

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



ITEM: 3.2
(ID # 23443)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, November 07, 2023

FROM : BOS DISTRICT 2:

SUBJECT: BOS DISTRICT 2: Approve the Second District Unincorporated Communities Initiative Project, and Direct the Executive Office to Issue \$25,000 from the Unincorporated Communities Fund to the Lake Elsinore & San Jacinto Watershed Authority, to Support Project Funding. District 2. [\$25,000 Total Cost – 100% General Fund]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Second District Unincorporated Communities Initiative Project Outlined Below; and
2. Direct the Executive Office to Issue \$25,000 from the Unincorporated Communities Initiative Fund to the Lake Elsinore & San Jacinto Watershed Authority.

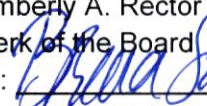
ACTION:Policy


Supervisor Karen Spiegel, Supervisor 2nd District 11/7/2023

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington and Perez
Nays: None
Absent: Gutierrez
Date: November 7, 2023
xc: BOS-Dist. 2, 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	\$ 25,000	\$ 0	\$ 25,000	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 25,000	\$ 0	\$ 25,000	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% General Fund			Budget Adjustment: N/A	
			For Fiscal Year: 23/24	

BACKGROUND:

On November 17, 2020, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Executive Office to implement an Unincorporated Communities Initiative (UCI). The UCI is a focused, ongoing, and coordinated effort to improve infrastructure and services provided to the residents of unincorporated communities, with emphasis on Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUCs). The program is funded through the Unincorporated Communities Fund (UCF), which receives authorized General Fund/Net County Cost (NCC) monies during the annual budget and quarterly budget revision process.

On December 15, 2020, the Executive Office presented a proposed framework for planning and implementation of the UCI. With the support of the Board, the Executive Office established a team of staff and department heads to facilitate the UCI program. Through March 31, 2021, the Executive Office team held 15 community meetings and conducted online surveys to better understand community needs for services, infrastructure, and infrastructure maintenance. On May 25, 2021, the UCI Team presented the needs assessment to the Board.

On June 27, 2023, the Board adopted the FY23/24 Budget, which included allocation of \$10,000,000 in NCC to the UCF, to be divided evenly between the five Supervisorial Districts for allocation by each Supervisor, to projects within their respective district communities.

Based on the foundational work completed by the UCI Team, and further analysis by the Second District office, \$25,000 of available Second District UCI funding will be allocated to the following project:

Lake Elsinore & San Jacinto Watershed Authority (LESJWA) Strategic Planning Support – LESJWA is a joint powers authority formed in April 2000 with the mission of implementing projects and programs to improve water quality and wildlife habitat in the San Jacinto River Watershed (including Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake), for the benefit of the general public. LESJWA’s collaboration with regional stakeholders has facilitated design, operation and maintenance of important water quality improvement projects including, but not limited to: Canyon Lake Alum application, the Lake Elsinore Fishery Survey and Management Plan, and the Lake Elsinore Aeration and Mixing System.

LESJWA’s most recent organizational assessment and business planning process was completed in 2014. Fiscal, environmental, and regulatory conditions have changed considerably since then, and LESJWA has identified the need to update its Strategic Plan to define the shared vision, mission, goals, and critical success factors for the organization. The proposed Second District UCI allocation will assist LESJWA with necessary consultant support to complete its Strategic Plan update.

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Impacts to Residents

Since its formation, LESJWA has served as a collaborative entity within the San Jacinto River watershed, securing funding, and supporting planning, design and implementation of multi-agency projects that improve the environment and quality of life for area residents. An updated organizational strategic plan will assist LESJWA with identifying and addressing current and future challenges, so that it can continue to serve the watershed.

The long-term goal of the Unincorporated Communities initiative is to improve infrastructure and services to the County's unincorporated communities. This Project represents a step toward meeting that commitment.