



CITY OF MENIFEE

SUBJECT: Quitclaim Deeds to Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District for Storm Drainage Easements Associated with Romoland Master Drainage Plan Line A-3, Stages 4 and 5

MEETING DATE: June 5, 2024

TO: Mayor and City Council

PREPARED BY: Chet Robinson, Principal Engineer

REVIEWED BY: Nick Fidler, Public Works Director

APPROVED BY: Armando G. Villa, City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Approve and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute Quitclaim Deeds for storm drain easements to Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District for Romoland Master Drainage Plan, Line A-3, Stages 4 and 5, for the segment of Line A-3, located parallel to Varela Lane, between Malone Avenue and Palomar Road.

DISCUSSION

The Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (“District”) is currently in the final stages of design for a project to construct, and operate flood control facilities that are part of the Romoland Master Drainage Plan (MDP) - Line A. The proposed facilities would provide flood protection for residents, business owners, and future development in the Romoland area and reduce the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) floodplain limits along the vicinity of main Line A. The District is currently nearing completion of design for a segment of the facilities known as Line A-3, Stages 4 and 5 (“Project”) that are planned for construction within the City of Menifee. This Project is a planned open channel flow conveyance reducing the potential for local flooding in the area and is generally parallel to Varela Lane, between Malone Avenue and Palomar Road, as depicted in the attached Project Location Map.

On January 17, 2024, the City Council approved and authorized the City Manager to enter into a cooperative agreement with the District for the construction, ownership, operation, and maintenance of the Project. With the District nearing Project design completion, segments of City storm drain right-of-way (ROW) must now be quitclaimed to the District to allow for construction to occur and to provide the District access for ongoing future maintenance of the storm drain facilities. There are several previously recorded documents which dedicated ROW on private

property to the County of Riverside (“County”) for storm drain purposes prior to the City’s incorporation. As the County’s successor to these dedications, the City must now transfer these ROW locations to the District to allow the District to construct the Project.

The proposed quitclaim documents apply to irrevocable offers of dedication that were accepted by the County on behalf of the District for MDP Line A-3, stages 4 and 5. The previously recorded documents to be quitclaimed for the Project include:

1. Document No. 2007-0269612 recorded April 20, 2007, in its entirety
2. Document No. 2007-0055216 recorded January 24, 2007, in its entirety
3. A Portion of ROW included in Document No. 2006-0445942 recorded June 21, 2006
4. A Portion of ROW included in Document No. 2007-0202655 recorded March 26, 2007

The completion of these flood control facilities requires that City Council action be taken to convey the necessary ROW to the District for the channel construction. The District has requested that the City convey the ROW for these drainage facilities by means of the attached quitclaim deeds. If approved, two of the proposed quitclaim deeds would transfer the entirety of their associated ROW to the County. The third proposed quitclaim deed would transfer portions of item Nos. 3 and 4 referenced above in addition to a drainage ROW segment at Cumming Avenue as shown on the attached Legal and Plat to the quitclaim deed. Upon City Council approval, the attached quitclaim deeds would be executed and forwarded to the County for acceptance and recordation.

It is important to note that approval of the attached quitclaims would not eliminate, or reduce, current City street ROW.

STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE

Safe and Vibrant Community

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with approval of this item. The District would construct Line A-3 in accordance with the Romoland MDP at their own cost. Upon completion of the Project, the District and the City would share responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the drainage facilities as identified in the Cooperative Agreement previously approved by City Council. Costs associated with the maintenance of designated City facilities would be established in future fiscal year operating budgets.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Project Location Map
2. Quitclaim Deed for Document No. 2007-0269612
3. Quitclaim Deed for Document No. 2007-0055216
4. Quitclaim Deed for Portions of Cumming Avenue