

**SUBMITTAL TO THE FLOOD CONTROL AND  
WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**FROM:** General Manager-Chief Engineer

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**

January 24, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Public Hearing for the Homeland and Romoland Master Drainage Plans  
(Revision No. 1)

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

Certify that:

1. The Final EIR (SCH#2003111131) has been completed in compliance with CEQA.
2. The Final EIR was presented to the Board and that the Board reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final EIR prior to approving the project; and
3. The Final EIR reflects the Board's independent judgment and analysis; and

Adopt Resolution No. F2006-01 which:

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**WARREN D. WILLIAMS**  
General Manager-Chief Engineer

**FINANCIAL  
DATA**

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|-----------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|
| Current F.Y. District Cost: | N/A | In Current Year Budget: | N/A |
| Current F.Y. County Cost:   | N/A | Budget Adjustment:      | N/A |
| Annual Net District Cost:   | N/A | For Fiscal Year:        | N/A |

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:**

Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30 ☐

Requires 4/5 Vote ☐

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

**APPROVE**

County Executive Office Signature

Dep't Recomm.: ☒ Policy

☐ Consent

Per Exec. Ofc.: ☐ Policy

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Finds that the environmental effects of the project have been adequately addressed in the Final EIR (SCH#2003111131), selects the Proposed Project Alternative, incorporates mitigation measures, includes findings and a statement of overriding considerations;

finds that the project is in compliance with the Western Riverside County MSHCP;

authorizes the District to proceed with the project; and

directs the Clerk of the Board to deliver the Notice of Determination to the office of the County Clerk and the State Office of Planning and Research for filing within 5 working days of this Board hearing.

**BACKGROUND:**

This hearing is in accordance with the requirements of CEQA and Section 18 of the District Act.

2                                   RESOLUTION NO. F2006-01  
3                   ADOPTING CEQA FINDINGS, MITIGATION MEASURES, STATEMENT OF  
4                                   OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS, AND APPROVING THE  
5                                   HOMELAND MASTER DRAINAGE PLAN (REVISION NO. 1) AND  
6                                   ROMOLAND MASTER DRAINAGE PLAN (REVISION NO. 1) PROJECT

7                   WHEREAS, on December 20, 2005 the Board of Supervisors of the Riverside  
8                   County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (hereinafter referred to as the "Board")  
9                   adopted Resolution No. F2005-27, giving notice of its intention to approve the Homeland Master  
10                  Drainage Plan (Revision No. 1) and Romoland Master Drainage Plan (Revision No. 1) Project  
11                  (hereinafter referred to as the "Project") in Zone 4, partially within the city of Perris and the  
12                  unincorporated communities of Homeland and Romoland, and giving further notice that the  
13                  Project will be considered at a public hearing on January 24, 2006; and

14                 WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing was properly made by publication and  
15                 posting as required by law, and all persons desiring to be heard on the matter were given the  
16                 opportunity to appear and present testimony, both oral and written; and

17                 WHEREAS, a Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was prepared in  
18                 accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (hereinafter referred to as "CEQA")  
19                 and the District's Rules to Implement the Act; and

20                 WHEREAS, the Final EIR thoroughly addresses the environmental effects of  
21                 implementing the Project, including the construction, operation and maintenance of the various  
22                 improvements identified therein; and

23                 WHEREAS, the Board has considered Alternatives 1 and 2 set forth in the Final  
24                 EIR; and the Board has selected the Project for approval; and

25                 WHEREAS, the Mitigation Measure Summary and the Mitigation  
26                 Monitoring/Reporting Program, which are attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated  
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1 herein by this reference, summarize the potential impacts of the Project and the mitigation  
2 measures to be incorporated therein; and

3 WHEREAS, the Board, acting as lead agency under CEQA hereby certifies that it  
4 has reviewed and considered the Final EIR, the Mitigation Measures and the Mitigation  
5 Monitoring/Reporting Program in evaluating the Project; and

6 WHEREAS, the Final EIR, the Mitigation Measures and the Mitigation  
7 Monitoring/Reporting Program are incorporated herein by this reference in their entirety.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, FOUND, DETERMINED AND  
9 ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water  
10 Conservation District, State of California, in regular session assembled on March 28, 2006,  
11 based upon the evidence and testimony presented on the matter, both written and oral, including  
12 the Final EIR, that:  
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- 14 1. The Project is partially within the Criteria Area set forth in and established  
15 by the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation  
16 Plan (MSHCP) and is specifically within Subunit 4 (San Jacinto River) of  
17 the Mead Valley Area Plan and Cell Nos. 3467 and 3470.
- 18 2. The Project has been reviewed and analyzed and it has been determined by  
19 District Staff that the Project is consistent with the Criteria for Cell Nos.  
20 3467 and 3470. Pursuant to this review and analysis, it was concluded  
21 that only Lines A and A-15 lie within the southern and eastern portions of  
22 Cell No. 3467 and the southeast corner of Cell No. 3470. Additionally, it  
23 was determined that these lines as currently located are not within any area  
24 described as necessary for inclusion in the MSHCP Conservation Area.  
25 See MSHCP Compliance Report dated June 2005 by Albert A. Webb  
26 Associates for the Project.  
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- 1                   3.     The Project has not been submitted to and reviewed by the Western  
2                   Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority (RCA) pursuant to the  
3                   Joint Project Review (JPR) process. Pursuant to a letter received from the  
4                   RCA General Manager dated June 7, 2005, it was determined that the  
5                   Project would be submitted to the RCA for JPR prior to the initiation of  
6                   any construction activities involving Lines A and A-15 and after adequate  
7                   information exists concerning the ultimate design and configuration of  
8                   these facilities taking into consideration any future San Jacinto River flood  
9                   control project.
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- 11                  4.     The Project is consistent with the Riparian/Riverine Areas and Vernal  
12                  Pools requirements of the MSHCP. Pursuant to Section 6.1.2 of the  
13                  MSHCP, an assessment of the potentially significant effects on  
14                  Riparian/Riverine Areas and Vernal Pools which includes identification  
15                  and mapping of such areas located within the Project boundaries is  
16                  required. It has been determined that although the Project does not  
17                  contain any vernal pools, the Project area does include Riparian/Riverine  
18                  Areas as defined by the MSHCP which have been mapped. However, the  
19                  proposed facility alignments established by the Project avoid these  
20                  mapped Riparian/Riverine Areas. In addition, the proposed facility  
21                  alignments do not contain suitable habitat for least Bell's vireo,  
22                  Southwestern Willow Flycatcher, Western Yellow-billed cuckoo,  
23                  Riverside fairy shrimp, Santa Rosa Plateau fairy shrimp, or the vernal pool  
24                  fairy shrimp. See MSHCP Compliance Report dated June 2005 by Albert  
25                  A. Webb Associates for the Project.
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1                   5.     The Project is consistent with the Narrow Endemic Plant Species  
2 requirements of the MSHCP. Pursuant to Section 6.1.3 of the MSHCP,  
3 habitat assessments and/or focused surveys for certain narrow endemic  
4 plant species are required for properties within mapped survey areas. The  
5 survey area maps included within the MSHCP have been reviewed and six  
6 of the proposed facilities established by the Project are partially or entirely  
7 located within the survey areas for smooth tarplant, San Jacinto Valley  
8 Crownscale, Thread-leaved brodiaea and Spreading Navarretia. A focused  
9 survey was conducted in the proposed alignment of Line A. No sensitive  
10 plant species, including narrow endemics, were found in the Line A  
11 alignment. Additionally, it was determined from the habitat assessment  
12 conducted for Lines A-15, A-15a, A-14, A-14a and A-12 that suitable  
13 habitat for the affected narrow endemic plants does not occur within the  
14 facility alignments. Therefore, no further assessments and/or surveys or  
15 conservation measures are required.

