

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



**ITEM: 3.4
(ID # 29917)**

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, February 10, 2026

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 \$350,000, District 4. [\$350,000 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 \$350,000 to the Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDI) from the FY 25/26 Fourth District Unincorporated Communities Initiative Funds to support The Eastern Coachella Valley Shade Equity Master Plan and Shade Prototype.

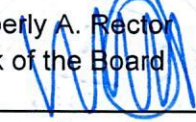
ACTION:4/5 Vote Required, Policy


Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, Supervisor 4th. District 2/5/2026

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: February 10, 2026
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	\$ 350,000	\$ 0	\$ 350,000	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 350,000	\$ 0	\$ 350,000	\$ 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 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 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, \$350,000 of the remaining available FY 25/26 UCI funding for the Fourth District will be allocated to the following projects:

1. \$350,000 to the Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDI) for the Eastern Coachella Valley Shade Equity Master Plan and Shade Prototype. KDI has conducted community engagement with reaching over 200 people, six mobile engagements and 34 design workshops with 146 residents engaged. The surveys they have conducted have taken place in public meetings and at the homes of community members, specifically mobile home parks. Funding this proposal will help cover the following: project Admin, site analysis, design and engagement, engineering and permitting, fabrication, installation and activation. In addition, the funding will also support fabrication, installation, printing, and all engagement materials.

The Eastern Coachella Valley (ECV) temperatures top 100 degrees for over 100 days each year, and lack of access to shade can be detrimental. KDI is proposing to research, design, and prototype shade interventions that will address four typologies in the ECV that currently lack adequate protection. These working models will serve as adaptable and responsive models for scaling shade infrastructure across the region.

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IMPACTS TO RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS:

Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDI) is looking to create the Shade Equity Master Plan that will serve as a roadmap for the unincorporated Eastern Coachella Valley communities of Mecca, North Shore, Oasis, and Thermal and help to identify opportunities to invest in new shade structures and help adapt to extreme heat. The Shade Equity Master Plan will have direct input from community members on the type of shade structures and locations for these.