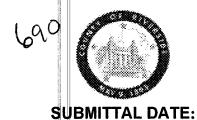
SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS **COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: TLMA-Department of Environmental Programs

July 19, 2010

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the County of Riverside and the City of Desert Hot Springs Concerning Implementation of the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan Regarding the 4,000 Acre I-10 Interchange Annexation.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board approve and authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the attached MOU between the County of Riverside and the City of Desert Hot Springs Concerning Implementation of the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan regarding the 4,000 Acre I-10 Interchange Annexation.

BACKGROUND: Under the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (CVMSHCP), all of the local permittees are given a limited amount of take within each conservation area that can be used to take, or destroy, listed species under the Plan. The Board of Supervisors adopted Board Policy A-61 to address how the County's Allocation of Take will be distributed. Under the policy, the Board adopted the following provision concerning new annexations of land into a city:

"Because the county's Take allocation is limited, Take allocations will not automatically be granted to cities that annex new lands, but must be evaluated and potentially negotiated with

the city."						
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FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Bud	get: N	I/A	
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SOURCE OF FI	JNDS:			Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30		
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C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE						
County Executi	ve Office Signature	BY: Tina Grand	ie houde			
	MINUTES OF	THE BOARD C	F SUPERVISORS			
	motion of Supervisor Stone ERED that the above matte			nd duly carried,	ΙΤ	
Ayes:	Buster, Stone, Benoit and	d Ashlev				
Nays:	None		Ked	ia Harper-Ihem		
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The City of Desert Hot Springs is currently going through annexation proceedings to annex 4,000 acres of land along the I-10. County staff has worked out the attached MOU with the City of Desert Hot Springs to allow for a process that is to be utilized for the County to consider transferring take from the County's allocation, to the City.

Staff recommends that the Board enter into this Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Desert Hot Springs.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AND THE CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COACHELLA VALLEY MULTIPLE SPECIES HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN REGARDING THE 4,000 ACRE I-10 INTERCHANGE ANNEXATION

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is made as of July <u>6</u>, 2010 by and between the County of Riverside ("County") and the City of Desert Hot Springs ("City") to establish a process for implementation of the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (the "MSHCP") for the 4,000 Acre I-10 Interchange Annexation ("Annexation Nos. 2009-08-5 and 2009-09-5").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Riverside County has a diverse ecosystem supporting a wide range of plant and animal species; and

WHEREAS, Riverside County faces the doubling of its population over the next 20 to 25 years; and

WHEREAS, this population increase will require new development throughout the Coachella Valley, including development for commercial and residential purposes, and the development of infrastructure to support such land uses; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) approved Annexation Nos. 2009-08-5 and 2009-09-5 concerning the annexation of approximately 4,000 acres of land within the unincorporated area of the County to the City; and

WHEREAS, the area included within Annexation Nos. 2009-08-5 and 2009-09-5 is set forth in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, the County has approved the MSHCP and has received Section 10(a)(1) and NCCP permits from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and California Department of Fish and Game; and

WHEREAS, the City desires that the provisions of the MSHCP apply to the area subject to Annexation Nos. 2009-08-5 and 2009-09-5 and the City intends to consider approval of the MSHCP for the remainder of the City through an Amendment to the MSHCP in the future; and

WHEREAS, the area included within Annexation Nos. 2009-08-5 and 2009-09-5 is located within portions of the "Willow Hole Conservation Area" and the "Upper Mission Creek/Big Morongo Canyon Conservation Area" as defined under the MSHCP. The "Upper Mission Creek/Big Morongo Canyon Conservation Area" in the annexation area contains portions of the Morongo Wash Special Provisions Area. The MSHCP establishes Conservation Objectives for the Willow Hole Conservation Area, Upper Mission Creek/Big Morongo Canyon Conservation Area, and the Morongo Wash Special Provisions Area and as well as Required Measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate Take in the Area. Development within the Willow Hole Conservation Area, Upper Mission Creek/Big Morongo Canyon Conservation Area, and Morongo Wash Special Provisions Area must be consistent with the identified Conservation Objectives and Required Measures; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to manage the area included within Annexation Nos. 2009-08-5 and 2009-09-5 consistent with the provisions of the MSHCP, including the Conservation Objectives and Required Measures of the Willow Hole Conservation Area and the "Upper Mission Creek/Big Morongo Canyon Conservation Area"; and

WHEREAS, the MSHCP requires that roughly 90% of certain habitats within each Conservation Area that are not already conserved as of 1996, must be preserved through acquisition, deed restriction, or conservation easement; and

WHEREAS, the roughly 10% of habitat that is available for development within each Conservation Area is referred to herein as the area's "Take Allocation"; and

WHEREAS, Section 6.6.1.1 of the MSHCP requires the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission ("CVCC") to conduct a Joint Project Review Process for all proposed projects that would result in disturbance to any area within the above Conservation Areas. During the Joint Review Process, the CVCC analyzes the extent to which the proposed project would impact the conservation Area Conservation Objectives and Required Measures delineated for each Conservation Area, and how the project would affect the maintenance of Rough Step in the affected Conservation Area. CVCC then forwards its analysis and the project application to the Wildlife Agencies for their review and comment. Based on its own analysis and the Wildlife Agencies' comments, CVCC then determines whether the proposed project is consistent with the Conservation Area's Conservation Objectives and Required Measures; and

WHEREAS, the County and the City desire to cooperate to establish a process for allocating Take and meet the conservation and development objectives of the City for the area included within Annexation Nos. 2009-08-5 and 2009-09-5 within the framework of the MSHCP.

NOW, THEREFORE, the County and the City do hereby set forth their mutual representations, commitments, and understandings regarding the following:

- 1. The Board of Supervisors of the County has established an Allocation of Take Policy for allocating take for development projects within the Conservation Areas established by the MSHCP.
- 2. City agrees that development projects within the Conservation Areas within the area subject to Annexation Nos. 2009-08-05 and 2009-09-5 shall be submitted to the CVCC for Joint Project Review. In the event the development project is determined by CVCC to be in compliance with the Goals, Objectives, Requirements, and Conditions of the MSHCP and therefore consistent with the MSHCP, City may then apply for an allocation of take from the County.
- 3. City shall submit any application for an allocation of take to the Supervisor of the 5th Supervisorial District who will then place the application with his/her recommendation for approval or denial on the Board of Supervisor's agenda for its consideration.
- 4. No take shall be allocated by County if it exceeds the amount of available take pro-rated for the area included within Annexation Nos. 2009-08-5 and 2009-09-5.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

1	IN WITNESS WHEREOF date first written above.	, the Parties hereto have caused this MOU to be executed as of the
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