

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



ITEM: 3.16
(ID # 22336)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, June 27, 2023

FROM : BOS DISTRICT 5:

SUBJECT: BOS DISTRICT 5: Approval of Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) Water Banking / Enhanced Local Water Supply Infrastructure Projects Utilizing Fifth District American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA); District 5. [\$4,755,000 Total Cost – 100% American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – 1st Allocation - Infrastructure]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and authorize the Fifth District ARPA infrastructure project list outlined below; and
2. Direct the Executive Office to initiate work on the ARPA infrastructure projects agreement with EMWD; and
3. Authorize the Executive Office to coordinate with EMWD related to ARPA Infrastructure eligibility submittals.

ACTION:4/5 Vote Required, Policy

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 0	\$4,755,000	\$4,755,000	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% American Rescue Plan Act			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 23/24 - 26/27	

BACKGROUND:

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed into law a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill also known as the COVID-19 Stimulus Package or the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The intent of the bill is to accelerate the United States recovery from the economic and health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. ARPA includes \$362 billion in Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA Fiscal Recovery Funds) for eligible state, local, territorial, and tribal governments. These ARPA Fiscal Recovery Funds can be utilized for four categories of eligible uses:

- a) To respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality.
- b) To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers.
- c) For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency; and
- d) To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

Riverside County’s share of the American Rescue Plan funding is estimated to be \$479 million, of which the first installment of \$239,937,299 was received on May 10, 2021. Funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026.

On April 27, 2021, the Executive Office presented the Board of Supervisors with a preliminary ARPA funding allocation and on October 19, 2021, presented a revised funding allocation after the U.S. Treasury released the ARPA interim funding guidelines. The revised allocation included a new category for Child Care. The funding allocation obligates funds to 7 categories: Infrastructure, Housing & Homelessness, Economic Recovery, County Departments Response, Non-Profit Assistance, Child Care and Revenue Backfill.

In its final funding guidelines issued on January 6, 2022, the U.S. Treasury broadened the use of the ARPA funds to include disproportionately impacted communities projects to develop neighborhood features that promote improved health and safety outcomes, such as parks, green spaces, recreational facilities, sidewalks, pedestrian safety features such as crosswalks, projects that increase access to healthy foods, streetlights, neighborhood clean-up, and other projects to revitalize public access.

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On February 8, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved establishment of the ARPA infrastructure funding category in the amount of \$82 million. This amount dedicated \$75 million to water, stormwater, and sewer infrastructure projects, distributing \$15 million per District, with the remaining \$7 million being allocated to the Broadband affordability program. The Fifth District will be obligating the funds for the below listed projects from its ARPA 1st allocation remaining infrastructure funding category.

The following projects are being recommended for ARPA funding by the Fifth District and were determined to be in compliance with ARPA funding objectives and US Treasury eligibility criteria by the Executive Office.

- **San Jacinto Groundwater Banking - \$3,000,000:** The project will construct a new well treatment facility in support of groundwater banking and is projected to extract and deliver up to 9,000 AFY(Acre-Feet-Per-Year).
- **Well 37 Facility and Discharge Pipeline - \$1,500,000:** The project will construct a new well facility to pump recharged and stored groundwater supply during periods of drought.
- **Mission Canyon I Pipeline - \$255,000:** The project will replace an existing pipeline to a water storage tank (0.10 MG) with a new line that is approximately 760 feet to improve system reliability.

The above projects are deemed eligible under the ARPA infrastructure guidelines. All projects will be completed on or before December 31, 2026.

Impacts to Residents

The proposed infrastructure projects support improved water systems reliability and enhances local water supply through groundwater banking.