10 and adjacent to the Colorado River, with APN 833-310-017, also known as Quechan Park, to the City of Blythe. The land west of and contiguous to Quechan Park remains in the ownership of the District with certain improvements and mobile homes, known as Blythe Mobile Home Estates, with APN 833-310-016.

Since these parcels are no longer owned by the County of Riverside, the SLC has agreed to terminate the County's interest in P.R.C. No 3448.9. Staff worked with the SLC to process this termination and recommends approval of the termination. This termination will release any and all interest the County may have concerning this Lease for these parcels. The District will be entering into a new Lease with the SLC for the parcel south of Interstate 10 that it owns and the City of Blythe will be entering into a Lease with the SLC for the parcel known as Quechan Park so that the SLC will approve this termination action. The District owned parcel with APN 833-310-016 will no longer be subject to any SLC Lease because after the lot line adjustment, it is not within the SLC's authority or management.

On June 19, 2014, the Board for the SLC authorized the termination of Lease No. P.R.C. 3448.9, effective June 30, 2014.

The proposed lease termination is not subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3) because the subject activity is not a project as defined by Public Resources Code section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15378. Also, this lease interest termination will not cause a direct or foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment because it is merely terminating a contractual relationship by releasing the County from any interest it may have in the Lease. It can be seen with certainty that the termination of the lease will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect impact or physical change in the environment because it is merely a termination of a contract and is not prompting any development or changes in the land.

### **Impact on Citizens and Businesses**

The termination of the lease will not create any benefit or detriment to the local citizens or businesses.

### **Contract History and Price Reasonableness**

There is no monetary consideration related to Lease No. P.R.C. 3448.9.