



MEMORANDUM

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

Bill Luna
County Executive Officer

Jay E. Orr
Assistant County Executive Officer

TO: Nancy Romero, Clerk of the Board

FROM: Jay E. Orr, Assistant CEO

DATE: December 5, 2008

RE: OFF-CALENDAR

The department is requesting that the following item be taken off-calendar:

4.8 – RDA – Adoption of Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Program for proposed Eller Park Project and Approval of the Project, 5th District.

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

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FROM: Redevelopment Agency

SUBMITTAL DATE:
November 10, 2008

SUBJECT: Adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Program for the Proposed Eller Park Project

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Directors:

1. Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Program for Environmental Assessment No. RDA/CEQA 2007-14 based on the findings incorporated in the Initial Study and the conclusion that the Project will not have a significant impact on the environment; and
2. Approve the proposed Eller Park Project.

BACKGROUND: In 2005, the Redevelopment Agency acquired 5.24-acres located on the northeast corner of Antelope Road and Highway 74 in the community of Romoland for the development of a new community park. The Agency issued a Request for Proposal for a full park design services and construction administration for the park. On December 12, 2006, the Board of Directors for the Redevelopment Agency approved an architectural services agreement with RHA Landscape Architects Planners, Inc., based on their experience and qualifications with similar projects.

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Deanna Lorson
Robin Zimpfer, Executive Director,
by Deanna Lorson, Deputy Executive Director

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	08/09

COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA: No

SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A

Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE
Jennifer L. Sargent
BY: Jennifer L. Sargent

County Executive Office Signature

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: MICHELLE CLACK
DATE: 11/25/08
Departmental Concurrence

Dept Recomm.: Consent Policy
Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 12/12/06, Item 3.12 & 4.4; 6/3/08, Item 4.4 **District:** 5 **Agenda Number:**

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BACKGROUND (continued):

The preferred site for the Project is located on a site south of the existing Romoland Elementary School at the corner of Highway 74 and Antelope Road in the unincorporated community of Romoland. A portion of the site was previously developed and included several blighted structures including two homes, a garage, and an abandoned mobile home, all of which have been removed. Plans for the 5.24-acre park will include a parking lot with 35 parking spaces (including 3 ADA-accessible spaces), tot-lot play area, two picnic areas with 17 picnic tables, lighted baseball/softball diamond, basketball court, walking trail, open turf area, and a restroom/concession building. The chain-link fence along the northern property line will be replaced with a wrought iron fence, and the dilapidated fence along the eastern property line will be replaced with a block wall. Curb, gutter, sidewalk, and the primary vehicular access point will be provided on Antelope Road. Curb, gutter, and sidewalk will also be provided along Highway 74.

The development of the Project is consistent with the Redevelopment Agency's Implementation Plan, which calls for the building of parks and providing recreational opportunities for area residents.

Construction of the Project will be contingent upon project funding and full environmental clearance. The Redevelopment Agency will return to the Board at a later date for approval of the project funding once design of the facility is completed.

Staff has prepared an Initial Study to assess the potential environmental effects of the Project. The Initial Study indicated all issues of environmental concern can be adequately mitigated to a level of insignificance.

Notice of the Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration has been published in the Press Enterprise newspaper in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines. Staff recommends approval as indicated above.

Attachments:

Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for Environmental Assessment No. RDA/CEQA 2007-14

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO:

— Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

County Clerk
County of Riverside
2724 Gateway Drive
Riverside, CA 92507
Central Mail Stop #1420

FROM:

Redevelopment Agency for the
County of Riverside
1325 Spruce Street, Suite 400
Riverside, CA 92507
Central Mail Stop #1330

Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code and the California Environmental Quality Act.

Project Title: Eller Park: Initial Study No. RDA/CEQA 2007-14

<u>N/A</u>	<u>Dominick Lombardi</u>	<u>(951) 955-8916</u>
State Clearinghouse Number (If submitted to Clearinghouse)	Lead Agency Contact Person	Telephone Number


Project Location (include county): The preferred site for the proposed Eller Park Project is located at 25926 Antelope Road, in the community of Romoland, County of Riverside. APN # 329-120-015, 329-120-016, 329-120-017, and 329-120-018.

Project Description: The Proposed Project will be located on a site south of the existing Romoland Elementary School at the corner of Highway 74 and Antelope Road in the unincorporated community of Romoland. A portion of the site was previously developed and included several blighted structures including two homes, a garage, and an abandoned mobile home, all of which have been removed. Plans for the 5.24-acre park will include a parking lot with 35 parking spaces (including 3 ADA-accessible spaces), tot-lot play area, two picnic areas with 17 picnic tables, lighted baseball/softball diamond, basketball court, walking trail, open turf area, installation of landscaping, and a restroom/concession building. The chain link fence along the northern property line will be replaced with a wrought iron fence, and the dilapidated fence along the eastern property line will be replaced with a block wall. Curb, gutter, sidewalk, and the primary vehicular access point will be provided on Antelope Road. Curb, gutter, and sidewalk will also be provided along Highway 74.

This is to advise that the **Board of Directors of the Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside** approved the above described project on December 9, 2008 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A Mitigated Negative Declaration 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 Statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project.
5. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Mitigated Negative Declaration with comments, responses, and record of project approval is available to the general public at: The Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside, 1325 Spruce Street, Suite 400, Riverside, CA 92507.


for **Robin Zimpfer, Executive Director**
Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside

Date