

# CITY OF PALM DESERT

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March 25, 2025

The Honorable Alex Padilla  
United States Senate  
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Washing, DC 20510

The Honorable Adam Schiff  
United States Senate  
112 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washing, DC 20510

The Honorable Ken Calvert  
United States House of Representatives  
2205 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Padilla, Senator Schiff, and Congressman Calvert,

**Subject: Request for Support for City of Palm Desert's Cook Street Bridge Project**

I am writing in support of the City of Palm Desert's application for Community Project Funding to support the construction of the Cook Street Bridge. The Whitewater Channel was devastated by the effects of Tropical Storm Hilary, prompting the City to begin a wide variety of flood mitigation efforts. Constructing a fully elevated bridge for Cook Street within the City will allow the channel to flow unimpeded and protect this critical community arterial which connects our residents to healthcare, education (high school), and community resources.

This project will construct the bridge over the channel and will be a critical next step in the City's efforts to build flood resistant and climate resistant infrastructure throughout the City and mitigate future flood risks. The Cook Street Bridge project aims to enhance connectivity across the Whitewater Channel by providing a vital link for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. This bridge will not only improve access but also facilitate debris removal, ensuring safe and efficient movement across the area. The project will also contribute to the continuity of the CV Link, offering better mobility options for the community.

This project is essential to improving regional connectivity and ensuring the safe movement of people and vehicles across the Whitewater Channel. By enhancing access it will contribute to a more connected, resilient, and efficient transportation network in the area.

This project will prove critical for the City of Palm Desert as we ensure our infrastructure meets the needs of our community. This was a project the City was eagerly anticipating in the FY25 project. As the Mayor of Palm Desert, I urge you to consider our request. Thank you in advance for your consideration.



Jan C. Harnik  
Mayor  
City of Palm Desert

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GREG WALLIS

ASSEMBLYMEMBER, FORTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT

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BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 3 ON  
EDUCATION FINANCE  
BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 5 ON  
STATE ADMINISTRATION

March 24, 2025

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**RE: Request for Support for City of Palm Desert's Cook Street Bridge Project.**

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This project will construct the bridge over the channel and will be a critical next step in the City's efforts to build flood resistant and climate resistant infrastructure throughout the City and mitigate future flood risks. The Cook Street Bridge project aims to enhance connectivity across the Whitewater Channel by providing a vital link for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. This bridge will not only improve access but also facilitate debris removal, ensuring safe and efficient movement across the area. The project will also contribute to the continuity of the CV Link, offering better mobility options for the community.

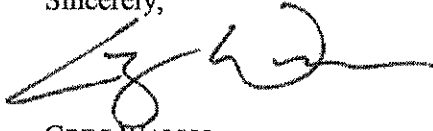
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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me and my office at  
Assemblymember.Wallis@assembly.ca.gov or (760) 346-6342.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Wallis', with a stylized flourish at the end.

GREG WALLIS  
Assemblymember, 47<sup>th</sup> District

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# COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

*Established in 1918 as a public agency*

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March 12, 2025

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**RE: Request for Support for City of Palm Desert's Cook Street Bridge Project**

Dear Senator Padilla, Senator Schiff, and Congressman Calvert:

I am writing in support of the City of Palm Desert's application for Community Project Funding to support the construction of the Cook Street Bridge Project ("Project"). The roads crossing the Whitewater River Stormwater Channel ("stormwater channel") were devastated by the effects of Tropical Storm Hilary, prompting the City to begin a wide variety of flood mitigation efforts. Constructing a fully elevated bridge for Cook Street within the City will allow the stormwater to flow unimpeded and protect this critical community arterial which connects our residents to healthcare, education (high school), and community resources.

This Project will construct the bridge over the stormwater channel and will be a critical next step in the City's efforts to build flood resistant and climate resistant infrastructure throughout the City and mitigate future flood risks. The Project aims to enhance connectivity across the stormwater channel by providing a vital link for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. This Project will not only improve access but also facilitate debris removal, ensuring safe and efficient movement across the area. The Project will also contribute to the continuity of the CV Link, offering better mobility options for the community.

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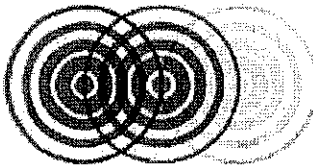
This Project is essential to improving regional connectivity and ensuring the safe movement of people and vehicles over the stormwater channel. By enhancing access, it will contribute to a more connected, resilient, and efficient transportation network in the area.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



J. M. Barrett  
General Manager



## **DESERT SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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March 14, 2025

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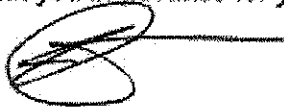
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Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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Jordan Aquino  
Assistant Superintendent, Business Services  
Desert Sands Unified School District