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



ITEM: 3.25 (ID # 25919) MEETING DATE: Tuesday, October 01, 2024

Kimberly A. Rector

Clerk of the Board

FROM: FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM - PUBLIC HEALTH

SUBJECT: FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM – PUBLIC HEALTH: Oasis Community Infrastructure Project - California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exempt Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Class 1 - Existing Facilities Exemption, Section 15311, Class 11 Accessory Structures Exemption, and Section 15061 (b)(3), "Common Sense" Exemption, Approval of In-Principle and Preliminary Project Budget; District 4. [\$901,271 - 100% RUHS - Public Health General Fund 10000 to be Reimbursed by Clean California Local Grant Program Funds (CCLGP)]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Approve the Oasis Community Infrastructure Project for inclusion in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP);
- 2. Find that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Class 1 Existing Facilities Exemption, Section 15311, Class 11 Accessory Structures Exemption, and Section 15061 (b)(3), "Common Sense" Exemption;

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ACTION:Policy, CIP

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes:

Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez

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Nays: Absent: None

None

Date:

October 1, 2024

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FM, RUHS-PH

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RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 3. Approve in-principle the Oasis Community Infrastructure Project located at three (3) locations within the Oasis Community;
- 4. Approve a preliminary project budget in the not to exceed amount of \$901,271 for the Project;
- Authorize the use of Riverside University Health System (RUHS) Public Health General Fund 10000 to be reimbursed by Clean California Local Grant Program Funds (CCLGP) in the amount not to exceed \$901,271, including reimbursement to Facilities Management (FM) for incurred project related expenses;
- 7. Delegate project management authority for the Project to the Director of Facilities Management, or her designee, in accordance with applicable Board policies, including the authority to utilize consultants on the approved pre-qualified list for services in connection with the Project, and are within the approved project budget; and
- 8. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to a) execute pre-qualified consultant service agreements not to exceed \$100,000 per pre-qualified consultant, per fiscal year, in accordance with applicable Board policies for the Project, and b) issue Purchase Orders for the sum of all contracts and/or work orders which shall not exceed the approved project budget.

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:		Next Fiscal Year:		Total Cost:		Ongoing Cost	
COST	\$	901,271	\$	0	\$	901,271	\$	0
NET COUNTY COST	\$	901,271	\$	0	\$	901,271	\$	0
SOURCE OF FUNDS	3: 100	% (RUHS) Pul	olic Health	General F	und 1000	Budget A	djustmer	nt: No
to be reimbursed by Clear	n Califo	rnia Local Gra	ant Progran	m Funds (C	CLGP)	For Fiscal	Year: 2	4/25

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

On April 4, 2023, Item 3.22, the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the Restricted Grant Agreement No. CCL-5956-285 from the State of California to implement the Clean California Local Grant Program activities authorized by the State for the community of Oasis. Among the grant activities are recreational infrastructure improvements which will help enhance a sense of community and connectivity. The scope of the Oasis Community Infrastructure Project includes but is not limited to: installation of shade structures, benches, native trees for shade and pollinator garden landscaping. The three Project locations are:

- Oasis del Desierto Park, 88775 Avenue 76, Thermal CA 92274
- Las Palmitas Elementary School, 86150 66th Avenue, Thermal CA 92274

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Oasis Elementary School, 88175 74th Avenue, Thermal CA 92274

Facilities Management (FM) recommends the Board approve in-principle the Oasis Community Infrastructure Project and the preliminary project budget in the not to exceed amount of \$901,271. FM will pursue the most cost-effective project delivery method and award in accordance with applicable Board policies.

With certainty, there is no possibility that the Oasis Community Infrastructure Project may have a significant effect on the environment. The Project, as proposed, is limited to the installation of accessory structures (shade structures) within the outdoor recreational area, and tree planting and landscaping in three (3) existing locations. The use of the facility would not result in a significant increase in capacity or intensity of use. Therefore, the Oasis Community Infrastructure Project is exempt as the project meets the scope and intent of the "Common Sense" Exemption identified in Section 15061 (b)(3) and Class 1 – Existing Facilities Exemption identified in Section 15301, and Class 11 – Accessory Structures Exemption. A Notice of Exemption will be filed by FM staff with the County Clerk and the State Clearinghouse within five days of Board approval.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

The main beneficiaries of this project will be residents, farmworkers, community members, and students. The local communities will be encouraged to connect with each other and engage in social and physical activity through the connected parkways and amenities.

The approximate allocation of the preliminary project budget is as follows:

BUDGET LINE ITEMS	BUDGET AMOUNT	
DESIGN PROFESSIONAL OF RECORD	80,000	
SPECIALTY CONSULTANTS	25,000	
REGULATORY PERMITTING	0	
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT	651,814	
OTHER CONSTRUCTION	0	
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION	62,523	
PROJECT CONTINGENCY	81,934	
PRELIMINARY PROJECT BUDGET	\$901,271	

All costs associated with this Board action will be 100% funded by Riverside University Health System (RUHS) Public Health General Fund 10000 to be reimbursed by Clean California Local Grant Program Funds (CCLGP). Expenditures for FY 24/25 are estimated at \$901,271.