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18                   6.     The Project is consistent with the Urban/Wildlands Interface Guidelines  
19 established by the MSHCP. Pursuant to Section 6.1.4 of the MSHCP,  
20 projects in close proximity to the MSHCP Conservation Area are required  
21 to incorporate mechanisms to address indirect effects to the MSHCP  
22 Conservation Area. Portions of this Project are adjacent to the MSHCP  
23 Conservation Area and the Project has been designed to address the  
24 guidelines set forth in Section 6.1.4. The Project has incorporated certain  
25 design features and mitigation measures as set forth in the MSHCP  
26 Consistency Report prepared by Albert A. Webb Associates dated June  
27 2005 in order to ensure compliance with Section 6.1.4 of the MSHCP.  
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- 1                   7.     The Project is consistent with the Database Updates/Additional surveys  
2 requirements of the MSHCP. Pursuant to Section 6.3.2 of the MSHCP,  
3 habitat assessments and/or focused surveys for certain additional plant and  
4 animal species are required for properties within mapped survey areas.  
5 The survey area maps have been reviewed and the Project is within a  
6 mapped survey area for the Burrowing Owl. Habitat assessments and  
7 focused surveys were conducted for the Burrowing Owl pursuant to  
8 accepted protocol as indicated in the MSHPC Consistency Report  
9 prepared by Albert A. Webb Associates dated June 2005. The focused  
10 surveys conducted on the Project site revealed only two individual  
11 burrowing owls in the surrounding area and no owls were recorded in the  
12 facilities' alignments or basin locations. Therefore, no further surveys or  
13 conservation measures are required at this time. However, prior to any  
14 grading or site disturbance of the Project site, a 30 day pre-construction  
15 survey for the Burrowing Owl is required by the MSHCP and will be  
16 implemented due to the presence of suitable habitat for this species on the  
17 Project site. Any Burrowing Owls discovered onsite will be passively  
18 relocated following accepted protocols.
- 19                   8.     The Project is consistent with the Guidelines for Facilities Within the  
20 Criteria Area and Public/Quasi-Public Lands. Specifically, the Project  
21 shall implement the construction guidelines set forth in Appendix F and  
22 the best management practices set forth in Appendix C during construction  
23 of the MDP facilities, where applicable.
- 24                   9.     The environmental effects of the Project have been adequately addressed  
25 in the Final EIR.
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1                   10.       The following potential impacts associated with the Project are not  
2                   considered significant:

- 3                   •       Aesthetics
- 4                   •       Geology/Soils
- 5                   •       Hydrology/Water Quality
- 6                   •       Land Use/Planning
- 7                   •       Mineral Resources
- 8                   •       Noise
- 9                   •       Public Services
- 10                  •       Recreation
- 11                  •       Transportation/Traffic
- 12                  •       Utilities/Service Systems

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15                  11.       The following potential impacts associated with the Project are considered  
16                  significant, but will be avoided or substantially reduced to a less than  
17                  significant level, by the identified mitigation measures:

18                  A.       AIR QUALITY

19                               Potential Impact:

20                               The Project's short-term construction emissions were found  
21                               to be above the South Coast Air Quality Management  
22                               District (SCAQMD) significance thresholds for ROG,  
23                               NOx, CO, and PM-10. However, because the temporary  
24                               emissions will be limited to construction of the MDP  
25                               facilities only, and not result in long-term emissions,  
26                               potential impacts were found to be less than significant  
27                               after mitigation measures are incorporated. The Board  
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1 finds that the mitigation measures listed below will reduce  
2 the Project's short term impacts to air quality to less than  
3 significant levels.

4 Mitigation:

5 The Mitigation Measures in Section III - Air Quality of the  
6 Final EIR, as described by Exhibit A attached hereto, are  
7 hereby incorporated by reference.

8 B. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

9 Potential Impact:

10 Potential impacts to riparian habitat and jurisdictional  
11 resources could be significant. The Project may affect a  
12 California species of special concern (i.e., burrowing owl).  
13 The Board finds that the mitigation measures listed below  
14 will reduce the Project's potential impacts to biological  
15 resources to a less than significant level.  
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17 Mitigation:

18 The Mitigation Measures in Section III - Biological  
19 Resources of the Final EIR, as described by Exhibit A  
20 attached hereto, are hereby incorporated by reference.  
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22 C. CULTURAL RESOURCES

23 Potential Impact:

24 Construction activities could potentially disturb buried  
25 archaeological resources. The initial Line A/Line 1 System  
26 facilities were surveyed for potential impacts to cultural  
27 resources, and cultural resources were not found.  
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1 However, the Mapes and Melba Basins are future facilities  
2 that may contain cultural resources. Therefore, mitigation  
3 measures addressing the future construction of Mapes and  
4 Melba Basins are included in the Final EIR. The Board  
5 finds that the mitigation measures listed below will reduce  
6 the Project's potential impacts to unknown buried cultural  
7 resources to a less than significant level.

