



# COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

## PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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AGENDA DATE: March 18, 2008

County of Santa Cruz  
 Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors  
 701 Ocean Street  
 Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**SUBJECT: RDA FUNDING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE  
 ATKINSON LANE SPECIFIC PLAN/MASTER PLAN**

Members of the Board:

As your Board will recall, the Atkinson Lane site is one of the sites included in the Affordable Housing Combining District. In addition, on June 12, 2007 your Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Watsonville initiating a Specific Plan/Master Plan joint planning process. As part of the MOU, the City is the lead agency on the planning effort and the County is taking the lead on the Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Elsewhere on this agenda, staff is recommending that the Board of Supervisors enter into a contract with the land-use consulting firm RBF in the amount of \$356,917 for an EIR for the proposed Atkinson Lane Specific Plan/Master Plan. The purpose of this letter is to recommend that the RDA Board of Directors authorize the use of RDA Housing Funds to cover the contract costs. Because of the high level of affordability anticipated for the Atkinson site, the proposed expenditure is an appropriate use of RDA housing funds. There are sufficient appropriations within RDA's 2007-08 Housing budget to cover these costs.

It is therefore **RECOMMENDED** that your Board, as the RDA Board of Directors, authorize the allocation of \$356,917 in RDA Housing Funds to cover the costs of the RBF Consulting contract to complete the EIR for the Atkinson Lane Specific Plan/Master Plan Project

Sincerely,

Tom Burns  
 Planning Director

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Cc: RDA

RECOMMENDED:

SUSAN A. MAURIELLO  
 RDA Executive Director