

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

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Departmental Concurrence

FROM: Transportation and Land Management Agency

SUBMITTAL DATE:
November 17, 2003

SUBJECT: Modification Number 11 to the Cooperative Agreement between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the County of Riverside and Associated Appropriation Adjustments

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve Modification Number 11 to the Cooperative Agreement between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the County of Riverside (Attachment A) and authorize the TLMA Director to execute the agreement on behalf of the County;
2. Approve the use of Habitat Environmental Mitigation funds in the amount of \$500,000 for the County's local matching funds to federal planning dollars; and,
3. Direct the Auditor-Controller to make the budget adjustments outlined in Attachment B.

BACKGROUND: During the past decade, Congress has appropriated money for the purpose of supporting Natural Communities Conservation Planning (NCCP) efforts in California. Riverside County has been a recipient of a portion of these annual federal planning dollars through a cooperative agreement with the USFWS. The money is directed toward the ongoing development of the western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP).

Richard Lashbrook
TLMA Director

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 500,000	In Current Year Budget:	No
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	Yes
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2003-04

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 50% Federal NCCP Funds, and 50% County Habitat Environmental Mitigation Funds (22451)	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

County Executive Office Signature

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

Prev. Agn. Ref.: | **District:** All | **Agenda Number:** 3.47

FISCAL PROCEDURES APPROVED
ROBERT E. BYRD, Auditor-Controller

BY Robert E. Byrd 11/17/03
Deputy

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Execution of Modification Number 11 (included as Attachment A) would provide the vehicle by which Riverside County could draw down an additional \$500,000 in federal funding. The federal NCCP funds require a 50/50 local match. If approved, the County's local match of \$500,000 will be derived from the County's Habitat Mitigation Fund.

It should be noted that, since the County's June 2003 request for federal NCCP planning funds, two events have occurred. First, the MSHCP permit has been delayed beyond the estimated completion date of September 2003. This has resulted in consultant costs incurred by the County. Second, the California Department of Fish and Game is reevaluating its approach to the preparation of the base line inventory of species (we had estimated \$100,000 for this program in our June funding request). Staff is seeking agreement from the USFWS to move \$100,000 from the "Prepare Base Line Inventory" line item to the line item entitled "Manage and Coordinate Preparation of MSHCP/NCCP."

The \$100,000 described above was originally intended to be used to complete the biological baseline studies and initiate the monitoring program required by the MSHCP; both of which will need to proceed early next year. Since we are proposing to move the \$100,000 to cover more immediate needs related to plan completion and permit issuance, the County will need to find alternate funding by January/February 2004 so that the monitoring program can continue through the upcoming winter/spring survey season.