



STAFF REPORT
12/8/2021

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Carlos Campos, City Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution No. SA-2021-05 Approving and Authorizing the Conveyance to the City by Grant Deed the Successor Agency's Interest in APN 763-131-001

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Resolution by the Successor Agency to Convey Property Commonly Known as APN 763-131-001 to the City of Coachella

BACKGROUND:

The Successor Agency to the former Coachella Redevelopment Agency ("Successor Agency") owns that certain property known as APN 763-131-001 in Coachella, California, also known as property number "8" in the Successor Agency's Long-Range Property Management Plan ("LRPMP" and the property, the "Property"). The Successor Agency has no further use for the Property and desires to transfer fee title to the City consistent with the LRPMP.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

The attached Resolution provides for the transfer of the Property from the Successor Agency to the City. If the Successor Agency approves the conveyance of the Property, and finds that the Property is not necessary for the Successor Agency's use, then the Successor Agency may adopt the Resolution and direct the Executive Director to execute the Grant Deed, a form of which is attached as "Exhibit B."

The Property and its transfer to the City are exempt from the Surplus Land Act (Government Code section 54220 et seq.) (the "Act"), because the Successor Agency, a "local agency" (as defined in the Act) is transferring the Property to the City, another local agency, for the City's use.

CEQA DETERMINATION:

Staff has determined that the conveyance of the Property to the City is not a "project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code section 21000 *et seq.*) ("CEQA"), because the transfer of title to the Property from the Successor Agency to the City is an organizational or administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. *See* CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations,

Title 14) section 15378(b)(5). As such, CEQA does not apply and no further action under CEQA is necessary. And even if the transfer of title to the Property were a “project” (which it is not), such action would be exempt from CEQA review pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), because it can be seen with certainty that the transfer of title to the Property from the Successor Agency to the City will not have a significant effect on the environment.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Do not approve the conveyance by grant deed of the Property to the City.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None anticipated.

Attachment: Resolution