

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



**FROM:** Supervisor John Tavaglione, District II

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
November 15, 2005

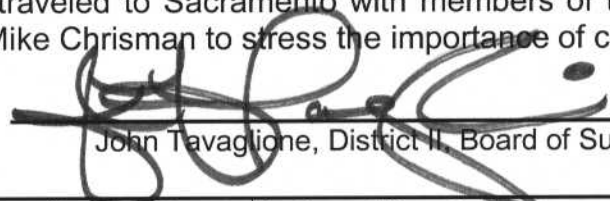
**SUBJECT:** Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with the Counties of Orange and San Bernardino and the City of Riverside for Coordinated Planning of the Santa Ana River Parkway

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board:

1. Join me in approving the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for coordinated planning of the Santa Ana River Parkway project;
2. Authorize the Chairman to sign and execute four copies of the MOU on behalf of the Board;
3. Instruct the Clerk of the Board to return three copies of the MOU for further processing; and
4. Direct the Parks Director/General Manager of the Regional Park and Open-Space to contribute \$20,000 as provided in the MOU from Development Impact Fee Western Riverside County Multipurpose Trail Facilities funds previously appropriated for the Santa Ana River Trail project.

**BACKGROUND:** Over the past several months, I have participated in joint meetings involving Supervisors from Orange and San Bernardino counties, Mayor Ron Loveridge of Riverside, and senior staff members to develop a coordinated approach to completing a trail and parkway along the Santa Ana River corridor. Recently I traveled to Sacramento with members of this group to meet with California Resources Secretary Mike Chrisman to stress the importance of completing

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John Tavaglione, District II, Board of Supervisors

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 20,000	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$	For Fiscal Year:	2005-2006

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> Development Impact Fee Western Riverside County Regional Multipurpose Trail Facilities Fund No. 30533	<b>Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Requires 4/5 Vote</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

**County Executive Office Signature**

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

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the Santa Ana River Parkway, and to solicit financial contributions from the State toward that objective. Attached is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) developed in consultation with representatives of the counties of Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino as well as the City of Riverside. The purpose of this document is to establish a mechanism and forum to coordinate planning efforts for the Santa Ana River Parkway. The MOU also provides for cost sharing among the parties to fund necessary planning and administrative tasks to be performed by Ms. Patricia Lock-Dawson who presently serves as a consultant to the Executive Office and Mayor Loveridge.

The MOU calls for the County of Riverside to contribute \$20,000 to the joint planning effort. That contribution will be made by the Regional Park and Open-Space District using West County Development Impact Fee Regional Multipurpose Trail Facilities funding previously approved for the Santa Ana River Trail on December 23, 2003 by M.O. 13.1.

This Memorandum of Understanding has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

## Memorandum of Understanding

### Coordinated Parkway Planning Among Cities and Counties along the Santa Ana River Corridor

This agreement is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005, by and between the counties of Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino and the City of Riverside, herein referred to as the partners. The purpose of this agreement is to establish a mechanism to facilitate planning, project implementation, cost sharing, and reporting and accountability for the Partners as they endeavor to create a recreational parkway along the Santa Ana River.

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Santa Ana River has been recognized for its regional significance in providing recreational and educational opportunities, supporting wildlife and associated native habitats, addressing water quality and quantity issues, and supporting commerce;

WHEREAS, the Partners have identified the common desire to create a 100-mile long recreational parkway adjacent to the Santa Ana River;

WHEREAS, individual and independent projects are occurring or planned to occur along the river in the various jurisdictions to achieve this objective:

WHEREAS, the Partners seek to coordinate activities within the Santa Ana Watershed to develop wetlands, educational and recreational opportunities;

WHEREAS, the Partners have identified the need to coordinate these activities along the river to ensure consistency, facilitate planning, and share resources;

WHEREAS, the Partners have agreed that financial support is necessary to fund the work of an individual to facilitate coordination among stakeholders along the river;

NOW THEREFORE, the Partners agree to pool funds to support one part-time consultant (Patricia Lock-Dawson) and related work toward development of a Santa Ana River Parkway according to the following terms and conditions:

1. The County of Riverside agrees to contribute \$20,000 to an existing contract with Ms. Lock-Dawson;
2. The City of Riverside agrees to contribute \$20,000 to an existing agreement with Ms. Lock-Dawson;
3. The County of Orange agrees to commit \$5,000;

4. The County of San Bernardino agrees to commit \$5,000.
5. Ms. Lock-Dawson agrees to hold quarterly meetings and prepare a brief summary of activities to apprise the Partners of progress and ensure expectations are met;
6. Ms. Lock-Dawson, in cooperation with the other Partners, agrees to develop a Partnership Agreement to be signed by all affected stakeholders to ensure the cooperation of the entire watershed in development of a Parkway.

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Marion Ashley, Chair  
Board of Supervisors  
County of Riverside

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Josie Gonzales, District V  
Board of Supervisors  
County of San Bernardino

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Lou Correa, District I  
Board of Supervisor  
County of Orange

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Ronald O. Loveridge, Mayor  
City of Riverside

## **Santa Ana River Parkway**

### **Scope of Work for Patricia Lock-Dawson**

Working with and for the County of Riverside and City of Riverside, act as an advisor facilitator, and coordinator to complete the Santa Ana River Parkway. Specific duties will include the following:

- Develop and finalize partnership agreement for all partners along the Riverside.
- Develop strategies to complete Parkway plan; advise elected officials and other interested stakeholders of best possible scenarios.
- Communicate with federal, state, and local elected officials on Parkway progress: prepare white papers, give presentations, write letters, organize tours, etc.
- Communicate with Interested City and County staff to implement projects along the River. Facilitate workflow across jurisdictions.
- Schedule and conduct meetings among affected parties, including policy and technical working groups. Develop agendas and follow up on action items from meetings when appropriate.
- Identify grant and funding opportunities. Prepare grant applications as authorized by the County and City and otherwise endeavor to secure funding for projects through other means. Manage and administer grants as directed by County and City.