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

**FROM:** Redevelopment Agency

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
November 12, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and Approval of the Proposed Highway 74 Beautification Project Phase II and III

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Directors:

1. Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for Environmental Assessment No. RDA/CEQA 2008-02 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 Highway 74 Beautification Project Phase II and III.

**BACKGROUND:**

On August 10, 2004, the Redevelopment Agency entered into an agreement with Albert A. Webb Associates to prepare plans and specifications for the Romoland Beautification Project which includes irrigated landscaping, curb, gutter, sidewalk and street improvements on Highway 74 from Interstate 215 to Palomar Road.

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*Robin Zimpfer*  
Robin Zimpfer, Executive Director

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	07/08

**COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA:** No

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> N/A	<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:**

APPROVE  
By: *Jennifer L. Sargent*  
Jennifer L. Sargent

**County Executive Office Signature**

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY: MICHELLE CLACK  
DATE: 11/2/08  
Departmental Concurrence

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

**Prev. Agn. Ref.:** 8/10/04 4.3, 7/25/06 **District:** 5 **Agenda Number:** 4.1

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**BACKGROUND** (continued):

Phase II and III of the Project will consist of the following improvements: On the north side of SR 74 right-of-way between Trumble Road and Palomar Road, the Agency proposes to construct curb, gutter, sidewalk, driveway aprons, bus turnouts, street trees and a reclaimed water system; on the south side of SR 74 on a 1-foot strip on the southernmost edge of the CalTrans right-of-way running from approximately Trumble Road to Antelope Road, the Agency proposes to construct a green screen fence with reclaimed water system and the planting of native vines. Also included in the project but addressed through the Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (STPLE-5956(129)) dated August 15, 2005, is the installation of traffic signals at Sherman Road and SR 74 and a raised island median and concrete cross gutter.

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 for Environmental Assessment No. RDA/CEQA-2008-02  
Mitigated Negative Declaration  
Notice of Determination

# NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO:

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

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

FROM:

Riverside County Economic  
Development Agency  
1157 Spruce Street  
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.**

**Project Title:** Highway 74 Beautification Project Phase II and III

	Andy Frost	(951) 955-8916
State Clearinghouse Number (If submitted to Clearinghouse)	Lead Agency Contact Person	Telephone Number

**Project Location** (include county): The northern 2-7 feet of the CalTrans Right of Way on the north side of SR 74 between Trumble Road and Antelope Road and the southern 2 feet of CalTrans Right of Way on the south side of SR 74 between Trumble and Palomar Roads in the unincorporated community of Romoland, CA, in the County of Riverside

**Project Description:** Phase II and III of the Romoland Beautification/Highway 74 Beautification Project will consist of the following improvements: On the north side of the SR 74 right of way between Trumble Road and Palomar Road, the Agency proposes to construct curb, gutter, sidewalk, driveway aprons, bus turnouts, street trees and a reclaimed water system; on the south side of SR 74 on a 1 foot strip on the southernmost edge of the CalTrans Right of Way running from approximately Trumble Road to Antelope Road, the Agency proposes to construct a green screen fence with reclaimed water system and the planting of native vines. Also included in the project but addressed through the Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (STPLE-5956(129)) dated 8/15/05 is the installation of traffic signals at Sherman Road and SR 74 and a raised island median and concrete cross gutter.

This is to advise that the County of Riverside Board of Supervisors have approved the described project with approval effective on December 16, 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. x 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 x 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 is available to the General Public at: Riverside County Economic Development Agency, 1325 Spruce Street, Suite 400, Riverside, CA 92507.

  
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**Robin Zimpfer, Assistant County Executive Officer  
Riverside County Economic Development Agency**

11/12/08  
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**Date**

# MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

**Initial Study Number:**

RDA/CEQA – 2008-2

**Project Title:**

Romoland Beautification Project Phase II/III

**Project Applicant:**

Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside

**Telephone Number:**

(951) 955-8916

**Project Location:**

The northern 2-7 feet of the CalTrans Right of Way on the north side of SR 74 between Trumble Road and Antelope Road and the southern 2 feet of CalTrans Right of Way on the south side of SR 74 between Trumble and Palomar Roads in the unincorporated community of Romoland, CA, in the County of Riverside

**Project Description:**

Phase II of the Romoland Beautification/Highway 74 Beautification Project will consist of the following improvements: On the north side of the SR 74 right of way between Trumble Road and Palomar Road, the Agency proposes to construct curb, gutter, sidewalk, driveway aprons, bus turnouts, street trees and a reclaimed water system; on the south side of SR 74 on a 1 foot strip on the southernmost edge of the CalTrans Right of Way running from approximately Trumble Road to Antelope Road, the Agency proposes to construct a green screen fence with reclaimed water system and the planting of native vines. Also included in the project but addressed through the Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (STPLE-5956(129)) dated 8/15/05 is the installation of traffic signals at Sherman Road and SR 74 and a raised island median and concrete cross gutter.

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## FINDING

The Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside has reviewed the above project according to the "California Environmental Quality Act" and determined that an Environmental Impact Report need not be prepared because:

- { } The proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- {X} Although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because the mitigation measures described in the Initial Study have been added to the project and are hereby made part of this Mitigated Negative Declaration.

This determination is based upon an Initial Study. The Initial Study is available for review during normal business hours (8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. Monday thru Friday) at the County of Riverside Economic Development Agency, 1325 Spruce Street, Suite 400, Riverside, CA 92507, Telephone (951) 955-8916.

Prepared By: \_\_\_\_\_

Andy Frost, Project Manager

Date: 11-5-08

**NOTICE**

The public is invited to comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration. The appropriateness and adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration will be considered by the following governing body on the following date in light of the information presented in the Initial Study, the recommendation of Redevelopment Agency staff, and all of the comments received:

**Governing Body:**

Riverside County Board of Supervisors

Board of Directors of the Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside

Proposed Adoption Date of the Mitigated Negative Declaration: December 16, 2008

Date: December 16, 2008

Time: 9:30a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible

Location: Board of Supervisors Hearing Room  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor

County Administrative Center

4080 Lemon Street

Riverside, California 92501

**PLEASE SUBMIT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:**

Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside

C/O Andy Frost

1325 Spruce Street, Suite 400

Riverside, CA 92507

**Please Note:** All written comments regarding the Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received by no later than 5:00 p.m. December 11, 2008, at the Redevelopment Agency.