8 Mitigation:

9 The Mitigation Measures in Section III - Cultural  
10 Resources of the Final EIR, as described by Exhibit A  
11 attached hereto, are hereby incorporated by reference.  
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13 D. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

14 Potential Impact:

15 The Project area was evaluated for recorded sites that could  
16 pose a potential hazard to the public or environment.  
17 Significant sites were not identified within the project  
18 footprint. However, since the final alignments or the status  
19 of hazardous sites could change when future facilities are  
20 actually constructed, a mitigation measure is needed to  
21 address the potential for hazardous sites to be impacted by  
22 the future facilities. The Board finds that the mitigation  
23 measure listed below will reduce the Project's impacts to  
24 hazards and hazardous materials to less than significant  
25 levels.  
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Mitigation:

The Mitigation Measures in Section III - Hazards and Hazardous Materials of the Final EIR, as described by Exhibit A attached hereto, are hereby incorporated by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board that the following potential impacts may not be fully mitigated despite the inclusion of all available mitigation measures and requires a statement of overriding considerations:

A. AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES

Potential Impact:

The Project may indirectly result in development of adjacent areas by providing flood control infrastructure. Such indirect development could result in the conversion of agricultural lands into non-agricultural uses. These areas have previously been designated for non-agricultural uses in the adopted general plans. Nonetheless, some agricultural lands could be directly and indirectly impacted by the Project. Potential direct impacts are less than significant due to the limited impact area. Mitigation measures for potential indirect effects are infeasible, since the District does not have the necessary land use authority to impose CEQA mitigation measures upon offsite development projects. Therefore, impacts related to loss of agricultural resources are potentially significant and inmitigable.

B. POPULATION AND HOUSING

Potential Impact:

The Project could indirectly induce substantial population growth by removing an obstacle to offsite development. The adopted Riverside County General Plan and the City of Perris General Plan outlines the types of development and growth that are planned for the Project area. The Project will provide flood control infrastructure consistent with the planned land uses. Although the Project's potential growth inducement impacts would not exceed the impacts that have already been addressed during the adoption of the above general plans, the CEQA documents for the general plans conclude that growth inducement impacts could be significant and adverse. In addition, the District does not have land use authority over any development that may occur subsequent to the approval of the Project. Therefore, there are no feasible mitigation measures which the Board could adopt that would lessen, reduce or remove the potential indirect growth inducing impacts of the Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board that it has considered and rejected the following alternatives identified in the Final EIR:

- A. Alternative 1: No Project – Existing MDPs. This alternative would consist of the previously adopted 1982 Homeland MDP and 1988 Romoland MDP. The existing MDPs were determined to be less desirable based on various cost, engineering, hydraulic, right-of-way and environmental

1 issues. The No-Project Alternative is hereby rejected by the Board for the  
2 following reasons:

3 (1) The No-Project Alternative would not include the proposed Briggs  
4 Road and Juniper Flats Detention Basins, which reduce peak flow  
5 rates and allow for the construction of smaller and, therefore, less  
6 costly facilities downstream of the detention basins. Furthermore,  
7 the potential water quality and biological benefits provided by the  
8 proposed basins would not be realized.

9 (2) The No-Project Alternative would include the previously adopted  
10 alignment of Romoland MDP Line A, which is not consistent with  
11 approved development west of the I-215 and would result in  
12 greater potential adverse impacts to biological resources (e.g.,  
13 sensitive plants and jurisdictional resources).

14 (3) The No-Project Alternative would include several open channel  
15 sections that would not be allowed on Southern California Edison's  
16 property.

17 (4) The No-Project Alternative would include proposed facilities that  
18 could not be constructed due to conflicts with Southern California  
19 Edison's Valley Substation.  
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22 B. Alternative 2: Revised MDPs – with Earthen Channels. Alternative 2  
23 would consist of revising the previously adopted Homeland and Romoland  
24 MDPs as described in the Project, however, all the proposed open concrete  
25 channels would consist of earthen channels. Under Alternative 2, no  
26 changes to the proposed underground storm drains would be made due to  
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1 their location in road rights-of-way or developed parcels. Alternative 2 is  
2 hereby rejected by the Board for the following reasons:

- 3 (1) The additional right-of-way required for earthen channels for the  
4 entire length of all the proposed open channels is cost prohibitive.
- 5 (2) High velocity flows would continually erode earthen channels  
6 easterly of I-215 and substantially increase maintenance costs and  
7 water quality impacts. This alternative may not meet the Project  
8 objectives.
- 9 (3) It may be hydraulically infeasible to transition large quantities of  
10 flow from wide earthen channels to underground storm drains and  
11 existing bridges. This alternative may not meet the Project  
12 objectives.
- 13 (4) Alternative 2 could result in greater direct impacts to agricultural  
14 lands than the Project.  
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board that it has balanced the benefits of  
17 the Project against the unavoidable adverse environmental affects thereof. The Board finds that  
18 the benefits of the Project outweigh the unavoidable significant effects on Agricultural Resources  
19 and the potential adverse effects resulting from indirect Population and Housing growth.  
20 Therefore, the Board finds that the significant adverse environmental effects of the Project are  
21 "acceptable" in light of the following benefits.  
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23 Facts Supporting Finding:

- 24 (1) The Project area has experienced significant flooding in the past. As the  
25 area continues to urbanize, flood damages are expected to increase. A  
26 master planned drainage system is needed to safely convey stormwater  
27 runoff through the area with the least interruption to public services. In  
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1 conjunction with ultimate street improvements, the Project will provide  
2 100-year flood protection to existing and planned development, including  
3 infrastructure and public roads, thereby providing numerous benefits to  
4 public health and safety.

5 (2) Public costs associated with reoccurring flood damages will be  
6 substantially reduced by the Project.

7 (3) A more orderly growth pattern can safely occur with the master planned  
8 drainage system provided by the Project.

9 (4) The Project is the most feasible and least costly of the alternatives studied.

10 (5) The Project lends itself to staged construction as funds become available.

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board that the Final EIR is hereby  
13 certified, the Mitigation Measure Summary, the Mitigation Monitoring/Reporting Program and  
14 the findings set forth herein are hereby adopted, the Project is hereby approved, and the District  
15 is hereby authorized to proceed therewith.

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17 BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board that within 5 working days of this  
18 Board hearing, the Clerk of the Board is directed to deliver the Notice of Determination for the  
19 Project to the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, who is hereby directed to file same, and  
20 the Clerk of the Board is further directed to deliver the Notice of Determination to the State  
21 Office of Planning and Research, all as required by law.

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25 APPROVED AS TO FORM  
26 December 8, 2005

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28 By: Katherine Lind  
Katherine Lind  
Deputy County Counsel

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL  
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**HOMELAND AND ROMOLAND MDPs FINAL EIR  
RESOLUTION NO. F2006-01**

**EXHIBIT "A"  
MITIGATION MEASURE SUMMARY  
MITIGATION MONITORING/REPORTING PROGRAM**

**1. AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES**

Implementation of the Project may result in significant impacts related to the loss of agricultural resources through indirect encouragement of development. No feasible mitigation measures are available, therefore, potential significant impacts will result, and a Statement of Overriding Considerations is required.

**2. AIR QUALITY**

The following measures would be implemented to reduce the potentially significant impacts to a less than significant level:

- 2a. MM Air 1: Mobile construction equipment will be properly maintained, which includes proper tuning and timing of engines. Construction contractors will keep equipment maintenance records and equipment design specification data sheets onsite during construction and turn in the records to the District.
- 2b. MM Air 2: Temporary traffic control (e.g., flag person) will be provided during soil transport activities. Contractors shall be advised not to idle trucks onsite for more than ten minutes.
- 2c. MM Air 3: In order to control dust emissions, any grading activities shall comply with the SCAQMD Rule 403 or any amendments thereto. Any applicable Rule 403 dust control measures shall be implemented. A log of all implemented dust control measures shall be maintained onsite during construction and subject to review and approval by the District. If any construction phases meet the Rule 403 definition of "Large Operations," a dust control plan shall be prepared, submitted to the SCAQMD, and implemented.
- 2d. MM Air 4: Prior to the construction of each phase of the future facilities, an air quality analysis shall be performed, using the latest SCAQMD modeling method and thresholds.

**3. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES**

The following mitigation measures shall be implemented to reduce impacts related to biological resources to less than significant levels:

- 3a. MM Bio 1: Pre-construction presence/absence surveys for burrowing owl within the MSHCP Burrowing Owl Survey Area where suitable habitat is present shall be conducted. These areas are identified in the MSHCP Compliance Report contained in Appendix C of the Final EIR. Surveys shall be conducted utilizing approved protocols. Surveys shall be conducted within 30 days prior to

disturbance. Take of active nests shall be avoided. If burrowing owls cannot be avoided, active or passive relocation (use of one way doors and collapse of burrows) shall occur outside the burrowing owl nesting season (February 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>). Construction of replacement burrowing owl burrows within the proposed detention basins shall be considered.

- 3b. MM Bio 2: A final MSHCP Section 6.1.2, Riparian/Riverine Impact Analysis will be completed prior to the construction of the Line A and Line A-15 outlets near the San Jacinto River channel or for any other impacted areas that meet the Section 6.1.2 definition of Riparian/Riverine or Vernal Pool.
- 3c. MM Bio 3: Final jurisdictional delineations shall be obtained prior to construction of the lower reach of Line A, Line A-15, Briggs Road Basin, Line 4, Juniper Flats Basin and Mapes Basin to determine the extent of impact to jurisdictional waters of the U.S., waters of the State and/or streambeds regulated by the ACOE, RWQCB and CDFG. Applicable permits shall be obtained prior to construction if jurisdictional resources will be impacted.
- 3d. MM Bio 4: Romoland MDP Lines A and A-15 shall be designed to avoid or reduce impacts to Riparian Habitat areas shown on Figure III-3-A to the maximum extent feasible. Any applicable permits from the ACOE, RWQCB and CDFG shall be obtained prior to disturbing any riparian habitat. Proof of compliance with Section 6.1.2 of the MSHCP shall be demonstrated prior to disturbing any riparian habitat that meets the criteria of Section 6.1.2. In accordance with Section 13.4.B of the MSHCP Implementation Agreement, the District shall contribute mitigation through payment of 3% of total capital costs. Such payment may be offset through acquisition of replacement habitat or creation of new habitat. This mitigation must be implemented prior to impacts to Covered Species or their habitat.

#### 4. CULTURAL RESOURCES

The following mitigation measures would reduce potential impacts on cultural resources below the level of significance.

- 4a. MM Cul 1: A cultural resource survey at the Mapes and Melba Basins shall be conducted by the District or designee prior to construction. If significant cultural resources are found, additional actions, such as further study and salvage, in accordance with the recommendations of a professional archeologist shall be completed prior to construction of these basins.
- 4b. MM Cul 2: Should any unknown cultural and/or archaeological resources be uncovered during construction, construction activities shall be temporarily diverted to other parts of the project area away from the find until a qualified archaeologist determines the significance of these resources. If the find is determined to be an historical or unique archaeological resource, as defined in Section 15064.5 of the CEQA Guidelines, avoidance or other conservation measures as recommended by a qualified archaeologist shall be implemented.
- 4c. MM Cul 3: If fossil bearing soils are encountered and impacted by extensive/deep excavations and/or fossils are identified during any excavations, a qualified paleontologist shall be contacted and permitted to recover and evaluate the find(s). The paleontologist will be required to place any collected fossils in an accredited scientific institution for the benefit of current and future generations.

- 4d. MM Cul 4: Although the project is not expected to impact human remains, if human remains are uncovered at any time, the County Coroner shall be notified and all activities in the area of the find shall be halted. If the Coroner determines that the remains are of Native American origin, the Native American Heritage Commission shall be notified and consultation with local Native American representatives shall be initiated to determine the disposition of the remains in accordance with State and County guidelines.

5. **HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

The following mitigation measures would reduce potential impacts on hazards and hazardous materials below the level of significance.

- 5a. MM Haz 1: Prior to construction of future facilities, an environmental regulatory database search shall be conducted in order to determine if proposed facilities would be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. If hazardous waste sites occur, further remedial actions shall be taken to ensure that hazardous materials are removed prior to construction.

6. **HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY**

All impacts were found to be less than significant through design considerations and compliance with existing regulations. No mitigation measures are required.

7. **POPULATION AND HOUSING**

Implementation of the Project may result in significant indirect impacts related to population growth through potential encouragement of development. No feasible mitigation measures are available, therefore, significant impacts may occur, and a Statement of Overriding Considerations is required.

# HOMELAND AND ROMOLAND MDPs/ADP

## FINAL EIR

| Impact Category    | Impact                                                                                                                  | Mitigation Measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Implementation Timing            | Responsible Party                                                                       | Reporting Method                                |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Air Quality</b> | Violate any ambient air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation. | <b>MM Air 1:</b> Mobile construction equipment will be properly maintained, which includes proper tuning and timing of engines. Construction contractors will keep equipment maintenance records and equipment design specification data sheets onsite during construction and turn in the records to the District.                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Construction start to completion | Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District ("District") or designee | Equipment Maintenance Records                   |
| <b>Air Quality</b> | Violate any ambient air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation. | <b>MM Air 2:</b> Temporary traffic control (e.g., flag person) will be provided during soil transport activities. Contractors shall be advised not to idle trucks onsite for more than ten minutes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Construction start to completion | District or designee                                                                    | Review or Condition Construction Specifications |
| <b>Air Quality</b> | Result in a cumulatively considerable increase in a criteria pollutant under non-attainment.                            | <b>MM Air 3:</b> In order to control dust emissions, any grading activities shall comply with the SCAQMD Rule 403 or any amendments thereto. Any applicable Rule 403 dust control measures shall be implemented. A log of all implemented dust control measures shall be maintained on-site during construction and subject to review and approval by the District. If any construction phases meet the Rule 403 definition of "Large Operations," a dust control plan shall be prepared, submitted to the SCAQMD, and implemented. | Construction start to completion | District or designee                                                                    | Review or Condition Construction Specifications |

**HOMELAND AND ROMOLAND MDPs/ADP  
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| <b>Impact Category</b>                      | <b>Impact</b>                                                                                                               | <b>Mitigation Measure</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Implementation Timing</b>               | <b>Responsible Party</b> | <b>Reporting Method</b>                      |
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| <b>Air Quality</b>                          | Violate any ambient air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation.     | <b>MM Air 4:</b> Prior to the construction of each phase of the future facilities, an air quality analysis shall be performed, using the latest SCAQMD modeling method and thresholds.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Prior to construction                      | District or designee     | Air Quality Impact Analysis Report           |
| <b>Biological Resources – Burrowing Owl</b> | Adversely affect any endangered or threatened species or any species identified as candidate, sensitive, or special status. | <b>MM Bio 1:</b> Pre-construction presence/absence surveys for burrowing owl within the MSHCP Burrowing Owl Survey Area where suitable habitat is present shall be conducted. These areas are identified in the MSHCP Compliance Report contained in Appendix C of the DEIR. Surveys shall be conducted utilizing approved protocols. Surveys shall be conducted within 30 days prior to disturbance. Take of active nests shall be avoided. If burrowing owls cannot be avoided, active or passive relocation (use of one way doors and collapse of burrows) shall occur outside the burrowing owl nesting season (February 1 <sup>st</sup> to August 31 <sup>st</sup> ). Construction of replacement burrowing owl burrows within the proposed detention basins shall be considered. | Within 30-days prior to construction start | District or designee     | Burrowing Owl Pre-construction Survey Report |

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| <b>Biological Resources – Riparian Vegetation</b> | Adversely affect any endangered or threatened species or any species identified as candidate, sensitive, or special status.                                     | <b>MM Bio 2:</b> A final MSHCP Section 6.1.2, Riparian/Riverine Impact Analysis will be completed prior to the construction of the Line A and Line A-15 outlets near the San Jacinto River channel or for any other impacted areas that meet the Section 6.1.2 definition of Riparian/Riverine or Vernal Pool.                                                                                                                                                   | Prior to construction        | District or designee     | Riparian/Riverine Impact Analysis Report                                            |
| <b>Biological Resources – Riparian Vegetation</b> | Adversely affect any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the CDFG or FWS. | <b>MM Bio 3:</b> Final jurisdictional delineations shall be obtained prior to construction of the lower reach of Line A, Line A-15, Briggs Road Basin, Line 4, Juniper Flats Basin and Mapes Basin to determine the extent of impact to jurisdictional waters of the U.S., waters of the State and/or streambeds regulated by the ACOE, RWQCB and CDFG. Applicable permits shall be obtained prior to construction if jurisdictional resources will be impacted. | Prior to construction        | District or designee     | Jurisdictional Delineation Report                                                   |
| <b>Biological Resources – Riparian Vegetation</b> | Adversely affect any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the CDFG or FWS. | <b>MM Bio 4:</b> Romoland MDP Lines A and A-15 shall be designed to avoid or reduce impacts to Riparian Habitat areas shown on Figure III-3-A to the maximum extent feasible. Any applicable permits from the ACOE, RWQCB and CDFG shall be obtained prior to disturbing any riparian habitat. Proof of compliance with Section 6.1.2 of the MSHCP shall be                                                                                                      | Prior to construction        | District or designee     | Proof of Permits, Section 6.1.2 analysis or final design drawings showing avoidance |

# HOMELAND AND ROMOLAND MDPs/ADP

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|                           |                                                                                                                                                                                           | demonstrated prior to disturbing any riparian habitat that meets the criteria of Section 6.1.2. In accordance with Section 13.4.B of the MSHCP Implementation Agreement, the District shall contribute mitigation through payment of 3% of total capital costs. Such payment may be offset through acquisition of replacement habitat or creation of new habitat. This mitigation must be implemented prior to impacts to Covered Species or their habitat. |                                  |                      |                                             |
| <b>Cultural Resources</b> | Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource, historic resource or destroy a unique paleontological resource or site, or unique geologic feature. | <b>MM Cul 1:</b> A cultural resource survey at the Mapes and Melba Basins shall be conducted by the District or designee prior to construction. If significant cultural resources are found, additional actions, such as further study and salvage, in accordance with the recommendations of a professional archeologist shall be completed prior to construction of these basins.                                                                         | Prior to construction            | District or designee | Cultural Resources Report                   |
| <b>Cultural Resources</b> | Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource or an historical resource.                                                                           | <b>MM Cul 2:</b> Should any unknown cultural and/or archaeological resources be uncovered during construction, construction activities shall be temporarily diverted to other parts of the project area away from the find until and a qualified                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Construction start to completion | District or designee | Archaeological Monitoring Report, if needed |

