

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

218A



FROM: TLMA - Transportation Department


SUBMITTAL DATE:
July 21, 2008

SUBJECT: Funding Agreement between the County of Riverside and the Regional Conservation Authority for Santa Gertrudis and Tucalota Creek Channel mitigation land purchase.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Approve and execute the Funding Agreement for Santa Gertrudis and Tucalota Creek Channel mitigation land purchase;
- 2) Authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute the same;

BACKGROUND: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) issued a permit for the construction of Santa Gertrudis Creek Channel and Tucalota Creek Channel by Assessment



Juan C. Perez
Director of Transportation

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 176,156	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2008/2009
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Assessment District 161 bond proceeds (100%)				Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30 <input type="checkbox"/>
				Requires 4/5 Vote <input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY 

Tina Grande

County Executive Office Signature

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY LARISA R-MCKENNA DATE 7/21/08
Departmental Concurrence

Policy Policy

Consent Consent

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

Prev. Agn. Ref.

District: 3

Agenda Number:

ATTACHMENTS FILED
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

3.150

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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District 161 shortly after the district was formed. The 3.9 miles of channel was built in phases over eight years with final phase including construction of the Winchester Road Bridge over Santa Gertrudis Creek and soil importation for the last segment of Tocalota Creek Channel. The armored channel walls of this final segment of Tocalota Creek were built by later development. The original mitigation requirements under the permit to replant a portion of the channel bottom and an adjacent 9 acre area were considered infeasible due to poor groundwater conditions. The Transportation Department negotiated a revised mitigation package with the Corps and purchased conservation easements over a portion of Warm Springs Creek as part of the revised mitigation but was not able to complete the purchases before the land was sold for development. The Transportation Department proposed and the Corps agreed to the following second revised mitigation package; 1) 3.4 acres of existing wetlands in Santa Gertrudis and Tocalota Creek channels, 2) 3.4 acres of conservation easement on Warm Springs Creek, and 3) purchase of 12.4 acres of wetlands in the upper reaches of Temecula Creek. The agreement proposed would provide the RCA funding for 12.4 acres of a larger 25.6 acre purchase referred to as Geller 2.

County Counsel has approved this funding agreement as to form.