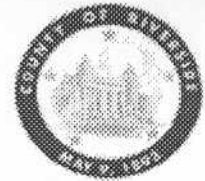


**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Executive Office

SUBMITTAL DATE:
September 15, 2003

SUBJECT: Authorization to Submit a Habitat Conservation Fund Program Application for Deer and Mountain Lion to State Parks

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- (1) Authorize the Executive Office to submit a Habitat Conservation Fund Program Application for Deer and Mountain Lion to State Parks.
- (2) Approve Resolution 2003-467 for the Habitat Conservation Fund Program Application.
- (3) Direct the Clerk of the Board to file the Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk.

BACKGROUND: The Executive Office proposes to submit a Habitat Conservation Fund Program application for \$250,000 to acquire open space/resource lands in the Wilson Creek area. The filing deadline for the grant is October 1, 2003. The County has negotiated a purchase price and agreement with the land owner, pending funding of the project. Due to the importance of acquisitions in the Wilson Creek area, the Executive Office is proposing to match grant funding with \$250,000 in Ordinance 810 (Interim Open Space Mitigation) funds. Grant funding, if successful, would be in FY 2004-2005. Purchase of the property is subject to a fair market appraisal.

Departmental Concurrence

BY ASSISTANT COUNTY COUNSEL

Katherine Gifford

Katherine Gifford
Senior Management Analyst

FINANCIAL DATA

Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ N/A	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
Annual Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	For Fiscal Year:	FY 2004-2005

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Grant Application: \$250,000. Ordinance No. 810
Funding (Fund No. 30547): \$250,000.

Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature

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 Per Exec. Ofc.:

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FORM APPROVED
COUNTY COUNSEL

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1 RESOLUTION NO. 2003-467
2 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
3 RIVERSIDE COUNTY

4 APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR
5 THE LOCAL AGENCY GRANT PROGRAM – FISCAL YEAR 2004 UNDER THE HABITAT
6 CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM, FOR DEER AND MOUNTAIN LION, OF THE CALIFORNIA
7 WILDLIFE PROTECTION ACT OF 1990 FOR THE WILSON CREEK PROJECT

8 WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the California Wildlife Protection
9 Act of 1990, which provides funds to the State of California for grants to local agencies to acquire
10 and/or develop facilities for public recreational and fish and wildlife habitat protection; and

11 WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the
12 responsibility for administration of a portion of the program within the State, setting up necessary
13 procedures governing application by local agencies under the program; and

14 WHEREAS, said procedures and criteria established by the State Department of Parks and
15 Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of the applications before
16 submission of said application to the State; and

17 WHEREAS, said application contains assurances that the applicant must comply with.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors
19 approves the filing of an application for the Habitat Conservation Fund Grant Program under the
20 California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990 State grant assistance for the Wilson Creek project; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors that it certifies that the County of
22 Riverside understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors that it certifies that the County of
24 Riverside has available prior to commencement of any work on the project included in this application,
25 the required match and will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project; and

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors appoints the County Executive
27 Officer, or his designee, as agent of the County of Riverside to conduct all negotiations, execute and
28 submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment
requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

1 The foregoing resolution was approved and adopted by the RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF
2 SUPERVISORS this twenty-third day of September, 2003.

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COUNTY COUNSEL

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BY 
ASSISTANT COUNTY COUNSEL

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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

TRANSPORTATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY



Richard K. Lashbrook
Agency Director

Planning Department

Robert C. Johnson
Planning Director

Notice of Exemption

PROJECT CASE NO./TITLE: The Acquisition of Property in the Wilson Valley, Western Riverside County, CA

PROJECT SPONSOR: County of Riverside

PROJECT LOCATION: Unincorporated areas of Riverside County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The County of Riverside is acquiring acreage in the Wilson Valley as part of the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) for the long-term protection and conservation of open space and habitat to ensure the survival of listed, sensitive and/or threatened species. This area has been identified as a priority conservation area in the MSHCP and critical to the linkage of several existing reserves.

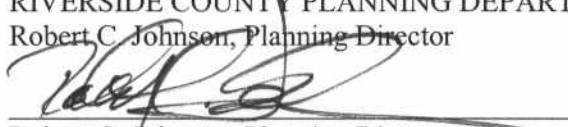
The Planning Department has found that the project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA based on the following:

- (c) **State EIR Guidelines: Section 15313.** The project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to a categorical exemption. Class 13 consists of the acquisition of lands for fish and wildlife conservation purposes including preservation of fish and wildlife habitat, establishing ecological reserves under Fish and Game Code Section 1580, and preserving access to public lands and waters where the purpose of the acquisition is to preserve the land in its natural condition.

Findings:

1. *The proposal is located within the unincorporated areas of Riverside County.*
2. *The proposal will not have adverse effects upon the environment.*
3. *The proposal will not reduce the population of fish and wildlife below self-sustaining levels.*
4. *The proposal will prevent the elimination of plant and animal communities.*
5. *The proposal will ensure the long-term protection of the environment.*
6. *The proposal will not individually or cumulatively have adverse effects on wildlife resources.*

RIVERSIDE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT
Robert C. Johnson, Planning Director



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FOR COUNTY CLERK'S USE ONLY

Please charge deposit fee case #: