



**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL PARK  
AND OPEN-SPACE DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM  
13.2  
(ID # 3952)

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, April 18, 2017

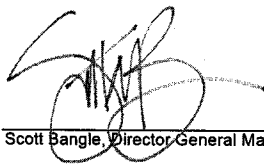
**FROM :** REGIONAL PARK & OPEN SPACE DISTRICT:

**SUBJECT:** REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN-SPACE DISTRICT: Adopt Resolution No. 2017-1 Authorizing the Application for the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Funds; District ALL; [\$0]

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

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2017-1 Authorizing the Regional Park and Open-Space District to submit an application to State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation for its Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Funds Program; and
2. Authorize the General Manager, or designee, to execute the grant agreement, in substantially the State form attached and as approved by County Counsel, which may result from this application and to take all actions necessary to administer said agreement; and
3. Instruct the Clerk of the Board to return one copy of the resolution to the Regional Park and Open-Space District.

**ACTION:** Consent



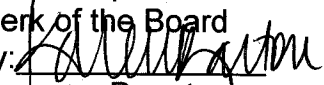
Scott Bangle, Director General Manager / Park Director 3/29/2017

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

On motion of Director Tavaglione, seconded by Director Jeffries and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington and Ashley  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: None  
 Date: April 18, 2017  
 xc: Parks

Kecia Harper-Ihem  
 Clerk of the Board  
 By:   
 Deputy

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**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

The California Department of Parks and Recreation Off-Highway Vehicle Motor Vehicle Recreation Division is currently accepting applications for funding under their Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program. These funds are available to eligible applicants for the purposes of planning, acquisition, development, maintenance, administration, operation, enforcement, restoration, and conservation of trails, trailheads, areas, and other facilities associated with the use of off-highway motor vehicles, and programs involving off-highway motor vehicle safety or education. Riverside County Regional and Open-Space District wishes to apply for a portion of these grant funds, with the intent of conducting a feasibility study for planning purposes.

Population growth has increased the demand for all types of outdoor recreation in Riverside County, while development related to population increases has reduced the amount of land available for future off-highway vehicle (OHV) activity. For some time, Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District has been aware of the disparity between recreational demand and available OHV venues in Southern California and has made attempts to find a suitable site and establish an OHV facility on public lands in Riverside County. These efforts have been unsuccessful for various reasons. Nevertheless, the District remains committed to the vision of providing diverse and challenging opportunities for off-road enthusiasts while addressing economic, environmental, and social concerns. The proposed feasibility study will review properties currently held by the District for suitability in addressing unmet OHV recreation needs, as well as examine potential sites for new acquisition and/or future development.

If the application is successful, the District will utilize the awarded grant funding to solicit qualified firms to prepare a Feasibility Report. The selected consultant will conduct research necessary to evaluate the feasibility of the development of an OHV facility in Riverside County, as well as identify and prioritize potential sites for acquisition and/or development by the District. The issues identified as criteria for evaluating feasibility in this study include but are not limited to: need, as defined by a comparison between the numbers of off-highway vehicles registered in Riverside County and the places to ride them; community support; financial sustainability; regional economic impact; potential locations and related environmental issues, existing and planned land uses, soils, local roadway access, and potential for trailhead facilities such as parking; legal issues; liability issues; and enforcement of ecological issues such as noise, vandalism, trespassing, and riding out-of-bounds. The consultant will prepare and submit a draft and final feasibility report containing their findings to the District for use in future planning efforts.

The proposed resolution is a requirement of the grant application process, and authorizes the District to submit an application for funds. The Standard State Agreement for OHV Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program is attached. If awarded, a copy of the signed agreement will be provided to the Executive Office.

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**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

The proposed project is the first step in meeting an unmet need for OHV enthusiasts residing in Riverside County. It would provide the District with information crucial to decision making in regard to the development of new OHV facilities.

**SUPPLEMENTAL:**


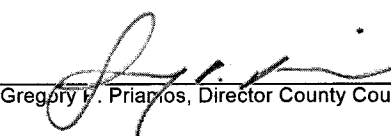
**Additional Fiscal Information**

The total anticipated cost for this project is \$341,965. There is a minimum match requirement of 26% of the total project cost for this grant. The District intends to apply for \$250,000 in grant funds, and the remaining balance of \$91,965 (37% of total project cost) will be provided by the existing fund balance in the District's Off-Highway Vehicle Maintenance Fund 25440 if the grant is awarded.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Resolution No. 2017-1**

**Standard State Agreement for OHV Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program**

	
Alex Gann	Gregory F. Priamos, Director County Counsel
4/11/2017	3/30/2017

1 Board of Directors

Riverside County  
Regional Park & Open-Space District

4 RESOLUTION NO. 2017-1

5 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL  
6 PARK AND OPEN-SPACE DISTRICT APPROVING THE APPLICANT TO APPLY FOR GRANT  
7 FUNDS FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION,  
8 OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE GRANT FUNDS

9 WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the Off-Highway Motor  
10 Vehicle Recreation Act of 2003, which provides funds to the State of California and its political  
11 subdivisions for Operation and Maintenance, Restoration, Law Enforcement, and Education and  
12 Safety for off-highway vehicle recreation; and

13 WHEREAS, the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division with the California  
14 Department of Parks and Recreation ("State") has been delegated the responsibility to  
15 administer the program; and

16 WHEREAS, procedures established by the California Department of Parks and  
17 Recreation require the Applicant's Governing Body to certify by resolution the approval of the  
18 Application before submission of said application to the State for Off-Highway Motor Vehicle  
19 Grant funds; and

20 WHEREAS, this proposed action appears on, or is in conformance with this jurisdiction's  
21 adopted general or master plan and is compatible with the land use plans of those jurisdictions  
22 immediately surrounding the areas of interest for possible OHV uses; now, therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board of Directors for the  
24 Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District hereby:

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27 1. Approves the filing of an Application(s) for an Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Funds  
28 or Cooperative Agreement; and

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY: *Synthia M. Gunzel* 3-20-17  
SYNTHIA M. GUNZEL DATE

- 1           2. Certifies that the District understands its legal obligations to the State upon  
2           approval of the Grant; and
- 3           3. Certifies that this agency understands the California Public Resources Code  
4           requirement that acquisition and development projects be maintained to specific  
5           conservation standards; and
- 6           4. Certifies that the any resulting acquisition and development activities will be well-  
7           maintained during its useful life; and
- 8           5. Certifies that this agency will implement the proposed activities with diligence  
9           once funds are available and the District has reviewed, understands, and agrees  
10          with the grant agreement; and
- 11          6. Certifies that this agency will provide the required matching funds; and
- 12          7. Certifies that the public and adjacent property owners have been notified of this  
13          proposed activity (as applicable); and
- 14          8. Appoints the General Manager as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and  
15          submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements,  
16          amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for  
17          completion of the proposed activities associated with the use and purpose of the  
18          grant funds
- 19          9. Accepts the Grant funds if and when awarded and authorizes the General  
20          Manager to execute the Grant Agreement on behalf of the District.

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23 ROLL CALL:

24 Ayes:           Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington and Ashley  
25 Nays:           None  
26 Absent:         None

27           The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly  
28           adopted by said Board of Supervisors on the date therein set forth.

KECIA HARPER-IHEM, Clerk of said Board

By 

Deputy