

May 1, 2014

To: Mayor and City Council Members

From: Douglas G. Faseler
City Manager

Re: LEED Certification for the Library Building Project

On April 15, 2014, city staff and the Library Selection Committee, which includes Mayor Pro Tem Medrano, and Council Members Pees and Dodgen, met with the Architectural Design and Construction Manager at Risk team regarding “Green” concepts in the design and operation of the new Library. We discussed the design of the building in detail and how design elements and building materials could earn the project LEED Certification. LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design and is recognized in the industry as the premier mark of achievement in green building practices. Please see the attached information regarding LEED certification. LEED certified buildings are energy efficient, conserve water, reduce the amount of solid waste generated and committed to landfills, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and create safer, more healthful indoor environments for occupants of buildings, and generally cost less to operate and maintain.

The attached scoring sheet was provided and points for design elements that are already anticipated to be incorporated in the building were indicated. The results of which indicated that the LEED certification for the Library is very obtainable.

Staff and the Committee then asked the design and construction team to prepare and provide a proposal on what the professional fees would be to seek the LEED certification. The attached fee schedule was provided. The additional cost would not exceed \$63,000.

On April 23, 2014, staff and the Library Selection Committee met to discuss the additional services. After much discussion the Committee was in full agreement to recommend that the LEED certification be sought. Please see the attached resolution for City Council consideration.