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To: Mayor & City Council

From: Patrick H. West
City Manager

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Department of the Interior
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Date: June 10, 2010

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Patrick H. West, City Manager 

Subject: **Naples Seawall: U.S. Department of the Interior Funding**

This memo is in response to questions regarding funding opportunities for the Naples Seawalls through the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Federal Stimulus Funds

When the Stimulus bill first came out, Long Beach examined the various accounts to determine if the Naples Seawalls would be an eligible project. Unfortunately, we did not find any account that allowed for federal investment in locally built canals. We also examined several Department of the Interior contracts awarded for canal inspections. Our findings indicate the Bureau of Reclamation is administering canal inspections in three states using a total of \$2.71 million in federal stimulus funds. Unfortunately, the inspections only examine federally owned canals and are only inspections (no construction). These canals are also water conveyance canals as opposed to our Naples canals.

U.S. Department of the Interior Canal Inspections

The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) has funded canal inspections in the states of Colorado, Arizona and California using \$2.71 million in one-time federal Stimulus funds. These inspections are being administered directly through the DOI's Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau). The Bureau has awarded contracts for all inspections funded through this ARRA allocation to two private companies in the state of Colorado. The contract stipulates specific canals to be being inspected in all three states.

Colorado

The main canal inspection contract was awarded to BasePoint Design Corporation (Aurora, CO) in the amount of \$2.5 million. This contract is being administered directly through the Bureau for the on-site inspection of more than 985 miles of specified federally owned canals in Colorado.

California and Arizona

The Bureau awarded a secondary contract to Aero-Metric (Fort Collins, CO) in the amount of \$166,872 for the inspection of federally owned canals in Arizona and California. Similar to the management of canal inspections in Colorado, the California and Arizona canal inspections are being conducted at the federal level with no involvement from local agencies. The Coachella Canal in California is the only canal system in the State that will be inspected using these one-time federal funds. The Coachella canal was built in the 1930's with federal funds for the purposes

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of meeting treaty obligations with Mexico. The canal has the capacity to handle a flow of water up to 1,300 cubic feet per second, making it possible to deliver up to 2,600 acre-feet of water within a 24 hour period. This canal is integral to water delivery throughout desert region of the Coachella Valley as it stretches 122 miles and is still owned by the federal government today.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Tom Modica, Manager of Government Affairs, at 8-5091.

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