

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 26, 2026

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SUBJECT: RATIFICATION OF LETTER SUPPORTING CITY OF INDIAN WELLS
LOW FLOW CHANNEL PROJECT (PROPOSITION 1 GRANT
APPLICATION)

RECOMMENDATION:

Ratify the issuance of the letter supporting the City of Indian Wells' Proposition 1 grant application to the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy for the Low Flow Channel Capital Improvement Project.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

On February 11, 2026, the City submitted a letter supporting the City of Indian Wells' application for Proposition 1 funding through the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy for improvements to the Whitewater River Channel low-flow facility.

The Whitewater River Channel is a regional flood control and stormwater conveyance facility serving communities throughout the Coachella Valley. The proposed project involves the reconstruction of an approximately 5,800-foot concrete low-flow channel within the City of Indian Wells to improve stormwater conveyance and sediment management. The total estimated project cost is \$2,000,000. The City of Indian Wells is requesting \$1,200,000 in grant funding from the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy.

In accordance with Resolution No. 2025-020, Mayor Trubee and Mayor Pro Tem Pradetto reviewed and approved the letter in advance of formal ratification by the City Council.

Legal Review:

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this action.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Letter of Support

CONFLICT OF INTEREST AWARENESS CHECKLIST:

- Site-Specific Property Interest** – Councilmembers should check if they own or lease real property within 1,000 feet of the project site (Gov. Code § 87103(b); FPPC Reg. 18702.2).

- SB 1439 Applicability (Campaign Contributions)** – Applies to licenses, permits, or other entitlements for use, and to contracts or franchise agreements other than competitively bid, labor, or personal employment contracts.

Applicant(s)/Appellant(s): Not Applicable

Councilmembers should review any campaign contributions received within the last 12 months from parties or participants to the proceeding and must not accept contributions over \$500 from those parties for 12 months following the final decision (Gov. Code § 84308).

Note: These indicators are informational and do not constitute a legal determination. Each Councilmember is responsible for identifying and disclosing any disqualifying interests in accordance with the Political Reform Act and FPPC regulations.