

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



ITEM: 3.6
(ID # 14829)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, May 25, 2021

FROM : EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT :

SUBJECT: OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/FACILITIES
MANAGEMENT/EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Transfer Responsibility for the Indio Fairgrounds from
the Office of Economic Development to Facilities Management, Effective July 1, 2021. District
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RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Transfer Responsibility for the Indio Fairgrounds from the Office of Economic
Development to the Department of Facilities Management, Effective July 1, 2021.

ACTION:Policy

Suzanne Holland
Suzanne Holland, Director of EDA

5/11/2021

Rose Salgado
Rose Salgado, Director of Facilities Management

5/11/2021

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: May 25, 2021
xc: EO

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board

By: *[Signature]*
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A			Budget Adjustment: N/A	
			For Fiscal Year: 21/22	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The Riverside County Fairgrounds are approximately 120 acres in size and have been the home of the Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival since 1945. The Fair & National Date Festival events are not only major tourist attractions and integral to the community, but the grounds themselves have continued to serve an important role in allowing for provision of vital services to county residents. During the past year, the site has been essential to the County's COVID-19 response. Since April 2020, the fairgrounds have been requisitioned for use as both a COVID-19 testing site and Federal Medical Station (FMS), and since January of this year, the site has operated as a COVID-19 vaccination site.

The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in cancellation of all live events and large gatherings around the world, including on the fairgrounds. Subsequently, since March 2020, the Fairgrounds Budget has steadily lost revenue from lack of seasonal rentals. Although the current fiscal year budget was reduced by half, maintaining a minimum level of staff for coordination of the testing site, FMS, and the vaccination clinic has been critical. CARES Act funding in the amount of \$2,579,860 was approved for establishment of COVID-response related temporary medical facilities and facility improvements on site; however, other needed maintenance projects have had to be delayed due to lack of funding.


The Office of Economic Development has historically addressed maintenance of the fairgrounds site and administration of the budget. However, Facilities Management maintains over 7.5 million square feet of county building infrastructure, and is the county department responsible for performing preventive, predictive and corrective maintenance activities in various locations spanning the county's 7,200 square miles. It is therefore proposed that, effective July 1, 2021, responsibilities for site and facility maintenance and administration of the budget be reassigned to Facilities Management, who will manage this important county asset going forward, and develop and propose plans and uses for the property that will add value to the residents of the County of Riverside. With approval, the fiscal year 21/22 Recommended Budget book will be updated to reflect movement of the


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fairgrounds budget unit from current Department ID 1920100000 to Facilities Management Department ID 7201400000.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

Approval of this item will result in improvements to the efficiency of managing this county property.


Esteban Hernandez 5/12/2021


Dave Rogers, Chief Administrative Officer 5/19/2021


Gregory H. Priamos, Director County Counsel 5/12/2021