

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

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FROM: County Executive Office

SUBMITTAL DATE:
October 7, 2003

SUBJECT: Adoption of a Negative Declaration for Coachella Valley Animal Campus

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt the De Minimus Finding as there is no evidence that the proposed project will have a potential or adverse effect on wildlife resources; and
2. Adopt the Negative Declaration for the environmental assessment for the construction of a 28,260 square foot animal shelter-type facility to be located on a 5-acre parcel adjacent to the Animal Samaritans facility based on the findings incorporated in the initial study and the conclusion that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment; and
3. Make the following findings:
 - a. The project is consistent with all of the elements of the Riverside County Comprehensive General Plan and the Western Coachella Valley Area Plan.
 - b. The project is compatible with the present and future development of the surrounding property.
 - c. The project does not conflict with the interests of public health, safety and welfare of the community.
 - d. There is no evidence that the project will have an adverse effect on wildlife resources.

Departmental Concurrence

MICHAEL E. O'CONNOR, Deputy County Executive Officer

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$	Budget Adjustment:
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$	For Fiscal Year: 2003/04

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

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

FORM APPROVED
COUNTY COUNSEL

County Executive Office Signature

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BY

- Policy
- Policy
- Consent
- Consent

Dept Recomm.:
Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: 4 and 5

Agenda Number:

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California Department of Fish and Game
Certificate of Fee Exemption

DeMinimus Impact Finding

Project Title/Location (include county): Coachella Valley Animal Campus
County of Riverside
APN: 650-020-003
30-480 Rio Del Sol
North East Corner of Rio Del Sol and Del Norte in the
unincorporated community of Thousand Palms, in the
County of Riverside

Name and Address of Project Applicant: County of Riverside, County Executive Office
82-675 Highway 111, Room 3130
Indio, CA 92201

Project Description: The proposed project is located in the County of Riverside in the unincorporated community of Thousand Palms. The proposed project would be located on Rio Del Sol Road on the north side of Interstate 10. The proposed Animal Campus project consists of a 28,260 square foot animal shelter-type facility to be located on a 5-acre parcel adjacent to the Animal Samaritans facility. The facility would serve the County of Riverside and the seven cities of: Desert Hot Springs, Cathedral City, Rancho Mirage, Palm Desert, Indian Wells, La Quinta, and Coachella. The facility will include a full-service kennel for stray animals, spay and neuter services, and an adopt-a-pet program.

FINDINGS OF EXEMPTION:

1. An Initial Study has been prepared by the Lead Agency to evaluate the project's effects on wildlife resources, if any.
2. The Lead Agency hereby finds that there is no evidence before the City that the project will have any potential for adverse effect on the environment.
3. The project *will will not result in any changes to the following resources:
 - A) Riparian land, rivers, streams, watercourses and wetlands;
 - (B) Native and non-native plant life and the soil required to sustain habitat for fish and wildlife;
 - (C) Rare and unique plant life and ecological communities dependant on plant life;
 - (D) Listed threatened and endangered plants and animals and the habitat in which they are believed to reside;
 - (E) All species listed as protected or identified for special management in the Fish and Game Code, the Public Resources Code, the Water Code or regulations adopted thereunder;
 - (F) All marine and terrestrial species subject to the jurisdiction of the Department of Fish and Game and the ecological communities in which they reside; and
 - (G) All air and water resources, the degradation of which will individually or cumulatively result in a loss of biological diversity among the plants and animals residing in that air and water.

* If the project will result in changes to any of these resources, the County has, on the basis of substantial evidence, "rebutted" the presumption of adverse effect to these resources. A statement in support of this rebuttal is attached.

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the Lead Agency has made the above finding(s) of fact and based upon the Initial Study and the hearing record the project will not individually or cumulatively have an adverse effect on wildlife resources, as defined in Section 711.2 of the Fish and Game Code.

Lead Agency Representative

Title: Michael O'Connor, Deputy County Executive Officer, (760) 863-8340

Lead Agency: County of Riverside

Date: October 7, 2003

Notice of Determination

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, California 95814

FROM: County of Riverside
County Executive Office
82-675 Highway 111, Room 3130
Indio, CA 92201

County Clerk
County of Riverside

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code

Project Title

Coachella Valley Animal Campus

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse)

N/A

Contact Person

Area Code/Telephone Extension

Michael O'Connor, Deputy County Executive Officer (760) 863-8340

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This is to advise that the

County of Riverside

(Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)

has approved the above described project on:

October 7, 2003

(Date)

and has made the following determination regarding the above described project:

- The project will have a significant effect on the environment.
 will not have a significant effect on the environment
- An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
- Mitigation measures were, were not, made a condition of the approval of the project.
- A statement of Overriding Considerations was, was not, adopted for this project.

This is to certify that the Negative Declaration with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at:

82-675 Highway 111, Room 31-30, Indio CA, 92201

Date Received for filing and posting at OPR:

Signature (Public Agency)

Title