

# Agenda Report

**TO:** City Council

**DATE:** March 30, 1998

**FROM:** City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Consolidation of Environmental Impact Reports for the Lower Arroyo, Central Arroyo and Hahamongna Master Plans.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Approve the amendment of the FY 1998 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to include a new project - *Arroyo Seco Environmental Impact Report*.
- (2) Approve a journal voucher transferring \$50,000 from the Planning and Permitting Department's Advance Planning Operating Budget (Budget Account 8115-101-443000) to the *Arroyo Seco Environmental Impact Report* Project (Budget Account 77475-301).
- (3) Approve a journal voucher appropriating \$75,000 from the Hahamongna Fund unencumbered fund balance (Fund # 103) to the *Arroyo Seco Environmental Impact Report* Project (Budget Account 77475-301).
- (4) Approve a journal voucher transferring \$40,000 from the Rose Bowl Improvement Project Account (Budget Account 8115-404-801000-2288012) to the *Arroyo Seco Environmental Impact Report* Project (Budget Account 77475-301).

**BACKGROUND:**

On November 24, 1997, the City Council approved consolidating the Environmental Impact Reports (EIR) for the Lower Arroyo, Hahamongna, and the Central Arroyo Master Plans into one Master EIR for the entire Arroyo Seco area. Since all three of these plan areas together share significant geological and topographic features, it would be difficult and costly to do separate and distinct environmental studies. In addition, a consolidated approach provides for a more comprehensive review of the Arroyo Seco and the interactions of projects in the lower, central and upper Arroyo areas.

Funding to complete the various environmental reports is currently allocated in various CIP projects and operating budget accounts. Since the reports are now being consolidated into one comprehensive Arroyo Seco Environmental Impact Report, staff recommends a new CIP project be created to consolidate funding into one project.

The November 24, 1997 agenda report estimates that the cost of the project would range between \$150,000 to 250,000. Based on the current funding availability, staff recommends appropriating \$165,000 to the new project. Once bids are received and exact costs known for this project, there may be a need for additional funding.

This new project is scheduled to proceed in March 1998, with the anticipated target completion date of mid-1999.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funds were budgeted for the Environmental Impact Report in the below listed accounts and need to be transferred to the new *Arroyo Seco Environmental Impact Report* project (budget account 77475-301):

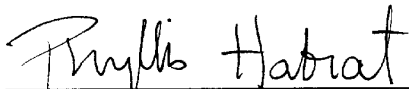
• Planning and Permitting Department, Advance Planning	\$ 50,000
• Rose Bowl Improvement Project Acct.	\$ 40,000
• Hahamongna Fund unencumbered balance	<u>\$ 75,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$165,000</b>

Respectfully Submitted,



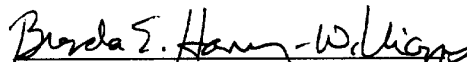
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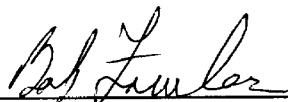
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