



## **CITY OF MENIFEE**

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SUBJECT: Developer Funded California Environmental Quality Act Consultant Update for the Second Quarter of Fiscal Year 2024/2025

MEETING DATE: February 19, 2025

TO: Mayor and City Council

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

1. Receive and file the second Quarterly Update on executed California Environmental Quality Act consultant contracts for Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

### **DISCUSSION**

At the City Council meeting held on June 21, 2023, Council adopted Resolution No. 23-1341 to adopt the annual budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/2025, which included budget appropriations of \$2,000,000 in expenditures and revenues, specific to the environmental consulting services for privately funded development projects as part of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process. Additionally, per Resolution No. 21-1073, the City Manager is authorized to execute all professional service agreements with approved environmental firms to CEQA consulting services. At the initial part of each individual project, a professional services agreement and developer reimbursement agreement is executed defining the scope of work, compensation amount, and required deposit payments from the developer.

It is important to note that all agreement costs for environmental consulting services related to private development are paid for through developer deposits, and that no agreements will be executed prior to receiving the appropriate deposit from the applicant.

A summary of the CEQA contracts that have been executed to date are attached to this report as previously requested by the City Council. A total of 15 contracts have been executed in FY 2024/2025, for a cumulative value of \$1,042,397.50.

**STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE**

Thriving Economy

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no additional fiscal impact associated with this item. The CEQA developer deposits are collected and held by the City until environmental consulting services related to private development are performed, at which time they are paid through these deposit funds.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. FY 2024/2025 Project List and Map