



**STAFF REPORT**  
**February 11, 2026**

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** Lincoln Bogard, Finance Director  
Bill Pattison, City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Resolution No. 2026-09 Approving a Professional Services Agreement for Consulting Services with Roukema Consulting LLC for Assistance with the Development and Implementation of the Funding Program for Critical Electric Infrastructure in the City with a Not To Exceed Amount of \$50,000

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Resolution 2026-09, approving a contract for consulting services with Roukema Consulting LLC for assistance with the development and implementation of the funding program for critical electric infrastructure in the City with a not-to-exceed amount of \$50,000.

**BACKGROUND:**

Staff has communicated its discussions with Imperial Irrigation District (IID) to Council. IID electrical capacity in our city is limited. Construction of additional substations in the city is needed for energy reliability, resiliency and continued economic growth. Indio and IID recently created the Indio Electric Financing Authority which successfully financed the construction of new substations within in Indio through the levy of surcharge on each kilowatt hour of energy sold by IID in Indio. IID talks have progressed to the point that our city needs to begin the formation and rate setting process for the Coachella Electric Financing Authority. A consultant is need to examine the benefits and costs of the proposed substation projects for the City and its residents

The goal of the Coachella Electric Financing Authority would be to issue bonds secured by a surcharge collected by IID on behalf of the City. The bonds would finance the expansion of 3 existing substations and the construction of a new substation within the City.

**DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:**

Staff would like to have Council consider Roukema to provide strategic consulting services in conjunction with the formation and funding of the Coachella Electric Financing Authority. Roukema is proposing to provide the following services to the City:

**Scope of Work**

Subsequent to the receipt of necessary information, Roukema Consulting will prepare a Report highlighting and summarizing:

- Background, necessity, and purpose of the Project
- Requirements for improved electric infrastructure
- Relevant regulatory developments and considerations
- Potential benefits of the Project
- Concerns and possible challenges
- Project cost

The report will be an independent project summary to analyze the proposed projects and the levying of a surcharge by the Coachella Electric Financing Authority to pay for the costs of the proposed projects.

The timeline for completion and delivery of the Report is estimated to be five weeks from execution of an engagement agreement. However, this timeline may vary as it will be subject to timely response to requests for information required to complete the Report.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the action.
2. Do not approve the action.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Roukema Consulting proposes a fixed fee of \$50,000 subject to the delivery of the Report to the City based on the Scope of Work herein, plus any direct expenses incurred at the City's request, such as for travel.

If the Project is terminated prior to the delivery of the Report, a reduced fixed fee of \$25,000 shall be due. Invoices will be payable within 30 days of an invoice being submitted to the City.

Attachments:

Resolution 2026-09

Proposal to Provide Strategic Consulting Services