



SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



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FROM: Regional Park & Open-Space District

SUBMITTAL DATE: 4/29/09

SUBJECT: Negative Declaration for Environmental Assessment Parks 10011
Lake Skinner Recreation Area Day-Use Area Improvements - District III

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board approves and adopts:

- 1. The Negative Declaration for Environmental Assessment Parks 10011 based upon the findings in the initial study and conclusions that the proposed improvements to the Lake Skinner Recreation Area day-use area (project) will not have a significant effect on the environment with the protection measures incorporated into the project;
2. The Supporting Notice of Determination; and
3. The De Minimus finding that there is no evidence this project will have an adverse impact on wildlife resources.

BACKGROUND: The Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District (Park District) proposes to upgrade and expand the existing day-use section of the Lake Skinner Recreation Area, located at 37701 Warren Road in the unincorporated area of Winchester in south central County. The site plan for this project includes construction of a water splash pad, outdoor amphitheater, parking lots, roads and multi-purpose trails.

The attached Environmental Assessment (EA) No. Parks 10011 was prepared by Park District staff to evaluate potential impacts associated with the proposed project, in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (Section 15000 et seq.) The analysis and findings contained in the Initial Study for EA No. Parks 10011 support the adoption of a Negative Declaration.

705-Skinner Negative Declaration for EA Parks MB/mg

Scott Bangle, General Manager

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SOURCE OF FUNDS:

Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30 [ ]
Requires 4/5 Vote [ ]

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY: Alex Gann
Alex Gann

County Executive Office Signature

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Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: III

Agenda Number:

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ATTACHMENTS FILED WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL BY: Larisa R-Mckenna DATE: 4/29/09

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Study for EA 10011 supports the adoption of a Negative Declaration. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15063, a Negative Declaration finding this project will not have any significant impacts has been prepared.

In accordance with CEQA, the Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration and EA Parks 10011 were posted with the County Clerk, transmitted to responsible agencies and interested parties for comment for a period of forty-five (45) days.

A public notice advertising the public comment period for the Notice of Intent and EA was also published in the Press Enterprise. Copies of the Negative Declaration and EA were made available to the public at the Park District Headquarters, Lake Skinner Recreation Area, and the Temecula Library.

The comment period for the EA began on December 6, 2008 and was to close on January 23, 2009. The comment was extended at the request of the general public until February 6, 2009. The District received a total of six (6) letters of comment from: 1) Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District; 2) Pechanga Tribe of the Luiseno Mission Indians; 3) Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians; 4) Metropolitan Water District; 5) Riverside County Fire; and 6) Riverside County Waste Management Department.

The Park District has reviewed the comments on the proposed Negative Declaration to determine if the comments would result in a substantial revision to the Negative Declaration, as defined in CEQA Guidelines. Section 15073.5 does not require the Lead Agency to prepare written responses to the comments received on a Negative Declaration. The Park District, however, prepared responses to the letters (see attached Responses to Comments). In staff's consideration, the comments do not warrant revision to the Park District Negative Declaration and have been addressed in the plans for the project.

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors adopts a Negative Declaration for the potential project impacts identified in the EA, stating that they can be avoided or mitigated in the development of the project plans and specifications.

The Office of County Counsel has reviewed and approved these documents as to legal form.