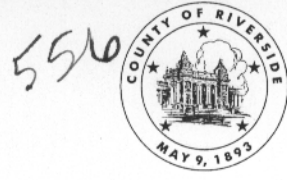




**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**FROM:** Regional Park & Open-Space District

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** June 19, 2003

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR INTERIM MANAGEMENT  
OF WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY MSHCP WILDLIFE HABITAT PROPERTIES  
(First, Second, Third, and Fifth Districts)**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Directors:

- 1) Approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County of Riverside and the Riverside County Regional Park and Open Space District for Interim Management of Wildlife Habitat Properties Acquired for the Western Riverside County MSHCP;
- 2) Authorize the Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA Director and Park District General Manager to take all actions necessary to administer the MOU in accordance with its terms and conditions.

**BACKGROUND:**

As authorized by your Board, the County Economic Development Agency (EDA) is negotiating the Acquisition of open space and wildlife habitat properties to support the conservation provisions of the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP).

Brad Hudson, Executive Officer/EDA Director  
Economic Development Agency

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

**FINANCIAL DATA:**

CURRENT YEAR COST: \$25,000  
NET COUNTY COST: \$0  
BUDGET ADJUSTMENT: No  
Companion Item on Board of Supervisors Agenda: Yes

ANNUAL COST: \$25,000  
IN CURRENT YEAR BUDGET: Yes (FY 03/04)  
FOR FY: 03/04

FORM APPROVED  
COUNTY COUNSEL

JUN 23 2003

BY   
ASSISTANT COUNTY COUNSEL

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** Habitat Environmental Mitigation Fund (Fund No. 22451)

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

**APPROVE**

County Executive Office Signature

Department Recommendation:  Consent  Policy  
Per Executive Office  Consent  Policy

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR INTERIM MANAGEMENT OF WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY MSHCP WILDLIFE HABITAT PROPERTIES (First, Second, Third, and Fifth Districts)**

**BACKGROUND Cont'd:**

An entity will be selected to manage County-owned habitat properties pursuant to the provisions of the MSHCP upon formation of the Regional Conservation Authority (RCA). Since it will be some time before the RCA is formed and prepared to contract with a management entity, it is essential to provide interim management services in order to protect the biological resources upon which the conservation assurances of the MSHCP depend. At this time, the County has acquired or otherwise conserved approximately 4,166 acres of wildlife habitat property for the MSHCP. An additional 2,347 acres are in escrow, bringing the total conservation area to 6,513 acres.

Representatives of EDA, the Regional Park and Open Space District (Park District), and the Executive Office have met with TLMA Director Richard Lashbrook to jointly develop the attached MOU. All agreed that interim management of MSHCP properties should be focused on regular patrol and trash removal, control of trespass and illegal dumping, and weed abatement as required by applicable State law and County ordinances. Salient provisions of the MOU include the following:

1. All MSHCP habitat properties will be evaluated by the Park District, which will meet with EDA, the Executive Office, and the TLMA Director to determine the types of interim management services to be provided as needs dictate for each property;
2. Park District open space management personnel previously approved by your Board will provide interim management services. The Assistant CEO/EDA Director will administer the Agreement on behalf of the County, and the General Manager will act as administrator for the Park District;
3. An initial budget of \$25,000 will be established for Fiscal Year 2003-04 to finance materials, supplies, and services directly related to the management of MSHCP properties. That budget will be re-evaluated on a quarterly basis by EDA and the Park District in consultation with the Executive Office and the TLMA Director as management experience is amassed and additional MSHCP conservation properties are acquired. Supplemental funding requests may be submitted to your Board in the future if necessitated by increased conservation acreage or other factors;
4. With the approval of the Board of Supervisors and Park District Board of Directors, either party upon provision of thirty days written notice may terminate the MOU. Neither party may assign its interest in the MOU without the approval of the Board of Supervisors and Park District Board of Directors.

County Counsel has reviewed the attached MOU and approves its contents as to form.