SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTRY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ITEM: 3.4
(ID # 19155)
MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, May 24, 2022

FROM: BOS DISTRICT 5:

SUBJECT: BOS DISTRICT 5: Approve the Fifth District American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund allocation to the proposed Cabazon Water District, Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District (BCVWD) and City of Banning administered projects - District 5 [$8,232,102 Total Cost – 100% American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Fifth District ARPA infrastructure project- list outlined below;

2. Direct the Executive Office to initiate work on the ARPA infrastructure project agreements with Cabazon Water District, Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District (BCVWD) and City of Banning; and

3. Authorize the Executive Office to coordinate with Cabazon Water District, Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District (BCVWD) and City of Banning related to ARPA infrastructure eligibility submittals.

ACTION:

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Supervisor Jeff Hewitt, Chair
5/18/2022

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: May 24, 2022
xc: BOS-Dist 5, E.O.
C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

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 $350 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.

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

On April 27, 2021 the Executive Office presented to the Board of Supervisors preliminary ARPA allocations to the following categories: Infrastructure, Housing & Homelessness, Economic Recovery, County Departments Response, Non-Profit Assistance and Revenue Backfill.
On February 8, 2022, the Board approved an Infrastructure allocation in the amount of $82 million. That amount includes $7M for a Broadband Affordability.

The following projects have been recommended for ARPA infrastructure 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 Unincorporated Communities Initiative team. Cabazon Water District, Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District and City of Banning will administer, construct and maintain the following infrastructure projects which will be completed on or before December of 2026.

1. Reservoir Corrosion Repair / Prevention Project – Cabazon Water District ($500,000) – This project is to repair corrosion on the interior and exterior surfaces of the reservoir to prevent contamination, maintain acceptable water quality and maximize the lifespan of the reservoirs.

2. Cluster Valve Repair Project – Cabazon Water District ($100,000) – Replace three critical water valves and a “T” connector to prevent water loss and damage to the roadway where the valves are located.

3. 24" 3040 Pressure Zone Cherry Avenue / International Park Road Transmission Pipeline – Beaumont - Cherry Valley Water District ($1,282,900) – Construct a 24" diameter pipeline to increase capacity of the water and transmission system and to improve firefighting and fire suppression across the entire Beaumont - Cherry Valley Water District service area.

4. “B” Line Upper Edgar Transmission Pipeline and Facilities Project- Beaumont - Cherry Valley Water District ($1,300,000) – Replacement of a 10" diameter pipeline due to the age and increased frequency of leaks. The new pipeline will provide reliable water transmission capabilities and improve fire suppression capabilities.

5. NP-1 Reservoir – City of Banning ($2,669,725) – In conjunction with the NP-1 Booster Station, this reservoir will expand the capability of the City of Banning’s non-potable water supply for use in irrigation of golf courses and lessen the reliance on imported water for domestic water users.

6. NP-1 Booster Station- City of Banning ($2,379,477) – In conjunction with the NP-1 reservoir listed above, this project will construct a pump station to deliver the stored non-potable water to the end users and lessen the reliance on imported water for domestic water users.

**IMPACTS TO RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS:**
The proposed list of projects will promote improved health and safety outcomes by increasing the water system service reliability, preventing contamination and corrosion in reservoirs and maximize local water resources to lessen reliance of imported water.