



SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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FROM: General Manager, Park District

SUBMITTAL DATE: December 18, 2002

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 2003-1 Amending the Rules for Riverside County Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Directors adopts Resolution 2003-1 Amending the Rules for Riverside County Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act.

BACKGROUND: Under the proposal, when an activity is substantially funded or sponsored by the Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District (District) and is processed by the General Manager of the District, the General Manager would perform those functions, which would otherwise be performed by the Planning Director, including determining whether the project may have a significant impact on the environment and preparing the required documents prior to submittal of the project to the approving body for decision.

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Paul Frandsen, General Manager
Regional Park & Open-Space District

Form11/348-Resolution to Amend CEQA- Park District

FINANCIAL DATA: Not Applicable
CURRENT YEAR COST \$
NET COUNTY COST \$

ANNUAL COST:\$
IN CURRENT YEAR BUDGET:\$
BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FY:\$

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

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County Executive Office Signature

Prev. Agn. ref.

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AGENDA NO.

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Department Recommendation:
Per Executive Office:
Consent Policy
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The Planning Department is currently the designated agency to perform the environmental analysis of projects, which are substantially funded or sponsored by the District for preparation of the appropriate environmental forms.

Approval of this proposal would direct the District to assume full responsibility of the environmental review of its own projects. Assuming responsibility in these matters would enable the District to maintain better time control and coordination over its projects, many of which are funded through the State of California's Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000 (Proposition 12), and the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40), both of which have explicit time lines. It is also believed there would be a cost savings to the District by processing its own projects. The action would provide similar responsibility and authority for environmental review as the Board has already assigned to the Economic Development Agency, the Waste Management Department, and the Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

The Regional Parks and Open-Space District is qualified to assume the function of environmental review and document preparation for its projects based upon the following:

- 1) The Park District's CEQA process is supervised by an Assistant General Manager who has a Master's Degree in City Planning and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners;
- 2) Park District's Park Planner and Assistant Park Planners (two of whom came from the Planning Department) know and understand CEQA, its regulations, and Riverside County's General Plan and ordinances as well as Planners in the Planning Department and are experienced in the preparation and processing of environmental documents;
- 3) Park District's Planning Division more thoroughly understands the Park District's systems and facility operations;
- 4) The technical data needed to prepare an environmental assessment and mitigation-monitoring program are housed in and interpreted by Park District's Planning Division staff; and
- 5) CEQA is a complex document that changes periodically. As part of its acceptance of the CEQA process, the District will commit to keeping its Planning Division staff current with the rules and changes to CEQA by having them attend annual training and/or classes on the CEQA process.

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3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2003-1**

4 **AMENDING THE RULES FOR RIVERSIDE COUNTY IMPLEMENTING THE CALIFORNIA**
5 **ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**
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7 **BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED** by the Board of Directors of the Regional Park & Open
8 Space District of the County of Riverside, State of California, in regular session assembled on February
9 11, 2003 that the "Rules for Riverside County Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act,"
10 adopted June 15, 1982, and previously amended, are further amended as follows:

11 I. Section 111. is amended to read as follows:

12 Section 111.

13 a. When an activity is substantially funded or sponsored by the Riverside County
14 Economic Development Agency and is processed by the Managing Director of the Agency, the Managing
15 Director shall perform those functions that would otherwise be performed by the Planning Director,
16 including determining whether the project may have a significant impact on the environment and
17 preparing the required documents prior to submittal of the project to the approving body for decision.

18 b. When an activity is substantially funded or sponsored by the Riverside County Waste
19 Management Department and is processed by the Director of Waste Management, the Director shall
20 perform those functions that would otherwise be performed by the Planning Director, including
21 determining whether the project may have a significant impact on the environment and preparing the
22 required documents prior to submittal of the project to the approving body for decision.

23 c. When an Area Drainage Plan is prepared or updated by the Riverside County Flood
24 Control and Water Conservation District and is processed by the General Manager-Chief Engineer, the
25 General Manager-Chief Engineer shall perform those functions that would otherwise be performed by the
26 Planning Director, including determining whether the project may have a significant impact on the
27 environment and preparing the required documents prior to submittal of the project to the approving body

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COUNTY COUNSEL
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1 for decision.

2 d. When an activity is substantially funded or sponsored by the Riverside County
3 Regional Park & Open-Space District or by the Riverside County Parks Department and is processed by
4 the General Manager of the District or the Parks Director, the General Manager or Director shall perform
5 those functions that would otherwise be performed by the Planning Director, including determining
6 whether the project may have a significant impact on the environment and preparing the required
7 documents prior to submittal of the project to the approving body for decision.

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