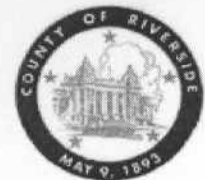


**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE
DISTRICT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Regional Park & Open-Space District

SUBMITTAL DATE:
9/20/04

SUBJECT: Authorization to Submit an Application to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for an Incidental Take Permit under the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That your Board:

1. Authorize the Park District to submit the attached application for an Incidental Take Permit to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for potential participation in the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan; and
2. Authorize the General Manager to execute the Application on behalf of the Park District.

BACKGROUND: For more than ten years, the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) has been the lead agency in the development of the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP). In January 2003, Park District staff participated in discussions with CVAG concerning a previous draft of the MSHCP, and at that time, comments were provided and some minor modifications were suggested to CVAG staff.

Park District staff has been informed by CVAG counsel that CVAG intends to release a draft MSHCP for public review in October. At that time, staff will review the document and meet with

444-CVAG MSHCP Permit Application

Paul Frandsen

Paul Frandsen, General Manager

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

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

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

[Signature]

County Executive Office Signature

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

ATTACHMENTS FILED
Prev. Agn. Per. WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD | District: IV & V | Agenda Number:

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Departmental Concurrence

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CVAG if necessary to resolve any outstanding issues.

Attached is a letter from CVAG requesting that the Park District submit the permit application. As noted in the letter, the submission of the application will not obligate the Park District to participate in the final MSHCP or become a permittee under that document. It will, however, allow the Park District to continue to participate with CVAG as a potential permittee in this process.

Enclosure: CVAG Letter dated 9/8/04