



# City of La Quinta

**CITY / SA / HA / FA MEETING DATE:** June 16, 2015

**AGENDA CATEGORY:**

**ITEM TITLE:** AUTHORIZE OVERNIGHT TRAVEL FOR PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER AND PRINCIPAL ENGINEER TO ATTEND APWA INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS CONFERENCE & EXPOSITION IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA AUGUST 30 – SEPTEMBER 2, 2015

**BUSINESS SESSION:**

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** 11

**STUDY SESSION:**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

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## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Authorize overnight travel for the Public Works Director/City Engineer and a Principal Engineer to attend the American Public Works Association International Public Works Conference & Exposition in Phoenix, Arizona from August 30 to September 2, 2015.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

- The annual International Public Works Conference & Exposition offers information on education, technology, and innovation to nearly 6,000 public works professionals from around the world.
- The City's Public Works Director/City Engineer and a Principal Engineer will have the opportunity to network, learn about the newest equipment and technologies, and attend educational sessions covering the full gamut of public works.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The estimated cost for both City employees is \$4,000. Funds are available in the Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Budget (Travel, Training and Meetings).

## **BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:**

The American Public Works Association hosts this conference and exposition annually. It represents the public works industry's premier international event of 2015. New this year is an offering of more than 400 exhibits with innovative technologies along with

over 125 new educational sessions covering the latest best practices and successful case studies.

Below is a listing of the educational classes being offered, which are intended to help public works professionals face critical, daily challenges:

- Emerging Technologies
- Emergency Preparedness
- Stormwater
- Funding and Budgeting
- Sustainable Practices
- Livable Communities
- Career Development/Workforce Solutions

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The City Council can deny this request. However, this alternative is not recommended as staff would not be allowed to take advantage of this professional development opportunity which would benefit City service delivery.

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