



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



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FROM: Regional Park & Open-Space District

SUBMITTAL DATE:  
April 2, 2012

SUBJECT: Public Hearing for the Approval and Adoption of the "Santa Ana River Trail Master Plan: Corona, Norco, Eastvale, and Segment State Route 71 to Hidden Valley Wildlife Area" and Mitigated Negative Declaration for Environmental Assessment PARKS 10020 Santa Ana River Trail, Riverside County California – Districts I/II, & II/II

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board approves and:

1. Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration for Environmental Assessment PARKS 10020 based on the findings incorporated and conclusions in the initial study that the proposed improvements to the Santa Ana River Trail between the Prado Basin and the Hidden Valley Wildlife Area will not have a significant effect on the environment with the mitigation measures incorporated into the project;
2. Approve the "Santa Ana River Trail Master Plan: Corona, Norco, Eastvale, and Segment State Route 71 to Hidden Valley Wildlife Area"; and

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*[Signature]*  
Scott Bangle, General Manager

2012-016D MB

FINANCIAL  
DATA  
N/A

Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0
Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0
Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0

In Current Year Budget:
Budget Adjustment:
For Fiscal Year:

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

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

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY: *Alex Gann*  
Alex Gann

County Executive Office Signature

Consent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Poli	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Consent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Poli	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Dep't Recomm.:  
Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 9/30/08 M.O. 13.1 | District: I/II, II/II | Agenda Number:  
6/15/10 M.O. 13.1

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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY: *Karin L. Watts* #312  
KARIN L. WATTS-BAZAN Regional Concurrence

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**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to legally notice and post the Notice of Determination.

**BACKGROUND:**

Since the 1950's State, County and Federal agencies, citizen groups, and Municipalities have been collaboratively working to construct the Santa Ana River Trail from its origin in the San Bernardino Mountains to its terminus at the Pacific Ocean in Huntington Beach. One of the remaining Riverside County segments of the trail is the portion between the Prado Basin and Hidden Valley Wildlife Area.

The Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District (District) in partnership with the cities of Corona and Norco contracted with the Dangermond Group, Sacramento, California (Consultant) for the development of a master plan of a dual trail system (soft surfaced and paved) to complete this segment. The efforts have resulted in the "Santa Ana River Trail Master Plan: Corona, Norco, Eastvale, and Segment State Route 71 to Hidden Valley Wildlife Area".

In association with the Master Plan, Environmental Assessment (EA) No. Parks 10020 was prepared for the District by Michael Brandman Associates, subcontractor to the Consultant, to evaluate potential impacts associated with the proposed project. The methods and document were conducted and developed in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Section 15000 et seq. The analysis and findings contained within the EA support the adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration. The project will not have any significant impacts to the environment with the mitigation measures incorporated into the project.

In accordance with CEQA Rules and Regulations a Notice of Availability/Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and the EA were posted with the State Clearinghouse, and transmitted to responsible agencies and interested parties for a forty-five (45) day comment period.

To advertise the Public Comment Period, a public notice was published in the Press Enterprise on December 21, 2011, January 4, 2012 and January 11, 2012; posted on the on three web-sites (District, City of Corona and Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority); and printed copies were posted at the Riverside Main Library, Corona Public Library, Norco Public Library, District Headquarters, City of Corona City Hall, City of Norco City Hall and Jurupa Community Services District offices.

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**BACKGROUND continued:**

The comment period for the EA began on December 2, 2011 and closed on January 17, 2012 (adjusted for holidays). The District received a total of ten (10) comment letters from :

- State Clearinghouse and Planning Unit,
- Native American Heritage Association,
- Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District,
- Riverside County Airport Land Use Commission,
- California Department of Fish and Game,
- Orange County Water Department,
- City of Riverside Community Development Department,
- City of Riverside Park, Recreation and Community Services Department,
- California Department of Transportation, and
- Riverside County Fire Department (received late).

The District and Consultant reviewed the comment letters and have prepared responses to the comments contained in the letters to determine if the comments would result in a "substantial revision" to the Mitigated Negative Declaration as defined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15073.5. The comments received did not require a substantial revision to the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Therefore, Staff recommends that the Board of Director's, after closure of the public hearing, adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approve the Santa Ana River Trail Master Plan: Corona, Norco, Eastvale and Segment State Route 71 to Hidden Valley Wildlife Area.



**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION**  
**RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL PARK & OPEN-SPACE DISTRICT**

EA No. 10020

SCH# 2011121010

**PROJECT TITLE: Santa Ana River Trail Master Plan: Corona, Norco, Eastvale and Segment State Route 71 to Hidden Valley Wildlife Area**

**DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION:** The proposed Corona-Norco-Eastvale segment of the Santa Ana River Trail (SART) stretches from just downstream of State Route (SR) 71 in the west to the Hidden Valley Wildlife Area in the east. The project area encompasses the Prado Dam and surrounding flood control basin, the Corona Municipal Airport, Orange County Water District (OCWD) conservation lands, and the residential communities of the Cities of Corona, Norco, and Eastvale. Major highways and roadways in the project area are SR 71 (Chino Valley Freeway), SR-91 (Riverside Freeway), Interstate (I) 15 (Corona/Temecula Valley Freeway), River Road, Corydon Avenue/Norco Drive, Hamner Avenue, and Arlington Avenue.

The proposed Project consists of the Corona-Norco-Eastvale segment of the larger SART and Parkway project. The Corona-Norco-Eastvale segment was initially divided into 12 reaches to provide a point of reference for communication. Reach I starts at the western end of the project area (the downstream edge of the Prado Dam outflow channel just west of SR-71), with Reach XII encompassing the eastern-most section (extending to the border of the Hidden Valley Wildlife Area in the County of Riverside). The proposed reaches of the SART will be a dual-track trail consisting of a paved bike trail and a multi-purpose soft surface trail.

1. The project [ will  will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2.  An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA
3.  A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
4. Mitigation measures [were were not] made a condition of the approval of this project.
5. A Mitigation Monitoring plan was [was not ] adopted.
6. A statement of Overriding Considerations [was  was not] adopted for this project.

The project will not have a significant effect on the environment and a Mitigated Negative Declaration has been adopted pursuant to CEQA and may be examined, along with administrative record, at the Riverside County Regional Park & Open-Space District, 4600 Crestmore Road, Jurupa Valley, California 92509.

The Final EIR may be examined, along with administrative record, at the Riverside County Regional Park & Open-Space District, 4600 Crestmore Road, Jurupa Valley, California 92509.

	Title	Senior Park Planner	Date	4-2-12
	Title	General Manager	Date	4/2/12

**HEARING BODY OR OFFICER**

XX Board of Directors

**ACTION ON PROJECT**

\_\_\_\_\_ Approval  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproval  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Verifying: Title: Date:

**For County Clerk Use**