



DIANNE JACOB
SUPERVISOR, SECOND DISTRICT
SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AGENDA ITEM

DATE: October 9, 2012

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY EVACUATION ROUTE IN RAMONA (DISTRICT: 2)

SUMMARY:

Overview

The County of San Diego has been working with the Ramona Community Planning Group, Ramona Municipal Water District and Calfire to plan for an alternative emergency evacuation route for the residents of Ramona.

The recommended actions will authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and execute the Consent to Use of Land Agreement between the County of San Diego and the Ramona Municipal Water District to allow the use of a portion of Ramona Municipal Water District property as an emergency evacuation route.

Recommendation(s)

SUPERVISOR JACOB

1. Find that the approval of the Consent to Use of Land between the County of San Diego and the Ramona Municipal Water District is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), in accordance with section 15304 of the CEQA Guidelines.
2. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or designee to negotiate an agreement between the County of San Diego and the Ramona Municipal Water District entitled "Consent to Use of Land" for use of a portion of Ramona Municipal Water District property as an emergency evacuation route. Authorize the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to execute the agreement, subject to approval by County Counsel.
3. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to designate the appropriate County department to administer the agreement between the County of San Diego and the Ramona Municipal Water District.

Fiscal Impact

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N/A

Business Impact Statement

N/A

Advisory Board Statement

N/A

BACKGROUND:

During the October 2007 fires the community of Ramona was evacuated, creating a public safety nightmare with gridlock on State Route 67. Based on the need to address this glaring problem, the County has been working with Ramona residents, CalFire, the Ramona Community Planning Group, the Ramona Municipal Water District (RMWD) and San Diego Gas & Electric (SDGE) to plan an evacuation route that can be utilized to safely move residents in an emergency. The Ramona Municipal Water District (RMWD) is willing to authorize the use of a 12 foot strip of land across RMWD's northern property boundary as a designated emergency evacuation route. RMWD prepared a draft agreement that would allow the County to direct the public to use this route during an emergency.

SDG&E has an easement on the strip of land that would be the emergency evacuation route, but has agreed to allow the use of its easement for this purpose. If needed, SDGE is willing to adjust the position of poles and guide wires adjacent to this area in order to provide a clear 12-foot emergency access route. SDGE has also agreed to install other protective measures, including reflectors, to ensure the safety of residents in an emergency.

This emergency evacuation route is 12 feet wide and approximately 2,600 feet long and could be used only during an emergency in the Ramona area.

I respectfully request your support of today's action which is critical to provide an emergency evacuation route for the people of Ramona.

Respectfully submitted,

DIANNE JACOB
Supervisor, Second District

ATTACHMENT(S)

N/A

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AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

REQUIRES FOUR VOTES: Yes No

WRITTEN DISCLOSURE PER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION 1000.1 REQUIRED
 Yes No

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:
N/A

BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:
N/A

BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:
N/A

MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:
N/A

**ORACLE AWARD NUMBER(S) AND CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION
NUMBER(S):**
N/A

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: District 2, Board of Supervisors

OTHER CONCURRENCE(S): N/A

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