

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

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FROM: Economic Development Agency

SUBMITTAL DATE:

March 24, 2011

SUBJECT: Quechan Marina and Park Improvements Project

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Make the following findings in accordance with Health & Safety Code Section 33445:
 - a. The proposed marina and park improvements will benefit the East Blythe Sub-Area of the Desert Communities Project Area (DCPA) by improving recreational opportunities for the community by eliminating physical blighting due to deterioration of facilities and amenities;
 - b. Due to the current economic crisis, there is limited funding for new capital improvements, there are no other reasonable means of financing available to the community for this project;
 - c. The payment of the funds for the cost of the improvements is consistent with the Redevelopment Implementation Plan for the DCPA which identifies recreational facilities as a necessary improvement; and

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Robert Field
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:

County Executive Office Signature

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Stone, seconded by Supervisor Ashley and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Buster, Tavaglione, Stone, Benoit and Ashley
 Nays: None
 Absent: None
 Date: April 12, 2011
 xc: 1166 -2 EDA, CIP, RDA, Auditor
 ON 1: 13

Kecia Harper-Ihem
 Clerk of the Board
 By:
 Deputy

(Comp. Item 4.2)

Prev. Agn. Ref.: N/A	District: 4	Agenda Number: 3.9
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Reviewed by CIP TEAM
 ANITA C. WILLIS
 DATE 3-24-11
 Departmental Concurrence
 Christopher Hans

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
 BY: ANITA C. WILLIS
 DATE 3-24-11
 Policy Consent
 Policy Consent
 Dept't Recomm.:
 Per Exec. Ofc.:

RECOMMENDED MOTION: (Continued)

2. Consent to the payments as identified in the reimbursement agreement between the Redevelopment Agency for the County for Riverside (RDA) and the City of Blythe in the amount of \$213,000.

BACKGROUND:

Quechan Marina and Park lies on 27.4 acres fronting the Colorado River within the East Blythe Sub-Area of the DCPA and City of Blythe and provides opportunities to county residents to enjoy water recreational activities. The City of Blythe operates the marina and park under agreement with the County of Riverside. The park needs new amenities and equipment to improve the physical facilities and amenities and to enhance the recreational experience. The City of Blythe was awarded a competitive grant in the amount of \$500,000 with a matching requirement of \$214,286 to be used to improve Quechan Marina and Park. The source of the grant is the State of California's State Parks Program. This funding was established to increase open space and recreational use in underserved areas. The improvements can include park amenities such as restrooms, playground equipment, picnic areas, and other water recreation uses.

The City of Blythe has used other funding sources to install a new boat ramp for river access and cleared the beach area for swimming access. The City of Blythe also installed a waterfall that provides additional clean water, improving water quality in the lagoon and added minor infrastructural improvements.

The City of Blythe is requesting RDA financial assistance of \$213,000 towards matching requirement to install new restrooms in the northern part of the park, covered picnic areas with tables and barbeques, and new paving for the main entry way and portions of the parking area.

The City of Blythe will provide complete oversight for the construction of the improvements for the project including compliance with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations. Once installed, all of the improvements will be maintained by the City of Blythe and will be included in the City's long-term capital facilities planning and operations budgets. The reimbursement of the proposed improvements will be paid entirely from Redevelopment Agency DCPA funds and will have no impact on the county's general fund.

§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 in the immediate neighborhood in which the project is located. Agency Counsel has reviewed and approved the reimbursement agreement as to form. Staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors make the required findings for the proposed Quechan Marina and Park Improvements Project and consent to the payments by the Redevelopment Agency.