

HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

REPORT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING DATE: September 15, 2016

FROM: Laura Fischer, General Manager

SUBJECT: Donation to Junior Chamber International (Imperial Valley Jaycees).

ISSUE: Shall the Board Authorize a Donation to the Junior Chamber International (Imperial Valley Jaycees)?

GENERAL MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize a donation in the amount of \$500 or more to the Imperial Jaycees to help in their efforts to alleviate food insecurity with Imperial County children.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Sponsorship contribution budget 2016-17 is a total of \$3,000. To date we have not expended any of these funds. The last donation was at the end of the prior Fiscal Year.

Our waste hauler, CR&R has provided the Heber Public Utility District with an additional \$2,000 to be used for community benefit and donations. We have not obligated these funds yet this Fiscal Year, thus they are available to use for this purpose.

DISCUSSION:

This item was placed on the agenda by President, Tony Sandoval, who is a founding member of the Junior Chamber International - Imperial Valley Chapter (Imperial Valley Jaycees).

The Jaycees have partnered with the Imperial Valley Food Bank to help alleviate food insecurity with Imperial County Children. The Jaycee's have set their fundraising goal to help 25 children at ~\$180 per child - \$4,500 total.

Mr. Sandoval checked with the Imperial Valley Food Bank and found that 25 children at Dogwood School were recipients of the Backpacks last year. No children at Heber School participated because the program was not "live" at Heber School in 2015 but will be "live" in 2016. The Food Bank anticipates that they will receive some additional participants in the program from Heber School.

CONCLUSION:

As there are funds available and this is a good opportunity for the Heber Public Utility District to contribute to the health and wellbeing of children in Heber and the entire Imperial County, staff recommends donation of \$1,000 to the Imperial Jaycees.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1) Do not support the Imperial Valley Jaycees and their efforts to alleviate food insecurities.
- 2) Support the Imperial Valley Jaycees with a donation of a lesser amount.
- 3) Provide alternate direction to staff.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laura Fischer, General Manager