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| <b>Impact Category</b>    | <b>Impact</b>                                                                                                   | <b>Mitigation Measure</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Implementation Timing</b>     | <b>Responsible Party</b> | <b>Reporting Method</b>                      |
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|                           |                                                                                                                 | archaeologist determines the significance of these resources. If the find is determined to be an historical or unique archaeological resource, as defined in Section 15064.5 of the CEQA Guidelines, avoidance or other conservation measures as recommended by a qualified archaeologist shall be implemented.                                                                                                                                   |                                  |                          |                                              |
| <b>Cultural Resources</b> | Destroy a unique paleontological resource or site, or unique geologic feature.                                  | <b>MM Cul 3:</b> If fossil bearing soils are encountered and impacted by extensive/deep excavations and/or fossils are identified during any excavations, a qualified paleontologist shall be contacted and permitted to recover and evaluate the find(s). The paleontologist will be required to place any collected fossils in an accredited scientific institution for the benefit of current and future generations.                          | Construction start to completion | District or designee     | Paleontological Monitoring Report, if needed |
| <b>Cultural Resources</b> | Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource or an historical resource. | <b>MM Cul 4:</b> Although the project is not expected to impact human remains, if human remains are uncovered at any time, the County Coroner shall be notified and all activities in the area of the find shall be halted. If the Coroner determines that the remains are of Native American origin, the Native American Heritage Commission shall be notified and consultation with local Native American representatives shall be initiated to | Construction start to completion | District or designee     | Coroner's Report, if needed                  |

# HOMELAND AND ROMOLAND MDPs/ADP

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|                                          |                                                                                                                                                                             | determine the disposition of the remains in accordance with state and county guidelines.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                            |                      |                                         |
| <b>Hazards &amp; Hazardous Materials</b> | Project is located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites and, as a result, would create a significant hazard to the public or the environment. | <b>MM Haz 1:</b> Prior to construction of future facilities, an environmental regulatory database search shall be conducted in order to determine if proposed facilities would be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. If hazardous waste sites occur, further remedial actions shall be taken to ensure that hazardous materials are removed prior to construction. | Prior to construction of future facilities | District or designee | Hazardous Material Site Database Report |

**Notice of Determination***Appendix D*

To: Office of Planning and Research

From: Riverside County Flood Control  
and Water Conservation District  
1995 Market Street  
Riverside, CA 92501  
Contact: Teresa Tung  
Phone: 951.955.1233*For U.S. Mail:*  
P.O. Box 3044  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044*Street Address:*  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814County Clerk  
County of Riverside  
2724 Gateway Drive  
Riverside, CA 92507**SUBJECT:****Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.**State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2003111131**Project Title:** Homeland Master Drainage Plan (Revision No. 1), Romoland Master Drainage Plan (Revision No. 1) and  
Homeland/Romoland Area Drainage Plan (Amendment No. 2)**Lead Agency:** Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District**Project Location (include county):** The proposed project site is located within the city of Perris as well as in unincorporated Riverside County in the communities of Homeland and Romoland. The proposed projects are generally bounded by the Lakeview Mountains toward the north and east, Rouse Road and Double Butte Mountains toward the south and the San Jacinto River Channel toward the west**Project Description:** The proposed project consists of revisions of two existing Master Drainage Plans (MDPs), amendment of the existing Area Drainage Plan (ADP), and construction and subsequent maintenance of the proposed drainage facilities. Revisions will be made to the current MDP for the Romoland area (Romoland MDP Revision No. 1), the current MDP for the Homeland area (Homeland MDP Revision No. 1) and the Homeland/Romoland Area Drainage Plan (Homeland/Romoland ADP Amendment No. 2). The ADP for the Homeland/Romoland Area is a funding mechanism for construction of the proposed facilities contained in each of the MDPs being addressed.This is to advise that the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District has approved the above described  
(☒ Lead Agency or ☐ Responsible Agency)project on January 24, 2006 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:  
(Date)

1. The project will have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for this project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at:  
The Office of the Clerk to the Board, County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, CA 92501\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (Public Agency)\_\_\_\_\_  
Title\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Date received for filing at OPR:

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RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL  
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

November 2005

**Homeland MDP (Revision No. 1)**  
**Romoland MDP (Revision No. 1)**  
**Homeland/Romoland ADP (Amendment No. 2) Project**

In accordance with Section 509.a.7 of the Rules for the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act, the General Manager-Chief Engineer of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District hereby certifies that the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Homeland MDP (Revision No. 1), Romoland MDP (Revision No. 1), Homeland/Romoland ADP (Amendment No. 2) Project (SCH#2003111131) is an objective and accurate statement which has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines.

WARREN D. WILLIAMS  
General Manager-Chief Engineer

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# MEMORANDUM

## RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

**DATE:** January 11, 2006

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Warren D. Williams, General Manager-Chief Engineer 

**RE:** Homeland Master Drainage Plan (Revision No. 1)  
Romoland Master Drainage Plan (Revision No. 1)  
Homeland/Romoland Area Drainage Plan (Amendment No. 2)

The Board is scheduled to adopt the above referenced projects and certify the associated Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on January 24, 2006. During the EIR public review period, comment letters were received from the State of California-Department of Transportation, and the Southern California Association of Governments. These comment letters and the responses are included in the EIR that is being submitted to the Board for consideration.

On November 21, 2005, we received written comments regarding the EIR from the Regional Water Quality Control Board - Santa Ana Region (RWQCB). We were not able to include these comments in the EIR since the comment period closed on September 14, 2005 and the EIR had already been sent to final print. Thus, for your information and consideration, we are enclosing copies of the RWQCB letter and the District's response letter dated December 19, 2005.

