#### CALIFORNIA TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

## Project Staff Report 2008 First Round Cycle June 20, 2008

Project Number CA-2008-015

**Project Name** Paseo de los Heroes II

Site Address: Northeast Corner of Avenue 64 and Lincoln Street

Mecca, CA 92254 County: Riverside

Census Tract: 0456.04

**Applicant Information** 

Applicant: Coachella Valley Housing Coalition

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General Partner Type: Nonprofit

**Information** 

Set-Aside: Rural / RHS 514 Housing Type: Large Family

Geographic Area: N/A

**Eligible Basis** 

Requested: \$14,162,058 Actual: \$17,328,824 Maximum Permitted: \$14,162,058

**Adjustments to Threshold Basis Limit:** 

Required to Pay Prevailing Wages 
Local Development Impact Fees

Tax Credit AmountsFederal/AnnualState/TotalRequested:\$1,151,942\$4,163,645Recommended:\$1,151,942\$4,163,645

**Project Information** 

Construction Type: New Construction

Federal Subsidy: USDA RHS 514 / RHS 521 Rental Subsidy

Total # of Units: 53 Total # Residential Buildings: 52

**Income/Rent Targeting** 

Federal Set-Aside Elected: 40%/60% 
% & No. of Tax Credit Units: 100% - 52 units

Breakdown by %: 10% @ 30%, 10% @ 40%, 50% @ 50%

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Selection Criteria	Max. Possible Points	Requested Points	Points Awarded
Cost Efficiency/Credit Reduction/Public Funds Maximum of 20 points	20	20	20
☐ Credit Reduction	20	2	2
□ Public Funds	18	18	18
Owner / Management Characteristics Maximum of 9 points	9	9	9
General Partner Experience	6	6	6
Management Experience	3	3	3
Negative Points			
Housing Needs Maximum of 10 points	10	10	10
Site Amenities Maximum of 15 points	15	14	14
Within 1500 feet of a regular bus stop or rapid transit system stop	3	3	3
Rural project within 1 mile of public park or community center open to general public	2	2	2
Rural project within 1 mile of public library	2	2	2
Rural project within 1 mile of a full-scale grocery store w/ staples/fresh meat/produce	3	3	3
Rural Large Family project within 1 mile of public school project children may attend	2	2	2
Rural project within 1.5 miles of medical clinic or hospital	2	2	2
Service Amenities Maximum of 10 points	10	10	10
☐ Educational classes	5	5	5
After school programs of an ongoing nature for school age children	5	5	5
Sustainable Building Methods Maximum of 8 points	8	8	8
New construction/adaptive reuse increases energy efficiency 10% above Title 24	4	4	4
Flow restrictors for kitchen & bath faucets or water-saving fixtures	1	1	1
Minimum 1 High Efficiency Toilet (1.3 gpf) or dual flush	2	2	2
Rainwater retention at ½ inch rainfall per 24-hour period	1	1	1
Lowest Income Maximum of 52 points	52	52	52
■ Basic Targeting	50	50	50
Deeper Targeting – at least 10% of units @ 30% AMI or less	2	2	2
Readiness to Proceed Maximum of 20 points	20	20	20
State credit substitution Maximum of 2 points	2	2	2
Total Points	146	145	145

# **Tie-Breaker Information**

Tie-Breaker Categories Apply to this Project: No First: Housing Type **Large Family** 

Second: Calculated Ratio per Regulation 10325(c)(12) **86.671%** 

## **2008 Rents**

<u>Unit Type &amp; Number</u>		% of Area Median Income	<b>Proposed Rent</b>
			(including utilities)
2	Two-Bedroom	30%	\$448
2	Two-Bedroom	40%	\$599
7	Two-Bedroom	50%	\$748
2	Three-Bedroom	30%	\$519
2	Three-Bedroom	40%	\$692
29	Three-Bedroom	50%	\$865
2	Four-Bedroom	30%	\$579
2	Four-Bedroom	40%	\$773
4	Four-Bedroom	50%	\$966
1	Three-Bedroom	Manager's Unit	\$0

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The general partner or principal owner is Coachella Valley Housing Coalition.

The project developer is Coachella Valley Housing Coalition.

The management agent is Hyder & Company.

The market analyst is Laurin Associates.

The Local Reviewing Agency, the Housing Authority of the County of Riverside, has completed a site review of this project and strongly supports this project.

### **Project Financing**

Estimated Total Project Cost: \$18,814,612 Per Unit Cost: \$354,993 Construction Cost Per Sq. Foot: \$187

#### **Construction Financing**

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Source	Amount	Source	Amount
Wells Fargo Bank	\$10,500,000	USDA RHS – 514	\$3,000,000
USDA RHS – 514	\$3,000,000	HCD – Joe Serna Jr. Farm Worker	\$1,000,000
HCD – Joe Serna Jr. Farm Worker	\$1,000,000	Riverside County RDA	\$1,525,000
Riverside County RDA	\$1,525,000	Deferred Developer Fee	\$200,000
Investor Equity	\$1,700,000	General Partner Equity	\$314,500
		Investor Equity	\$12,775,112
		TOTAL	\$18,814,612

### **Determination of Credit Amount(s)**

Requested Eligible Basis:	\$14,162,058
130% High Cost Adjustment:	No
Applicable Fraction:	100%
Qualified Basis Credit Reduction (2%)	\$283,241
Qualified Basis:	\$13,878,817
Applicable Rate:	8.30%
Total Maximum Annual Federal Credit:	\$1,151,942
Total State Credit:	\$4,163,645
Approved Developer Fee in Project Cost:	\$1,400,000
Approved Developer Fee in Eligible Basis:	\$1,400,000
Tax Credit Factor: Community Economics, Inc.	\$0.81458

Applicant requests and staff recommends annual federal credits of \$1,151,942 and total state credits of \$4,163,645, based on a qualified basis of \$13,878,817 and a funding shortfall of \$12,775,112.

