



**Board Planning Committee
April 11, 2019**

SUBJECT:

Approve and Authorize the Water Supply Assessment for Palomar Crossings in Accordance with the Provisions of Senate Bill 610 and Senate Bill 221

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bills 610 (Chapter 643, Statutes of 2001) and Senate Bill 221 (Chapter 642, Statutes of 2001) amended state law, effective January 1, 2002, to require Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) to respond to requests for a statement that adequate water supplies are or will be available to meet the water demands associated with proposed land development. Senate Bill 610 focuses on the content of a water supply agency's Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and stipulates that when an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is required in connection with a project, the appropriate water supply agency must provide an assessment (Exhibit A) of whether its total projected water supplies will meet the projected water demands associated with the proposed project. Senate Bill 221 also requires water supply verification when a tentative map, parcel map, or development agreement for a project is submitted to a land use agency for approval. Senate Bill 221 applies to proposed residential development of more than 500 dwelling units with some exceptions. Senate Bill 610 applies to a proposed residential development of more than 500 dwelling units, or large commercial, industrial, or mixed-use development.

The City of Menifee is the lead agency for the preparation of an EIR pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code Section 21000, and et seq. for the Palomar Crossings (Project). The proposed Project is located on approximately 63 acres in the City of Menifee and consists of 721 very high density residential units, 9.1 acres of open landscape, and 24.1 acres of commercial development. The proposed Project is located within the City of Menifee in Riverside County, bounded by State Highway 74 to the south, Menifee Road to the east, Palomar Road to the west, and Watson Road to the far north. The estimated annual water demand for the proposed Project is 294 acre-feet.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOAL/OBJECTIVE:

Water Supply Diversity and Reliability: Develop and implement a portfolio of projects and management techniques to achieve a reliable and cost-effective balance of water supplies utilizing imported, local and recycled water sources.

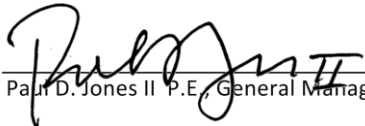
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and authorize the Water Supply Assessment for Palomar Crossings in accordance with the provisions of Senate Bill 610 and Senate Bill 221.

SUBMITTED BY:


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4/7/2019


Joe Mouawad, Assistant General Manager

3/28/2019

Attachment(s):

Exhibit A - Water Supply Assessment

04/17/19 Board Meeting

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