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FM staff to file

Riverside County Facilities Management 3450 14th Street, Riverside, CA 92501

September 24, 2024

Project Name: Riverside University Health System Department of Public Health (RUHS-PH) Oasis Community Infrastructure Project, Thermal

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Number: FM08420013081

Project Locations:

Oasis del Desierto Park: 88775 Avenue 76, east of Harrison Street, Thermal California, 92274, Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 755-150-028

Las Palmitas Elementary School: 86150 66th Avenue, east of Tyler Street, Thermal, California, 92274, APN 751-070-031

Oasis Elementary School: 88175 74th Avenue, east of Harrison Street, Thermal California, 92274, APN 755-142-016

Description of Project: On April 4, 2023, Item 3.22, the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the Restricted Grant Agreement No. CCL-5956-285 from the State of California to implement the Clean California Local Grant Program activities authorized by the State for the community of Oasis. Among the grant activities are recreational infrastructure improvements which will help enhance a sense of community and connectivity. Three locations have been selected within the unincorporated community of Thermal: Oasis del Desierto Park, Las Palmitas Elementary School, and Oasis Elementary School. The scope of the Oasis Community Infrastructure Project includes, but is not limited to, installation of shade structures, benches, native trees for shade and pollinator garden landscaping. The site improvements at the three locations in Thermal are identified as the proposed project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The operation of the facilities will continue to provide public services and will not result in a significant expansion of existing use. No additional direct or indirect physical environmental impacts are anticipated.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Riverside County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Riverside County Facilities Management

Exempt Status: State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15301 Class 1 Existing Facilities Exemption; Section 15311 Class 11 Accessory Structures Exemption, and 15061(b) (3), General Rule or "Common Sense" Exemption, Codified under Title 14, Articles 5 and 19, Sections 15061, 15301, and 15311.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA specifically by the State CEQA Guidelines as identified below. The project will not result in any specific or general exceptions to the use of the categorical exemption as detailed under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2. The project will not cause an impact to an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern nor would the project include unusual circumstances which could have the possibility of having a significant effect on the environment. The project would not result in impacts to scenic highways, hazardous waste sites, historic resources, or other sensitive natural environments, or have a cumulative effect to the environment. No significant environmental impacts are anticipated to occur with the at the site improvements at the three locations within the Thermal community.

- Section 15301-Existing Facilities Exemption: This Class 1 categorical exemption includes the operation, repair, maintenance, leasing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures or facilities, provided the exemption only involves negligible or no expansion of the previous site's use. The project, as proposed, includes outdoor recreational improvements to the Oasis del Desierto Park, Las Palmitas Elementary School, and Oasis Elementary School so that the facilities can provide more functional outdoor space for the community. The improvements include shade structures, benches, native trees and pollinator garden landscaping that would be within the existing facilities footprints. The use of the facilities would continue to provide public services to the community and would not result in a significant increase in capacity or intensity of use. Therefore, the project is exempt as it meets the scope and intent of the Categorical Exemption identified in Section 15301, Article 19, Categorical Exemptions of the CEQA Guidelines.
- Section 15311 Class 11 Accessory Structure Exemption: This Class 11 categorical exemption includes the construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities. The project, as proposed, includes the addition of shade cover structures, benches, native trees and pollinator landscaping at the outdoor recreational areas. These features are new accessory structures to provide shade and increase functionality to the existing outdoor recreational areas. These improvements would be appurtenant to the existing community facilities and will not substantially increase or expand the use of the site; therefore, the project is exempt as the project meets the scope and intent of the Class 11 Exemption identified in Section 15311, Article 19, Categorical Exemptions of the CEQA Guidelines.
- Section 15061 (b) (3) "Common Sense" Exemption: In accordance with CEQA, the use of the Common Sense Exemption is based on the "general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment." State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b) (3). The use of this exemption is appropriate if "it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment." Ibid. This determination is an issue of fact and if sufficient evidence exists in the record that the activity cannot have a significant effect on the environment, then the exemption applies and no further evaluation under CEQA is required. See No Oil, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles (1974) 13 Cal. 3d 68. The ruling in this case stated that if a project falls within a category exempt by administrative regulation or 'it can be seen with certainty that the activity in question will not have a significant effect on the environment', no further agency evaluation is required. The proposed improvements to the existing facilities will not result in any direct or indirect physical environmental impacts. The improvements would require limited construction activity within the existing sites and would not alter the function or use of the site or have any external physical effects. The improvements are limited to the improvement of existing recreational space with shade structures, benches, native trees, and pollinator landscaping. The site improvements would improve the function of the facilities and the use and operation of the facilities will be substantially similar to the existing use and will not create any new environmental impacts. Therefore, in no way, would the project as proposed have the potential to cause a significant environmental impact and the project is exempt from further CEOA analysis.

Based upon the identified exemptions above, the County of Riverside, Facilities Management hereby concludes that no physical environmental impacts are anticipated to occur and the project as proposed is exempt under CEQA. No further environmental analysis is warranted.

Signed:	Mort Lille	Date: 9-24-2024
	Mike Sullivan,	

County of Riverside, Facilities Management