

AGENDA ITEM: 8.

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## STAFF REPORT

### CONFORMITY WITH GENERAL PLAN – ABANDONMENT OF EXCESS FLOOD CONTROL EASEMENT LOCATED BETWEEN AVENUE L AND 10<sup>th</sup> STREET WEST

DATE: March 15, 2010

TO: Lancaster Planning Commission

FROM: Planning Department

LOCATION: The easement runs between Avenue L and approximately Avenue K-7 and is bounded by 10<sup>th</sup> Street West and 5<sup>th</sup> Street West

REQUEST: Conformity with General Plan - Abandonment of excess flood control easement

RECOMMENDATION: Find that the abandonment of excess Flood Control Easement at the location described is in conformance with the adopted General Plan.

ANALYSIS: The Public Works Department has requested abandonment of an unnecessary flood control easement. The easement runs between Avenue L and approximately Avenue K-7, and is bounded by 10<sup>th</sup> Street West and 5<sup>th</sup> Street West east and west (Amargosa Creek). Under Section 65402(a) of the California Government Code, the Planning Commission is required to review any proposed abandonments and determine whether they are in conformance with the adopted General Plan. See the attached diagram for location of the request.

A new flood control easement has been dedicated as part of the realignment of Amargosa Creek, and abandonment of the existing easement is required in order to eliminate the redundant existing flood control easement. With the realignment of Amargosa Creek, the City no longer needs the existing easement and the proposed abandonment will eliminate the restrictions to property development imposed by the Flood Control Easement.

Based upon this analysis, staff recommends that the Commission find the proposed abandonment to be in conformance with the General Plan. This finding will be transmitted to the City Council when they consider the proposed abandonment.

Respectfully submitted,

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