

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

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FROM: Regional Park & Open Space District, Planning & Transportation Departments, Economic Development Agency and Flood Control District
SUBJECT: Planning and Development of Trails in Unincorporated Areas

SUBMITTAL DATE:
March 28, 2005

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board:

- 1) Direct the Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) and the Planning Department, in coordination with the Transportation Department, Economic Development Agency, and Flood Control and Water Conservation District (FCWCD), to develop preliminary recommendations for a system of core regional trails for priority implementation, and an overall strategy for the implementation of all regional and community trails and bikeways in the unincorporated area of the County; and,
- 2) Direct the RPOSD and the Planning Department to review the preliminary proposed core regional trails and overall trails implementation strategy with the Park District Advisory Commission and the Trails Committee and obtain input and recommendations on these matters from those bodies; and,
- 3) Direct the RPOSD and the Planning Department to report back to the Board of Supervisors within 120 days with preliminary recommendations regarding a proposed core regional trails system and a strategy for implementation of these and all other trails in the unincorporated area.

Departmental Concurrence

Paul Frandsen
Paul Frandsen, Director, RPOSD

Brad Hudson
Brad Hudson, Director, EDA

Robert Johnson
Robert Johnson, Director, Planning

Dusty Williams
Dusty Williams, Director, FCWCD

George Johnson
George Johnson, Director, Transportation

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

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

H. Sigurdson

County Executive Office Signature

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

Prev. Agn. Ref.: _____ District: ALL Agenda Number: _____

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

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
RE: Planning and Development of Trails in Unincorporated Areas
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BACKGROUND:

Multi-purpose, non-motorized, recreational trails (equestrian and hiking trails and bikeways) are important components of Riverside County's system of recreational facilities. Planned trails and bikeways have long been included in the county's General Plan documents, and have provided the basis for requiring developer trail easement dedications and trail construction. Development Impact Fees (DIF) have also been established to assist in funding the development of the County's regional trails system. However, due to very limited funding for trails development and maintenance, and unclear roles in trails planning, development, and maintenance among the various County agencies involved, only a small part of the county's planned trails system has been developed.

To address this issue, County agencies with roles in trails development and maintenance, which include the Park and Open Space District, the Planning Department, the Transportation Department, the Economic Development Agency, the Executive Office, the Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and others, have met several times over the past few months to determine how to more effectively develop the County's trails system. These agencies recommend that the Board authorize and direct that the future development of the trails system be prioritized, in order to ensure that a limited system of core regional trails can realistically be completed in the near future, and that adequate funding be identified to build and maintain that system.

Within 120 days following Board direction in accordance with this Form 11, the Park and Open Space District and the Planning Department will work together to coordinate the efforts of all affected County departments and agencies to plan the core trails system, to identify opportunities for funding, dedicating, constructing, and maintaining the system, and return to the Board with recommendations to pursue implementation of the system. If the Board concurs, we would work to precisely map and begin implementation of the priority core trails system, and return to the Board with a status report in six months. During the initial 120 day period, staff would obtain input from the Park District Advisory Commission and the Trails Committee, and the public. During the following six month precise trail planning period, staff would work closely with these bodies plus citizen organizations interested in trails development.