

**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Lancaster**

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Date: July 9, 2013

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Robert C. Neal, Director of Public Works

Subject: **Reimbursement Agreement with Antelope Valley Conservancy for Amargosa Creek Mitigation Plan**

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**Recommendation:**

Approve the Reimbursement Agreement to compensate Antelope Valley Conservancy (AVC), for preparation of a replacement plan for the mitigation of Amargosa Creek and authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all necessary documents.

**Fiscal Impact:**

\$36,635.00; sufficient funds are available in Capital Improvements Budget Account No. 224-13EV001-924.

**Background:**

The City was issued Stream Alteration Agreement 1600-2007-0398-R5 by the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) which set requirements to develop a mitigation plan for the undergrounding of a portion of the Amargosa Creek.

The City hired a consultant in October 2009 to develop said plan. The resulting plan was problematic for funding and implementation. The City's CDFG representative suggested we partner with a local conservancy, such as AVC, to create a more practical alternative.

AVC is a local non-profit California public benefit corporation with the mission of preserving and stewarding native habitat lands for the public benefit. AVC has agreed to design a plan that would suit the local environment and allow the City to maintain the flood control properties of the channel. This Agreement would allow AVC to be compensated for costs in hiring experts and other expenses in developing said plan.

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**Attachment:**

Reimbursement Agreement