

**California City**  
 **X  City Council,   RDA,   Planning Commission**  
**Staff Report**  
**William W. Way Jr., City Manager**  
**August 9, 2006**

**Status:**  X  Routine   Closed Session

**Meeting Date:** August 9, 2006

**Item:** Contract Amendment – LSA Associates, Inc. (Cultural Resources Assessment) for Strata Project

**Background:** The City entered into an agreement with LSA Associates, Inc. on June 6, 2006 to prepare a cultural resource assessment for the 2,254 acres, plus 133 off-site acres for the Strata Project Specific Plan. Since June 6, the Specific Plan area has been expanded by the Strata Equity Group and the additional acres must be included in the cultural resources assessment. The original contract budget of \$56,900 is being increased by \$2,800 for a total amount of \$59,700.

**Critical Timelines:** Time is of the essence to keep this and other projects moving.

**Recommendation:** Council approve proposal for an amendment to the Cultural Resources Assessment for the Strata Equity Group Properties Specific Plan in the City of California City, Kern County, California.

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Environmental Action:** None

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**Item:** Jones & Stokes Associates (Environmental Impact Report) for Strata Project

**Background:** Jones & Stokes is a multidisciplinary consulting firm specializing in environmental analysis and regulatory compliance, with emphasis in CEQA compliance. Jones & Stokes will prepare the CEQA documents which will analyze the 2,454 acre Specific Plan. This company has prepared numerous environmental documents for projects in Kern County and the western Mojave Desert (see attached). This development is proposed by the Strata Equity Group. The proposed budget for the EIR and associated documents is \$280,240.

**Critical Timelines:** Time is of the essence to keep this and other projects moving.

**Recommendation:** Council approve proposal for the preparation of the required CEQA documents (EIR and related documents) for the Strata Equity Group Properties Specific Plan in the City of California City, Kern County, California.

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Environmental Action:** None

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**Item:** Contract Amendment – PCR Services Corporation (Biological Resources Assessment) for Strata Project

**Background:** The City entered into an agreement with PCR Services Corporation on May 16, 2006 to prepare a biological resource assessment for 2,254 acres of the Strata Project Specific Plan. Since May 16, 2006, the Specific Plan area has been expanded by 333 acres by the Strata Equity Group and the additional acres, plus buffer areas, must be included in the biological resources assessment. The original contract budget of \$136,490 is being increased by \$47,585 for a total amount of \$184,075.

**Critical Timelines:** Time is of the essence to keep this and other projects moving.

**Recommendation:** Council approve proposal for an amendment to the Biological Resources Assessment for the Strata Equity Group Properties Specific Plan in the City of California City, Kern County, California.

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Environmental Action:** None

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