



## REPORT

**DATE ISSUED:** October 9, 2009 **REPORT NO:** HCR09-108

**ATTENTION:** Chair and Members of the Housing Commission  
For the Agenda of November 13, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Revised Utility Allowance Schedule for Public Housing Units (Council District 6)

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

Approval of the revised Utility Allowance Schedule for Public Housing residents as mandated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Housing Commission approve the revised Utility Allowance Schedule (Attachment 1) for the 36 Public Housing units located at Via Las Cumbres as mandated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The proposed utility allowance would be effective December 1, 2009, and staff would implement at the residents' annual recertification.

**BACKGROUND:**

Sections 965.502 and 965.507(a) (b) of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) require that housing agencies review utility allowances for Public Housing programs on an annual basis and revise allowances if there is a rate change of ten percent (10%) or more from the rates on which previous allowances were based. Regulations further require housing agencies to revise utility allowances between annual reviews whenever utility rates change by more than ten percent (10%).

Public housing residents purchase their gas and electric utilities individually and pay the supplier. The Housing Commission pays for water and removal of trash. The utility allowance calculation is based on current SDG&E residential utility rates for the cost of electricity and gas and is being conducted in accordance with an Engineering Associates report.

**FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

None. Residents continue to pay thirty percent (30%) of their income for total housing cost.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL and/or COMMITTEE ACTION:**

The Housing Commission has approved revised Utility Allowance Schedules for Public Housing residents since 1991, the most recent revisions was done on December 2, 2005.

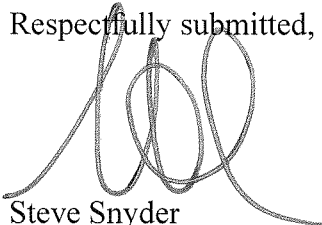
**COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS:**

Regulations require housing agencies to seek public housing resident comment prior to the approval and implementation of revised utility allowances schedule. During the comment period, staff received one response and the comments were on unrelated topics.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:**

The proposed activity is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); therefore, no CEQA environmental review is required. Because no federal funding is involved in this activity, processing under the National Environmental Policy Act is not required

Respectfully submitted,



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Approved by,



Carrol M. Vaughan  
Executive Vice President &  
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Attachments: Proposed Utility Allowance Schedule

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Proposed Utility Allowance Table - to Be Effective December 1, 2009

Unit Address		Bdrms	No. Units	Energy Source	Current Allowance	Proposed Allowance
2055-2089	Via Las Cumbres	1	10	Gas & Electric	\$35	<b>\$28</b>
2055-2089	Via Las Cumbres	2	26	Gas & Electric	\$57	<b>\$36</b>