

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



ITEM: 3.5
(ID # 29551)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, December 09, 2025

FROM : SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ

SUBJECT: BOS DISTRICT 4: Approve the Fourth District Unincorporated Communities Initiative projects and use of Unincorporated Communities Initiative Funding in the amount of \$250,000, District 4. [\$250,000 Total Cost – 100% UCI District 4 Fund 11260] (4/5 Vote Required)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Fourth District Unincorporated Communities Initiative projects outlined below; and
2. Direct the Executive Office to Transfer \$250,000 from the FY 25/26 Fourth District Unincorporated Communities Initiative Funds to support the Coachella Valley Power Fund project.

ACTION: 4/5 Vote Required, Policy




Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, Supervisor 4th. District 12/4/2025

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Spiegel 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: December 9, 2025
xc: BOS-D4, EO

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	\$ 250,000	\$ 0	\$ 250,000	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 250,000	\$ 0	\$ 250,000	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% UCI District 4 Fund 11260			Budget Adjustment: N/A	
			For Fiscal Year: 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 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 27, 2024, 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 was 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, \$250,000 of the remaining available FY 25/26 UCI funding for the Fourth District will be allocated to the following projects:

1. \$250,000 to the Executive Office to use towards the new substation on Cook Street in Thousand Palms and increase funding when needed to cover the Avenue 58 Substation in a future action, as well as any associated individual costs for future distribution feeder lines for those substations.

The Coachella Valley Power Fund project is allocated a total of \$1,000,000 in UCI fund balance, including a UCI allocation of \$750,000 from a prior year.

IMPACTS TO RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS:

New substations improve reliability and support growing power demands. A reliable and expanded power system supports quality of life for current and future development. These substations will support growth in housing, economic development and job creation.

The long-term goal of the Unincorporated Communities initiative is to ultimately improve infrastructure and services to all our unincorporated communities.