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



FROM: Regional Park and Open-Space District

SUBMITTAL DATE:
June 6, 2005

SUBJECT: Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District Headquarters
Expansion Project

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

- Adoption** of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for Environmental Assessment No. Parks 1003 based upon the findings in the Initial Study and the conclusion that the proposed expansion to the District's Headquarters will not have a significant effect on the environment with the implementation of proposed mitigation measures incorporated into the project; and
- Adoption** of the Mitigation Monitoring Program for EA No. Parks 1003.

BACKGROUND: The project is a proposal to add a permanent building for conferences, meetings, banquets, and offices to the District's Headquarters grounds. In addition, the District proposes to expand the existing parking area and upgrade the site utilities. The site is located at 4600 Crestmore Road in Rubidoux.

The District is housed in the Paul J. Anderson building (old Tiny Naylor mansion) south of Rubidoux. The grounds around the building are regularly rented to groups for weddings, meetings, and other special occasions. Although the site is quite popular, no indoor facilities

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BY ASSISTANT COUNTY COUNSEL	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:	

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**

County Executive Office Signature *Bronda King*

FORM APPROVED
COUNTY COUNSEL
JUN 13 2005

Departmental Concurrence

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ATTACHMENTS FILED
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

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exist to accommodate guests wanting such amenities, or in case of inclement weather. The District seeks to rectify this by constructing such a facility behind the main headquarters building.

As part of the proposed project, the District will improve the existing small parking lot by expanding it to accommodate additional vehicles. This will help to maintain the grounds by allowing for parking on a hard surface instead of landscaped areas as it is now.

Finally, the District proposes to upgrade the site utilities by installing piped water and sewer lines to both the existing and proposed buildings. Currently, wells supply water and a series of on-site septic systems serve for sewage disposal. This arrangement is becoming problematic and can be remedied through connection to the lines maintained by the Rubidoux Community Services District.

Environmental Assessment (EA) No. Parks 1003 was prepared by District staff to evaluate potential impacts associated with the proposed project, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (Section 15000 *et seq.*). Based on the EA, potential impacts may occur in the following areas analyzed in the EA: 1) Geology and Soils. These potential impacts, however, can be avoided or fully mitigated to below a level of significance with implementation of the mitigation measures identified in the EA. A Mitigation Monitoring Program (MMP) for the project, which requires adoption by the Board of Supervisors, has been prepared to incorporate these mitigation measures (see attached). Pursuant to CEQA (*CEQA Guidelines Section 15063*), a Mitigated Negative Declaration, documenting this finding that the project will not have any significant impacts also has been prepared for adoption by the Board.

In accordance with CEQA, the Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and EA No. Parks 1003 were posted with the State Clearinghouse and the County Clerk and were transmitted to responsible agencies and interested parties for comment for a period of 45 days. A public notice advertising the public comment period for the Notice of Intent and EA also was published in *The Press-Enterprise*. Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and EA were made available to the public at the Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District, the Rubidoux Library, and the City of Riverside Main Library.

During the comment period for the EA that officially began on April 15, 2005 and ended on May 31, 2005, the District received a total of two (2) letters of comment from the following sources (see attached Letters of Comment): 1) *Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District*; 2) *Native American Heritage Commission*.

The District has reviewed the comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration to determine if the comments would result in a substantial revision of the Mitigated Negative Declaration, as defined in State *CEQA Guidelines* Section 15073.5. While *CEQA Guidelines* do not require the Lead Agency to prepare written responses to the comments received on the Negative Declaration, the District has prepared responses to both (see attached Responses to

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Comment). In staff's consideration, the comments do not warrant revision of the Mitigated Negative Declaration. However, both letters of comment have requested that additional mitigation measures be added to the project. These have been incorporated into the Mitigation Monitoring Program, and will be adhered to before and during the construction phase of the project.

Staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration on the basis that potential project impacts, as identified in the EA, can be avoided or fully mitigated through implementation of the Mitigation Monitoring Program.