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**Board of Supervisors Approves I-Bank Loan for
Essential Fifth District Infrastructure**

Supervisor Michael Rubio is proud to announce that the Kern County Board of Supervisors has approved a proposed application to the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (I-Bank) for a \$7.5 million loan to construct curb, gutter, and drainage improvements in designated low and moderate income neighborhoods within the Fifth District.

In order to pay back this loan, the Supervisor has committed substantial portions of his federally-funded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) annual funds. Both Supervisors Ray Watson and Don Maben have expressed developing similar arrangements for their own supervisorial districts. Already in the last year, Supervisor Rubio committed the necessary funds to pay for the design costs essential to begin construction as soon as possible. With this arrangement, the loan will provide these funds up-front and will be paid out of annual Fifth District CDBG allotments over the next 15 to 20 years.

“We will finally be able to take care of essential infrastructure problems that have plagued the Fifth District for decades,” said Supervisor Rubio. “Over nine miles of curb, gutter and drainage will be constructed in communities throughout the district, finally putting a serious dent in the lack of essential infrastructure essential to any developed community. Some areas of the Fifth District resemble Third World conditions and we are resolutely taking a stand in helping communities in Kern County rise out of these dire circumstances.”