

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE



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The Economic Development Committee was challenged to review and/or investigate the following County departments as to their respective functions and procedures in the operations of their departments:

Economic Development

- Big Box Stores
- City of Needles
- County's Five-Year Plan

Redevelopment

- Cedar Glen Project
- San Sevaine Project

Workforce Development

Upon conclusion of the interviews and/or investigations, there were no final reports from the subcommittees of Economic Development or Workforce Development.

The efforts from the Redevelopment Subcommittee led to the following final report.

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

BACKGROUND

The County Redevelopment Agency serves to improve economic opportunities and affordable living conditions within established redevelopment project areas in the unincorporated county, through the effective and efficient utilization of California redevelopment law, appropriate use of tax increment revenues and cooperative programs with other County agencies and communities.

In 1995, the former Kaiser Steel Mill site and other blighted industrial properties located in the unincorporated area west of Fontana were incorporated into the San Sevaine Redevelopment Project Area. The major objectives of the project are to encourage private sector investment in the development and redevelopment of the area, by removing impediments to growth caused by ever-present toxic and hazardous waste, eliminating and/or preventing the spread of blight and deterioration, and correcting infrastructure deficiencies.

FINDINGS

The County's redevelopment project areas are very unique requiring staff to possess specialized knowledge and ability to perform the job. The existing positions require the knowledge of writing of comprehensive reports, act as a liaison, facilitate and conduct financial analyses, make public presentations and monitor legislation.

The redevelopment of the San Sevaine Project is well planned and being implemented successfully. Past toxic and hazardous waste problems may be a detriment to future redevelopment.

RECOMMENDATIONS

07-30 MONITOR THE PRESENT CONDITION OF THE SAN SEVAINE PROJECT AREAS, WHICH HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO POSSESS TOXIC AND HAZARDOUS WASTE.