

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

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

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
10/2/03

**SUBJECT:** Adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for Environmental Assessment No. 38521 for the Upgrade and Expansion of Mayflower Park on the Colorado River

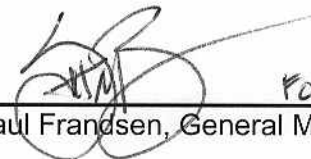
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board:

1. adopt the De Minimus finding that there is no evidence that this project will have an adverse impact on wildlife resources; and
2. adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration for Environmental Assessment 38521.

**BACKGROUND:** The Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District proposes to upgrade Mayflower Park by: renovating campsites to include new electrical, water, sewer, phone, and cable TV connections; renovating tent sites to include water and electrical connections; renovating the existing restroom facility for ADA compliance; and repaving all interior park drives.

Sixty-two acres on the north and west sides of the park have been purchased to expand the park. The expansion will include the addition of a new entry station, septic system, camp store building, shade armadas, and unisex restroom; full hookup camping sites; and a new interior access road to all new campsites. The analysis and findings contained in the attached Initial Study for Environmental Assessment No. 38521 support the adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration.

393-Mayflower Upgrades & Expansion & EA No. 38521

  
Paul Frandsen, General Manager

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b> n/a	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$	In Current Year Budget:
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$	Budget Adjustment:
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$	For Fiscal Year:

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b>	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**



Dep't Recomm.:  Consent  Policy   
Per Exec. Ofc.:  Consent  Policy

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CLERK OF THE BOARD  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA

**ATTACHMENTS FILED  
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD**

District: IV

Agenda Number:

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**Subject:** Adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration for Environmental Assessment No. 38521 and Approval of the Upgrading and Expansion of Mayflower Park on the Colorado River

The availability of Environmental Assessment No. 38521 for public review was advertised in the Desert Sun. A Notice of Intent to issue a Mitigated Negative Declaration and a copy of Environmental Assessment No. 38521 was mailed to a number of agencies and to neighbors of the project area. The public review period extended from April 2, 2003 through April 22, 2003.

The Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District received two comments on the Environmental Assessment. John and Marilyn Norris expressed concern about the entrance off of Colorado River Road being left open. They walk daily into the park and use the park pay phones when their cell phone doesn't work. The District does not intend to close this entrance to the park.

The County Sheriff's Department commented that it supports the project as submitted but suggested that the District contact the captain at the Blythe Sheriff's Station to seek additional comments. The District will have the Blythe Sheriff's captain review the proposed design of the park when it becomes available. The District is currently in the process of hiring a firm to do the design work.

The Environmental Assessment identified one issue that required further study. Mayflower Park and the expansion area fall within a potential liquefaction zone. The District had a geotechnical investigation of the park and expansion area done by Southland Geotechnical, Inc. (study attached). This investigation determined that due to the dense nature of the granular soils on the site, the liquefaction potential is low and no further mitigation for liquefaction is needed.