

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



**ITEM: 3.4**  
(ID # 29013)

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, October 07, 2025

**FROM :** BOS DISTRICT 3

**SUBJECT:** BOS DISTRICT 3: Approve the Third District Unincorporated Communities Initiative project and direct the Executive Office to transfer \$500,000 from the Unincorporated Communities Initiative Fund to Rancho California Water District to support project funding, District 3. [\$500,000 Total Cost – 100% UCI District 3 Fund 11250](4/5th Vote Required)

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Third District Unincorporated Communities Initiative project outlined below; and
2. Authorize use of Third District Unincorporated Communities Initiative funds in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, for Rancho California Water District to complete the Unincorporated Communities Initiative Project; and
3. Direct the Executive Office to enter into a funding agreement with Rancho California Water District.

**ACTION:Policy**

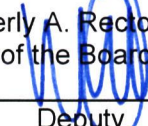
  
Supervisor Chuck Washington, Chair 10/2/2025

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: October 7, 2025  
xc: BOS-D3, EO

Kimberly A. Rector  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ 500,000	\$ 0	\$ 500,000	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 500,000	\$ 0	\$ 500,000	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> 100% UCI District 3 Fund 11250			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b> No	
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b> 25/26	

**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 the 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). The UCF receives authorized General Fund/Net County Cost (NCC) monies from the County 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 24, 2025, the Board adopted the FY25/26 Budget, which included the allocation of \$12,500,000 in NCC General Funds to the Unincorporated Communities Fund. The \$12,500,000 is to be divided evenly between the five Supervisorial Districts for each Supervisor’s use within their unincorporated communities.

Based on the foundational work completed by the UCI Team and further analysis by this office, \$500,000 of the \$2,500,000 in available UCF funding for the Third District will be allocated to the following project:

**1. \$500,000 to Rancho California Water District (RCWD) for the De Luz/La Cresta Communities Heli-Hydrant Project.**

- a. Heli-Hydrant Purchase and Installation: \$300,000**
- b. Dip Site Development and Infrastructure: \$100,000**
- c. CEQA Compliance and Permitting: \$50,000**
- d. Project Management and Contingency: \$50,000**

**IMPACTS TO RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS:**

The project proposes to purchase and install a heli-hydrant and develop a strategic dip site within RCWD’s service territory that will serve the unincorporated communities of De Luz and La Cresta in the Third District. This effort will create a valuable piece of infrastructure enhancing firefighting efficiency by eliminating the need for long-distance travel to access water.

This investment is projected to save millions on potential wildfire damage by enabling more effective firefighting responses. The completion of the project will also contribute to lower insurance premiums for residents and businesses in the high-risk fire areas of De Luz and La Cresta, ultimately improving the economic vitality and stability of the region.

The long-term goal of the Unincorporated Communities initiative is to ultimately improve infrastructure and services to all of our unincorporated communities. This is a step to meeting that commitment.