

# CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

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MEETING DATE: February 15, 2024

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REQUEST: RATIFY A LETTER TO THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE URGING THE PROTECTION OF DEDICATED REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING GRANTS PROGRAM FUNDING

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Ratify a letter to the California Legislature urging the protection of dedicated Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0) program funding.

## **BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:**

The Governor proposed a \$300 million reversion of REAP 2.0 funds in his January budget. This proposal would have a harmful impact for the City of Palm Desert as well as numerous other Southern California cities, counties, transportation agencies, and tribal governments.

Within the City of Palm Desert, REAP would provide \$8 million to expand the City's utility capacity to mitigate future severe flooding impacts, directly affecting future and existing housing developments in an area that has experienced recent flood damage. This project will support the development of 3,386 units currently approved and 1,663 units under review.

## **Legal Review:**

This report has been reviewed by the City Attorney's office.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with issuance of this letter.

## **ATTACHMENT:**

REAP Letter dated February 8, 2024