#### **Cost Analysis and Line Item Review**

The requested eligible basis \$14,162,058 is equal to TCAC's threshold basis limit \$14,162,058. The basis limit was increased by the following extraordinary features: projects that are required to pay state or federal prevailing wages and local development impact fees. Staff analysis of project costs to determine reasonableness found most fees to be within TCAC's underwriting guidelines and TCAC limitations with the exception of the contractor overhead, profit, and general requirement costs as explained in the Special Issues section of this report below.

Annual operating expenses exceed the minimum operating expenses established in the Regulations, and the project pro forma shows a positive cash flow from year one.

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Staff has calculated federal tax credits based on 8.30% of the qualified basis, or, in the case of acquisition Credit or Credit combined with federal subsidies, 3.60%. Applicants are cautioned to consider the expected federal rate when negotiating with investors. TCAC's financial evaluation at project completion will determine the final allocation.

**Special Issues/Other Significant Information:** The contactor overhead, profit, and general requirement cost and basis figures in the development budget slightly exceed the 14% limit established by regulation. At final review prior to the issuance of the IRS tax forms, any costs or basis that exceeds the limit will not be allowed.

**Legal Status:** Staff has reviewed the Applicant's responses to the questions contained in the Legal Status portion of the Application. No information was disclosed that raised any question regarding the financial viability or legal integrity of the applicant.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Committee make a preliminary reservation of tax credits, in the following amount(s) contingent upon standard conditions and any additional conditions imposed by the Committee:

Federal/Annual \$1,151,942

**State/Total \$4,163,645** 

#### **Standard Conditions**

An application for a carryover allocation must be submitted by October 31, 2008, as required by regulation section 10328(d), together with the applicable allocation fee and all required documentation. The time for meeting the "10%" test and submitting related documentation will be no later than six (6) months after the date of the executed carryover allocation (as defined by IRC Section 42 and IRS Notices). The applicant must ensure the project meets all Additional Threshold Requirements for the housing type of the proposed project.

The applicant must submit all documentation required for a Final Reservation no later than February 1 of the year that the building(s) must be placed in service pursuant to Section 42(h)(E)(i) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The applicant shall provide the Committee a Final Reservation application providing the documentation for the project set forth in Section 10322(i)(1) of these regulations. Failure to provide the documentation at the time required may result in rescission of the Credit reservation and cancellation of a carryover allocation.

TCAC makes the preliminary reservation only for the project specified above in the form presented, and involving the parties referred to in the application. No changes in the development team or the project as presented will be permitted without the express approval of TCAC.

The applicant must pay TCAC a performance deposit and allocation fee calculated in accordance with regulation. The performance deposit must be paid by cashier's check within 20 calendar days of any preliminary reservation. The allocation fee must be paid within a time period specified in the preliminary reservation letter. The allocation fee will be due prior to execution of a carryover allocation or issuance of tax forms, whichever comes first. Additionally, TCAC requires the project owner to pay a monitoring fee before issuance of tax forms.

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As project costs are preliminary estimates only, staff recommends that a reservation be made in the amount of federal credit and state credit shown above on condition that the final project costs be supported by itemized lender approved costs and certified costs after the buildings are placed in service.

All unexpended funds in reserve accounts established for the project must remain with the project to be used for the benefit of the property and/or its residents, except for the portion of any accounts funded with deferred developer fees.

All fees charged to the project must be within TCAC limitations. Fees in excess of these limitations will not be considered when determining the amount of credit when the project is placed-in-service.

The applicant/owner shall be subject to underwriting criteria set forth in Section 10327 of the regulations through the final feasibility analysis performed by TCAC at placed-in-service.

Credit awards are contingent upon applicant's acceptance of any revised total project cost, qualified basis and tax credit amount determined by TCAC in its final feasibility analysis.

If points were awarded for service amenities, the applicant will be required to provide such amenity or amenities identified in the application, for a minimum period of ten years and at no cost to the tenants.

Applicants that received points for sustainable building methods (energy efficiency) must submit the certification required by Section 10325(c)(8) at project completion.

Applicants that received increases (exceptions to limits) in the threshold basis limit under Section 10327(c)(5) must submit the certification required by Section 10322(i)(2)(P) at project completion.

#### **Additional Conditions:**

Applicants that received 20 points for readiness to proceed must meet ALL of the following requirements. The applicant must be ready to begin construction within 150 days of the Credit Reservation which is November 17, 2008, as evidenced by submission, within that time of, recorded deeds of trust for all construction financing, payment of all construction lender fees, issuance of building permits and notice to proceed delivered to the contractor. Failure to meet this timeline will result in rescission of the Credit Reservation.

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