

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



ITEM: 3.4
(ID # 21832)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, May 09, 2023

FROM : BOS DISTRICT 3:

SUBJECT: BOS DISTRICT 3: Approve the Third District American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Allocation to Proposed Infrastructure Projects. District 3. [\$8,000,000 Total Cost – 100% ARPA]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and authorize funding for the Water Energy Management - Hydroelectric Facilities (\$3,000,000) project from District 3 ARPA Infrastructure category and Carancho Pump Station Expansion and Improvement (\$5,000,000) project from District 3 2nd ARPA allocation for a total amount not to exceed \$8,000,000 including reimbursements to Rancho California Water District (RCWD); and
2. Direct the Executive Office to Initiate Work on the ARPA Infrastructure Project Agreement(s) with RCWD.

ACTION: Policy, 4/5 Vote Required


Supervisor Chuck Washington, Vice-Chair 5/4/2023

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: May 9, 2023
xc: BOS-Dist. 3, E.O.

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board

By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 8,000,000	\$ 0	\$ 8,000,000	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% American Rescue Plan Act			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 22/23 - 26/27	

BACKGROUND:

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed into law a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill also known as the COVID-19 Stimulus Package or the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The intent of the bill is to accelerate the United States recovery from the economic and health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. ARPA includes \$362 billion in Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA Fiscal Recovery Funds) for eligible state, local, territorial, and tribal governments. These ARPA Fiscal Recovery Funds can be utilized for four categories of eligible uses:

- a) To respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality.
- b) To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers.
- c) For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency; and
- d) To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

Riverside County's share of the American Rescue Plan funding is estimated to be \$479 million, of which the first installment of \$239,937,299 was received on May 10, 2021. Funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026.

On April 27, 2021, the Executive Office presented the Board of Supervisors with a preliminary ARPA funding allocation and on October 19, 2021, presented a revised funding allocation after the U.S. Treasury released the ARPA interim funding guidelines. The revised allocation included a new category for Child Care. The funding allocation obligates funds to 7 categories: Infrastructure, Housing & Homelessness, Economic Recovery, County Departments Response, Non-Profit Assistance, Child Care and Revenue Backfill.

In its final funding guidelines issued on January 6, 2022, the U.S. Treasury broadened the use of the ARPA funds to include disproportionately impacted communities projects to develop neighborhood features that promote improved health and safety outcomes, such as parks, green spaces, recreational facilities, sidewalks, pedestrian safety features such as crosswalks, projects that increase access to healthy foods, streetlights, neighborhood clean-up, and other projects to revitalize public access.

On February 8, 2022, the Board approved establishment of the ARPA infrastructure funding category in the amount of \$82 million. This amount dedicated \$75 million to water, stormwater, and sewer infrastructure projects, distributing \$15 million per District, with the

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remaining \$7 million being allocated to the Broadband affordability program. District 3 recommends the following projects for ARPA funding; these projects were determined to be in compliance with ARPA funding objectives and US Treasury eligibility criteria by the Executive Office.

Water Energy Management Project - Hydroelectric Facilities

This project will include Installation of in-pipe small-scale hydroelectric facilities to provide a permanent offset of annual energy use, providing energy cost savings and future benefits to RCWD customers. The project is part of RCWD's commitment to reducing peak energy demands and estimates to conserve over 2.3 million kilowatt hours per hour, with annual energy cost savings of \$300,000. This \$3.5 million project proposes to utilize \$3,000,000 of ARPA funding from the infrastructure funding category.

Carancho Pump Station Expansion and Improvement Project

The Carancho Pump Station was originally constructed in 1987 and is rated for 1,500 gallons per minute. The proposed project would increase capacity to 4,200 gallons per minute, to provide redundant fire suppression supply to the unincorporated communities of Tenaja, De Luz, and La Cresta. Permanent backup power will be installed as part of the expansion to guard the water supply against power shutoffs during high-fire-risk weather events. This project proposes to utilize \$5,000,000 of ARPA funding from the infrastructure funding category of the District 3 2nd ARPA allocation.

Impacts to Residents

The proposed water infrastructure projects will improve quality of life and promote economic recovery in County communities by improving water systems, lessening power demand and allowing for more efficient emergency response.



Riverside County Board of Supervisors Request to Speak

Submit request to Clerk of Board (right of podium), Speakers are entitled to three (3) minutes, subject to Board Rules listed on the reverse side of this form.

SPEAKER'S NAME: Roy Bluegrass

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

Date: _____ Agenda # 3.4

PLEASE STATE YOUR POSITION BELOW:

Position on "Regular" (non-appealed) Agenda Item:

_____ Support _____ Oppose _____ Neutral

Note: If you are here for an agenda item that is filed for "Appeal", please state separately your position on the appeal below:

_____ Support _____ Oppose _____ Neutral

I give my 3 minutes to: _____

BOARD RULES

Requests to Address Board on "Agenda" Items:

You may request to be heard on a published agenda item. Requests to be heard must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board before the scheduled meeting time.

Requests to Address Board on items that are "NOT" on the Agenda/Public Comment:

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these rules, a member of the public shall have the right to address the Board during the mid-morning "Oral Communications" segment of the published agenda. Said purpose for address must pertain to issues which are under the direct jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors. YOUR TIME WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES. Donated time is not permitted during Public Comment.

Power Point Presentations/Printed Material:

Speakers who intend to conduct a formalized Power Point presentation or provide printed material must notify the Clerk of the Board's Office by 12 noon on the Monday preceding the Tuesday Board meeting, insuring that the Clerk's Office has sufficient copies of all printed materials and at least one (1) copy of the Power Point CD. Copies of printed material given to the Clerk (by Monday noon deadline) will be provided to each Supervisor. If you have the need to use the overhead "Elmo" projector at the Board meeting, please ensure your material is clear and with proper contrast, notifying the Clerk well ahead of the meeting, of your intent to use the Elmo.

Individual Speaker Limits:

Individual speakers are limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes. Please step up to the podium when the Chairman calls your name and begin speaking immediately. Pull the microphone to your mouth so that the Board, audience, and audio recording system hear you clearly. Once you start speaking, the "green" podium light will light. The "yellow" light will come on when you have one (1) minute remaining. When you have 30 seconds remaining, the "yellow" light will begin to flash, indicating you must quickly wrap up your comments. Your time is up when the "red" light flashes. The Chairman adheres to a strict three (3) minutes per speaker. ***Note: If you intend to give your time to a "Group/Organized Presentation", please state so clearly at the very bottom of the reverse side of this form.***

Group/Organized Presentations:

Group/organized presentations with more than one (1) speaker will be limited to nine (9) minutes at the Chairman's discretion. The organizer of the presentation will automatically receive the first three (3) minutes, with the remaining six (6) minutes relinquished by other speakers, as requested by them on a completed "Request to Speak" form, and clearly indicated at the bottom of the form.

Addressing the Board & Acknowledgement by Chairman:

The Chairman will determine what order the speakers will address the Board, and will call on all speakers in pairs. The first speaker should immediately step to the podium and begin addressing the Board. The second speaker should take up a position in one of the chamber aisles in order to quickly step up to the podium after the preceding speaker. This is to afford an efficient and timely Board meeting, giving all attendees the opportunity to make their case. Speakers are prohibited from making personal attacks, and/or using coarse, crude, profane or vulgar language while speaking to the Board members, staff, the general public and/or meeting participants. Such behavior, at the discretion of the Board Chairman, may result in removal from the Board Chambers by Sheriff Deputies.