



City of La Quinta

CITY / SA / HA / FA MEETING DATE: February 17, 2015

AGENDA CATEGORY:

ITEM TITLE: AUTHORIZE OVERNIGHT TRAVEL FOR PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER TO ATTEND LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES PUBLIC WORKS OFFICERS INSTITUTE ON MARCH 25, 26 AND 27, 2015

BUSINESS SESSION:

CONSENT CALENDAR: 9

STUDY SESSION:

PUBLIC HEARING:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize overnight travel for the Public Works Director/City Engineer to attend the League of California Cities Public Works Officers Institute on March 25, 26 and 27, 2015 in Newport Beach, California.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- The League of California Cities Public Works Officers Institute is held annually for public works professionals of all career levels.
- The City's Public Works Director/City Engineer has an opportunity to learn about the latest developments in public works, management, leadership, transportation, infrastructure, and water quality programs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The estimated total cost for this training is \$1,200, which includes registration, travel, lodging, parking and meals. Funds were included in the Public Work's Fiscal Year 2014/2015 budget for this purpose.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The League of California Cities Public Works Officers Institute provides professionals the latest in executive leadership/management development as well as planning and building infrastructure improvements.

This year's Institute will entail breakout and strategy sessions focused on: managing flood channels, stormwater funding, pavement preservation, managing utility costs, building resilient infrastructure, and improving workforce performance. Other activities include leadership development, a legislative update, an awards luncheon, and a networking reception.

This Institute is a three-day event and involves overnight lodging. Per City policy, the City Council must approve all overnight travel.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Council may elect to not approve this request. However, training is essential to ensure employees are current on trends in public works.

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