

**SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE  
PALM DESERT REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
STAFF REPORT**

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MEETING DATE: September 28, 2023

PREPARED BY: Deborah Glickman, Management Analyst

REQUEST: SUCCESSOR AGENCY - ADOPT A RESOLUTION DECLARING ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 620-400-025 "EXEMPT SURPLUS" FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE SURPLUS LAND ACT

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE PALM DESERT REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, DECLARING PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54221(b) AND 54221 (f)(1)(D) THAT CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY AND IDENTIFIED AS ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER 620-400-025 IS EXEMPT SURPLUS; AND TAKING RELATED ACTIONS."

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:**

At its meeting in December 2022, the City Council/SARDA Board approved a "Central Inventory" of surplus City and Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency (SARDA) owned properties. This inventory was developed to comply with the SLA, which requires that an inventory must be approved and submitted annually to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) pursuant to Government Code Section 54230(a)(2).

APN 620-400-625 (14.46 acres) is located adjacent to 34.25 acres of undeveloped land on Desert Willow Drive north of Country Club Drive. To preserve open space for current residents and visitors, the City seeks to acquire the parcel from SARDA for use as public parking and recreational space.

In order to dispose of the properties on the Central Inventory, the City/SARDA is required to follow the April 2021 SLA Guidelines. These Guidelines require that a local agency sell property through a Notice of Availability and subsequent negotiation processes that favor affordable housing. Section 103 of the Guidelines allows for exceptions to this standard SLA process. Specifically, Section 103(3)(d) allows for a property to be declared "Exempt Surplus" on the occasion that "Local agency surplus land is transferred to another local, state, or federal agency for the transferee agency's use," which is intended to be used for use as a public parking lot and recreational space.

If approved by the SARDA, the Resolution will be taken before the Riverside County Oversight Board (OB) for approval. If approved by the OB, the Resolution will be provided to the California

Department of Finance (DOF) for review and approval. The DOF has forty (40) days from receipt of the Resolution to provide feedback to the City. Once approved by the DOF, the property will be deemed “Exempt Surplus”, and the transfer process may proceed.

**Legal Review:**

This report and Resolution have been reviewed by the City Attorney’s office and Robert Messinger, Special Counsel to the City.

**Project Description:**

Staff is seeking approval from the SARDA Board to declare APN 620-400-025 exempt for the purpose of the SLA and to initiate the sale of the parcel.

Details and location of the property are as follows.



<i>Property Owner</i>	<i>APN</i>	<i>Size (acres)</i>	<i>Zoning</i>	<i>Property Description</i>	<i>General Plan Designation</i>
SARDA	620-400-025	14.46	Planned Residential (PR-5)	Vacant	Resort & Entertainment

**Environment Review:**

This property has been reviewed with respect to the applicability of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) (“CEQA”). City staff has determined that the designation of this property as “Exempt Surplus” does not have the potential for creating a significant effect on the environment and is therefore exempt from further review under CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15312, the action for the sale of government property is categorically exempt from further CEQA action, as the property does not possess any significant value for wildlife habitat or other environmental purposes, as the property was previously rough graded during the grading of the Desert Willow Golf Resort, and the site remains relatively devoid of plant or wildlife.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact of this Resolution. Upon the sale of the property SARDA will forward the proceeds of the sale to Riverside County for disbursement to the designated taxing entities.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. SARDA Resolution
2. Map of Parcel A