Any questions regarding this matter may be referred to Teresa Tung at 51233.

Enclosures

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WARREN D. WILLIAMS  
General Manager-Chief Engineer



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## RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

December 19, 2005

Mr. Mark G. Adelson  
Chief, Regional Basin Planning  
California Regional Water  
Quality Control Board  
3737 Main Street, Suite 500  
Riverside, CA 92501-3348

Dear Mr. Adelson:

Re: Homeland and Romoland  
Master Drainage Plans DEIR

Thank you for your November 16, 2005 letter regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed Homeland and Romoland Master Drainage Plans (MDPs). We received your letter on November 21<sup>st</sup> and were unable to include it in the Final EIR (FEIR) since the comment period closed on September 14, 2005 and the FEIR had already been sent for final print.

We will send a copy of the certified FEIR to your agency following the approval of the project by the District's Board. The project is tentatively scheduled to be approved by the District's Board on January 24, 2006. Please be advised that MDPs are conceptual drainage plans that are periodically revised and updated as necessary. The facilities within the MDPs must undergo the design and regulatory permitting process prior to commencing construction activities. Some of your concerns may be addressed by the final design of specific facilities or by future revisions to the MDPs. The Phase 1 facilities described in the DEIR are the only MDP facilities that were reevaluated by the current revisions and are the only facilities expected to be constructed in the near future. We will also keep your concerns in mind during future revisions to the MDPs. In response to the issues raised in your letter we provide the following information:

### Jurisdictional Resources and Mitigation

For CEQA purposes, it was determined that the proposed project would not cause significant adverse impacts to biological resources, habitat or water quality. This is mostly due to the lack of any significant hydrologic features or resources within the project footprint. Thus, specific onsite mitigation measures for such resources were not needed for the CEQA process or included in the FEIR. As stated in the FEIR, final jurisdictional determinations will be prepared for any facilities that may impact jurisdictional waters and the necessary permits will be obtained prior to construction. It is our understanding that copies of the jurisdictional delineation reports will be sent to your agency as well as the Corps of Engineers and the Department of Fish and Game. The final design and permitting process will provide more detailed information regarding jurisdictional impacts and any associated mitigation requirements for the regulatory permits. At that time, the feasibility of incorporating biological or water quality enhancements into the proposed earthen facilities could be better evaluated.

### SAMP

The Special Area Management Plan (SAMP) may provide a means to permit the future construction of MDP facilities. It appears that the SAMP is at least 1 to 2 years away from adoption and permitting. Thus, it will not be in place to address the proposed Phase 1 facilities. Where appropriate, the SAMP will be considered for the future permitting of MDP facilities and future MDP revisions.

Mr. Mark G. Adelson  
Re: Homeland and Romoland  
Master Drainage Plans DEIR

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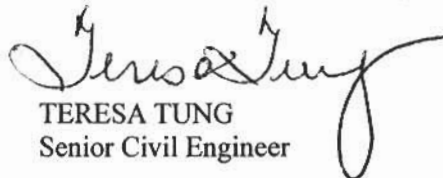
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Alternative Designs

Your letter suggests reconsideration of Alternative 2 with some additional (but not all) unlined vegetated channel stretches where obtainable and spaced as to regulate flow velocity. The proposed MDPs include earthen channel sections and basins where feasible. The decision to use concrete lined facilities is governed by hydraulics, high velocities, and/or land use constraints. For example, the preliminary design for Homeland MDP Line 1 facility between the proposed Briggs Road Detention Basin and the proposed Juniper Flats Basin indicates that the facility must convey estimated flow rates ranging from 504 to 1,570 cfs with velocities ranging from 11 to 30 feet per second. Between the I-215 and the proposed Briggs Road Detention Basin, Romoland MDP Line A must convey flow rates ranging from 640 cfs to 3,500 cfs with velocities from approximately 11 to 21 feet per second. Velocities greater than 6 feet per second are considered erosive and require revetment. Riparian vegetation does not provide adequate erosion protection from high velocities. Line A must also be designed to convey these high quantity flows through existing constraints such as Southern California Edison facilities and the I-215 bridge. It is infeasible to incorporate even short reaches of earthen facilities with the above constraints. However, the downstream reaches of the mainline for the Line A and Line B systems are master planned as earthen facilities due to the lower velocities in these areas. The feasibility and need to incorporate vegetation into these facilities will be determined during the design stage and permitting process of these facilities. Line A is master planned to connect to the San Jacinto River Channel but the feasibility of connecting to the Watson Ditch will be reevaluated during the design of this facility. It should be noted that the current revisions to the Homeland and Romoland MDPs were limited to the Phase 1 facilities only. The feasibility of incorporating additional earthen facilities into the remainder portions of the MDPs will be considered during future MDP revisions.

Please refer any questions regarding the FEIR to me at 951.955.1233.

Very truly yours,

  
TERESA TUNG  
Senior Civil Engineer

Enclosures

c: Albert A. Webb Associates  
Attn: Sonya Hooker  
Scott Hildebrandt  
Stuart McKibbin  
Art Diaz  
Kent Allen

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State Clearinghouse and Planning Unit



Sean Walsh  
Director

November 22, 2005

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Teresa Tung  
Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation  
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RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL  
WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Subject: Homeland and Romoland Area Master Drainage Plans and Homeland/Romoland Area Drainage Plan  
SCH#: 2003111131

Dear Teresa Tung:

The enclosed comment (s) on your Draft EIR was (were) received by the State Clearinghouse after the end of the state review period, which closed on September 14, 2005. We are forwarding these comments to you because they provide information or raise issues that should be addressed in your final environmental document.

The California Environmental Quality Act does not require Lead Agencies to respond to late comments. However, we encourage you to incorporate these additional comments into your final environmental document and to consider them prior to taking final action on the proposed project.

Please contact the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613 if you have any questions concerning the environmental review process. If you have a question regarding the above-named project, please refer to the ten-digit State Clearinghouse number (2003111131) when contacting this office.

