

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



ITEM: 3.5
(ID # 11516)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

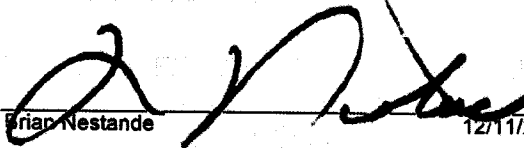
FROM : EXECUTIVE OFFICE:

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Funding recommendation for portions of s Salton Sea Rehabilitation Project in the Coachella Valley. District 4 [\$350,000 - 100% COLMAC Funds]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the proposed project presented herein as recommended by the Coachella Valley Air Quality Advisory Committee.

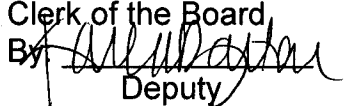
ACTION: Policy


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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Hewitt 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 17, 2019
xc: EO

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board
By 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 100,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: CV Enhancement Fund			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Year:	19/20-20/21

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

In 1989, the Colmac Air Quality Enhancement Fund was established through one of the provisions of the settlement agreement which resolved litigation between Colmac Energy, Inc., and the County over the construction of a biomass energy plant near the unincorporated community of Mecca in southern Coachella Valley.

Among other provisions, the settlement provides for an annual payment of \$250,000 to fund projects which enhance air quality within the Coachella Valley. Agenda item No. 3.6 of February 3, 1998 delegated administration of the Air Quality Enhancement Fund to the Executive Office and established the Coachella Valley Air Quality Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) consisting of three members: The Fourth District Supervisor or his/her representative and representatives from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) and Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG). The fund balance is approximately \$800,000 with the only current authorized project (in the amount of \$150,000) is for street sweeping services within the Coachella Valley.

On December 4, 2019, at the request the 4th Supervisorial District office, the Coachella Valley Air Quality Advisory Committee was convened for the purpose of requesting Colmac funds be used in the restoration and mitigation efforts at the Salton Sea. The proposed project involves the creation of a lagoon to cover exposed playa and eliminate air quality impacts. The committee unanimously approved a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to authorize funds in the amount of \$350,000 for Salton Sea efforts, which will include engineering, legal and environmental work. The committee also approved a call for projects for the remaining funds.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

Approval of this funding recommendations will further assist clean air goals for the region.

SUPPLEMENTAL

Additional Fiscal Information

Funding for the proposed projects is derived from monies collected as part of the settlement agreement with Colmac Energy, Inc. and has no impact on the general fund.

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12/11/2019



Gregory V. Priamos, Director County Counsel

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