

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



**ITEM: 3.13  
(ID # 11116)**

**MEETING DATE:**

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

**FROM :** ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (EDA):

**SUBJECT:** ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (EDA): Adoption of Resolution No. 2019-233, Designating the Certifying Officers for the County of Riverside HUD Programs; All Districts [\$0]

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

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2019-233, designating the Certifying Officers for the County of Riverside's U.S. Housing and Urban Development programs to comply with the obligations of the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) and 24 C.F.R. Part 58.

**ACTION:Policy**


Robert Field, Assistant County Executive Officer/ECD 11/12/2019

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: December 10, 2019  
xc: EDA

Kecia R. Harper  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost:</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	No
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	2019/20

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** [CEO use]

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

In order to comply with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations and to qualify to receive HUD funding, County of Riverside must designate a Certifying Officer to meet the obligations of the National Environmental Protection Act under 24 CFR Part 58 (NEPA). Currently the Chair of the Board of Supervisors by default is the designated Certifying Officer.

Prior to obligating federal funds, staff must make determinations that the Certifying Officer must approve as to whether a project is exempt or categorically excluded, and must prepare an Environmental Assessment in accordance with NEPA.

Staff is recommending a delegation of authority to EDA's Assistant County Executive Officer of Economic and Community Development and Assistant Director of EDA, or their designees, as Certifying Officers, who are authorized to approve Environmental Assessments that are Exempt or Categorically Excluded under NEPA. Delegating the authority for these type of activities will help expedite standard administrative matters and activities such as down payment assistance and minor rehabilitation projects.

Staff recommends that the Board approve Resolution No. 2019-233. County Counsel has reviewed and approved as to form the attached Resolution No. 2019-233.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

Approving this item will expedite administrative matters and projects determined to be Exempt or Categorically Excluded in accordance with the HUD regulations implementing NEPA.

**SUPPLEMENTAL:**

**Additional Fiscal Information**

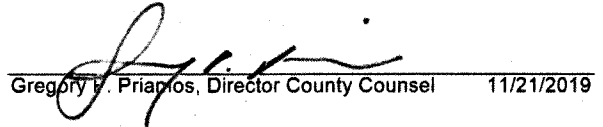
No impact upon the County's General Fund.

**Attachments:**

- Resolution No. 2019-233

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Alex Gann 12/3/2019

  
Gregory V. Priamos, Director County Counsel 11/21/2019

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**

**RESOLUTION 2019-233  
DESIGNATING THE CERTIFYING OFFICERS FOR THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH 24 C.F.R. PART 58**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Riverside, a political subdivision of the State of California (“County”), is the recipient of funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”);

**WHEREAS**, in order to qualify for receipt of HUD funds, the County, as a Responsible Entity, must comply with HUD regulations;

**WHEREAS**, before HUD funding may be committed to a project, an environmental review must be performed under the National Environmental Policy Act (“NEPA”) and 24 C.F.R. Part 58;

**WHEREAS**, HUD regulations require that a Certifying Officer be designated to accept the responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and actions assumed and carried out by the County and to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts;

**WHEREAS**, HUD regulations require that a Certifying Officer of the County be designated and authorized to submit and execute the applications and assurances contained therein and to provide HUD with additional information as may be required; and

**WHEREAS**, the Certifying Officer is responsible for all the requirements of Section 102 of NEPA, the related provisions in 40 C.F.R. Parts 1500 through 1508, and 24 C.F.R. Part 58, including the related Federal authorities listed in 24 C.F.R. Part 58.5.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, FOUND, DETERMINED AND ORDERED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside (“Board”), in regular session assembled on December 10, 2019, in the meeting room of the Board located on the 1st floor of the County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California, as follows:

- 1) That the Board of Supervisors hereby designates Robert Field, Assistant County

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY: AMRIT P. DHILLON  
DATE: 11/21/2019

1 Executive Officer of Economic and Community Development, or designee, as the  
2 Certifying Officer for County of Riverside's HUD programs to make determinations  
3 that a project is Exempt, Categoricaly Excluded (Not Subject to 58.5), or Categoricaly  
4 Excluded (Subject to 58.5), and to execute Environmental Assessments, and the  
5 documents associated with said Environmental Assessments; and

6 2) That the Board of Supervisors hereby designates Carrie Harmon, Assistant Director of  
7 the Economic Development Agency, or designee, as an additional Certifying Officer for  
8 County of Riverside's HUD programs to make determinations that a project is Exempt,  
9 Categoricaly Excluded (Not Subject to 58.5), or Categoricaly Excluded (Subject to  
10 58.5), and to executed Environmental Assessments, and the documents associated with  
11 said Environmental Assessments.

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15 // ROLL CALL:

16 // Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt

17 // Nays: None

18 // Absent: None.

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20 // The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly  
21 // adopted by said Board of Supervisors on the date therein set forth.

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Kecia R. Harper, Clerk of said Board

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By 

Deputy

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