

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 11, 2024

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REQUEST: STUDY SESSION: UPDATED MILLS ACT ELIGIBLE SCOPES OF WORK

RECOMMENDATION:

Provide feedback on proposed changes to the Mills Act Contract Guidelines.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

Mills Act contracts require a 10-year work plan indicating how the tax savings will be reinvested into the rehabilitation, restoration, and/or ongoing maintenance of the property. The purpose of this study session is to provide an overview of proposed changes to Appendix A of the Guidelines pertaining to eligible scope of work criteria that are a component of the Mills Act Contracts. Appendix A categorizes proposed improvements as either contributing to “structure integrity”, “architectural/historical integrity,” or ineligible.

Legal Review:

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

Cultural Resources Preservation Committee (CRPC)

At its regular meeting on January 24, 2024, the CRPC recommended approval of the draft Guidelines revisions, with the condition that staff amend to make the repair or new construction of walls or fences eligible under Architectural and/or Historical integrity.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Presentation