Sincerely,

Terry Roberts  
Senior Planner, State Clearinghouse

Enclosures  
cc: Resources Agency

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# California Regional Water Quality Control Board

## Santa Ana Region



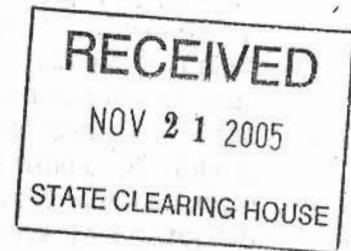
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November 16, 2005

Dusty Williams, General Manager-Chief Engineer  
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### DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR HOMELAND AND ROMOLAND AREA MASTER DRAINAGE PLANS, STATE CLEARING HOUSE NUMBER 2003111131

Dear Mr. Williams:

Staff of the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (RWQCB), has reviewed the recent Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) regarding the above-referenced District network of storm drains (on January 6, 2004, we commented on the Initial Study). The project consists of: 1) revising respective Master Drainage Plans (MDPs) for the Homeland and Romoland unincorporated areas; and, 2) amending the related Area Drainage Plan (ADP). Some of the flows will consolidate and enter the San Jacinto River (SJR).

Phase 1 of the project involves construction of the Line A/Line 1 system, consisting of one main line, multiple laterals, and two detention basins, collectively extending for approximately 13 linear miles. Additional laterals and basins will be constructed later within the MDPs, utilizing lined and unlined open channels where feasible, and otherwise, underground pipes and boxes. We understand that the District restricts the use of unlined sections where erosive conditions prevail. If the SJR channel is lowered as part of the separate SJR improvement project, then the interim Line A channel will be connected to the River as an earthen open channel in a projected final configuration.

We previously noted that this project has the potential to substantially impact water quality standards (that is, water quality objectives, beneficial uses, and an applicable anti-degradation policy) that are identified for receiving waters in the project areas (and applied to their tributaries) in the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin (Basin Plan). However, the DEIR appears to include only administrative measures and no physical onsite mitigation for impacts to biological resources, hydrology and water quality. We have these following comments:

- Although U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) jurisdictional delineations remain to be determined, for which Clean Water Act Sections 404/401 permitting will be processed, we note a tendency in the DEIR to assign Corps jurisdiction to wetlands only. Linear channel jurisdiction appears to be exclusively assigned to the California Department of Fish and Game (CDF&G). Corps jurisdiction likely also extends to channels, particularly those that exhibit an Ordinary High Water Mark. With respect to water quality standards, Regional Board jurisdiction overlaps and generally extends beyond jurisdiction of the Corps and CDF&G.



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



**11.3 & 16.1**

1:30 p.m. being the time set for public hearing on the Homeland Master Drainage Plan (Revision No. 1) and Romoland Master Drainage Plan (Revision No. 1) – Adoption of Resolution No. F2006-01 Adopting CEQA Findings, Mitigation Measures, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Approving the Project; and on Homeland/Romoland Area Drainage Plan, Amendment No. 2 – Adoption of Resolution No. 2006-001 Adopting Amendment No. 2 to the Homeland/Romoland Area Drainage Plan; and, Introduction of Ordinance 460.144, an Ordinance of the County of Riverside Amending Ordinance No. 460 relating to Subdivisions, located in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Districts, the Chairman called the matters for hearing.

Dusty Williams, Flood Control Director, presented the matter, and staff gave a PowerPoint presentation.

The following individuals spoke:

Bob Gibbon, Homeland, in favor of A line.  
Jack Dimond, Temecula, in favor.

In Opposition:

Henry Palomli, Menifee, wants both lines in the same direction and submitted a map.  
Alejandro Carrisoza, Romoland.  
Charles Hopper, Romoland, expressed concerns over the environmental impacts.  
Michael P. Smith, Romoland, expressed concern over open ditches.  
Charles G. Balan, Jr., Romoland, submitted a letter.  
David Byers, Esq. San Mateo.  
Kristi Robinson, Romoland, expressed concern about West Nile.  
Terri Cash, Romoland, submitted letter.  
Stacy Harkness, Romoland.

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WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Board of Supervisors

Dated: January 24, 2006

Nancy Romero, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in  
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By: [Signature] Deputy

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Bob Duke, Romoland.  
Daniel Docherty, Romoland.  
Verissa King, Romoland.  
Julie Little, Romoland.  
Edi Kandel, Romoland.  
Lisa Armijo, Romoland.  
Nadine Reyes, Romoland, discussed damage to RV.  
Sylvia Trarbaugh, Romoland.  
Joe Pelletier, Romoland.  
Sue Brown, Riverside.  
Gary Ruddy, Romoland.  
Barry Wilson, Romoland.  
Tammy Johnson, Romoland.  
Beverly Powers, Romoland.  
Wayne Anthony, Romoland.  
Ralph Ascher, Lake San Marcos.  
Marilyn Beesemyer.

The Chairman noted that the following individuals were in opposition who did not wish to speak.

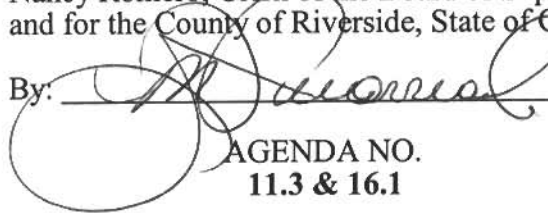
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Mr. Williams responded to the concerns:

- blocking horse trails
- maintenance regarding West Nile Virus
- graffiti
- land taken and severance
- rural nature of area – will become urban
- other alternatives will be considered  
underground
- combining sewer and drainage
- property values
- running lines parallel

Supervisor Stone wants to inform the public more and have a couple of workshops.

On motion of Supervisor Stone, seconded by Supervisor Wilson and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matters are continued for 60 days to Tuesday, March 28, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. for further hearing, and with direction to staff to have two workshops, one in the evening and one during the day.

Roll Call:

|         |                                      |
|---------|--------------------------------------|
| Ayes:   | Buster, Tavaglione, Stone and Wilson |
| Nays:   | None                                 |
| Absent: | None                                 |

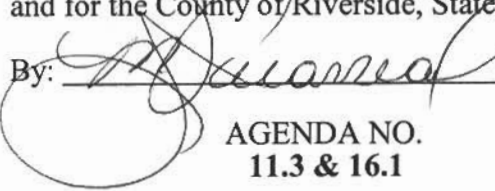
(Supervisor Ashley submitted letter of potential Conflict of Interest)

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