



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



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FROM: Regional Park & Open-Space District

SUBMITTAL DATE:
9/20/05

SUBJECT: Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with the Southern California Gas Company for Conveyance and Management of Wildlife Habitat

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Directors:

1. Approve and authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Regional Park and Open-Space District (District) and the Southern California Gas Company (SCG), which allows a management plan study, acquisition and management of the property;
2. Authorize the General Manager to take all actions necessary to administer the MOU;
3. Authorize the Clerk of the Board to execute five (5) copies of the MOU; and
4. Instruct the Clerk of the Board to return four (4) executed copies of these documents to the District for transmittal and filing.

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Paul Frandsen
Paul Frandsen, General Manager

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505-MOU Acceptance of Conveyance of Real Property for Mitigation Purposes in Paloma Valley Area

FINANCIAL DATA 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:

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. Suggard

County Executive Office Signature

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

Prev. Agn. Ref.: | **District: 3** | **Agenda Number:**

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

13.1

SUBJECT: Approval of MOU with the Southern California Gas Company for Conveyance and Management of Wildlife Habitat

BACKGROUND: In 2004, the Park District was contracted by personnel from San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG) and Sempra Energy regarding a 36.32 acre property located south of Scott Road, between Lindenberger Road and Briggs Road. The site is known as the Line 6900 Mitigation Parcel at Paloma Valley and consists of Assessor's Parcel Numbers 359-140-015, 359-140-016, 359-140-017 and 359-140-018.

The Paloma Valley property is of interest to both the District and the Multi Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) program. The District is interested because the site is adjacent to the existing Warmington (mitigation) open-space parcel to the west managed by the District. The MSHCP program is interested because the site is also adjacent to an existing MSHCP acquisition to the east; thus, the site bridges a biologically important gap between two large conservation properties. The proposed management arrangement for the Paloma Valley parcel also makes sense since the Park District presently manages all MSHCP habitat properties.

The MOU calls for the Park District to prepare a management plan for the subject property, with the Gas Company providing full reimbursement for all costs incurred. The plan will include the calculation of an endowment sufficient to pay for the costs of managing the property in perpetuity. This document will be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Game for approval. Once the document has been approved by those agencies, Park District staff will return to your Board to request your acceptance of the habitat property as well as the management endowment. If your Board approves, the Park District would use the endowment provided by the Gas Company to cover all management costs.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the MOU as to legal form.