

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM: 13.1
(ID # 16954)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, August 17, 2021

FROM : Regional Parks and Open Space District:

SUBJECT: REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN-SPACE DISTRICT: Authorization for the Expenditure of Administrative Fees by the Riverside County Regional Park & Open-Space District to the United States Army Corps of Engineers Concerning Funding of Administrative Services Associated with Future Development of the Santa Ana River Trail; CEQA Nothing Further Required. District 2. [\$225,525 Total Cost - Coastal Conservancy Grant 100%]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Directors:

1. Find that nothing further is required under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") because all potentially significant effects have been adequately analyzed in Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted on April 2, 2012 and the potential impacts have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier MND;
2. Approve the Administrative Fee to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) in an amount not to exceed \$225,525 for Administrative Services for Future Development of the Santa Ana River Trail (Project); and
3. Authorize the General Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary for the payment and processing of administrative fees from the ACOE for the Project, as approved by County Counsel.

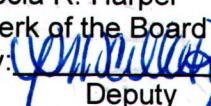
ACTION:Policy


Kyla R. Brown, General Manager 8/3/2021

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: August 17, 2021
xc: Parks

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 225,525	\$ 0	\$ 225,525	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Coastal Conservancy Grant 100%			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 21/22	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The development and construction of the Santa Ana River Trail (SART) relies on the coordination and cooperation of many different agencies to ensure the impacts of the project are minimized, both financially and environmentally. ACOE is authorized by 10 U.S.C. §2695 to collect administrative fees in connection with real property transactions for property under the control of the Secretary of Military Department. ACOE is a large land holder in the area of the SART and is the regulatory agency for the trail in Southern Riverside County, thereby authorizing ACOE to collect administrative fees.

Currently the Santa Ana River Mainstream (SARM) project in the Prado Basin is receiving administrative services from the ACOE including, but not limited to, engineering review, environmental reviews related to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), surveying, and real estate services. The ACOE is willing to provide administrative services for the SART project that is in the same area as the SARM project to reduce duplication of work. The administrative services would result in the ACOE considering issues from SART in the larger SARM project including environmental work, engineering review, and other concurrent efforts. This agreement will allow the ACOE and to streamline and expedite environmental and construction review services and provide cost savings for future RivCoParks projects for SART in the Prado Basin.

ACOE originally estimated the administrative fees that RivCoParks must pay for ACOE services to be three hundred thousand four hundred dollars (\$300,400) (see letter attached hereto). Due to the completion of some included work, the estimate has been reduced to two hundred and twenty-five thousand five hundred and five dollars (\$225,525).

CEQA Considerations

The proposed action in this agenda item involves the approval of the expenditure of funds for administrative services required by the ACOE. On April 10, 2012, item 13.3, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration for Environmental Assessment PARKS 10020 and determined that the proposed project will not have any significant impacts to the environment with the mitigation measures incorporated into the project. This proposed action does not substantially increase the present activities and uses at the SART. In addition, the proposed action will not result in any new significant environmental effects; the actions will not substantially increase the severity of the environmental effects; no considerably different

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mitigation measures have been identified; and no mitigation measures found infeasible have become feasible. Therefore, nothing further is required for the purposes of CEQA.

Impact on Citizens and Business

The payment to ACOE for administrative fees will speed up the timeline for completion of this phase of the SART because it will allow for environmental assessments of the area to begin in conjunction with other work.

Supplemental (additional Fiscal Info if applicable)

Funding for this project is being provided by Coastal Conservancy grant agreement #21-003.

ATTACHMENTS:

Administrative Fee Letter from ACOE



Jason Farin, Principal Management Analyst

8/10/2021



Gregory J. Priarios, Director County Counsel

8/5/2021



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
915 WILSHIRE BLVD, SUITE 930
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90017-3489

December 1, 2020

Civil Works Branch
Real Estate Division

Ms. Erin Gettis
Riverside County
Regional Park and Open Space District
4600 Crestmore Road
Riverside, California 92509

Dear Ms. Gettis:

This is in regard to the proposed Santa Ana River Trail Project within the Prado Dam Flood Risk Management Basin. In light of the Federal Government's fiscal challenges, it is imperative that we collect additional administrative fees to process your instrument. Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. §2695, the Corps is authorized to collect administrative fees in conjunction with this transaction, which includes but are not limited to Engineering Review, Environmental (NEPA), Surveying, Legal, and Real Estate Services.

The estimated administrative fees associated with the continued review and coordination of your proposal is \$300,400.00. Please note that this is a cost estimate and we may require additional funds or return excess funds to you. We have prepared an internal estimate of our costs based on the following categories of anticipated services and expenses.

Category of Reviewer	Total
Real Estate, Operations, Regulatory and Office of Counsel	\$55,000.00
Engineering Services	\$48,000.00
Environmental Services (EA/SEA)	\$197,400.00
TOTAL:	\$300,400.00

You can submit your payment through one of the below methods:

Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) - Preferred Method:

This method can save weeks of processing and streamline receipt of funding. Please see the enclosed Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Electronic Funds Transfer by Non-Federal Sponsors from our Finance Center in Millington, Tennessee. This SOP provides instructions and information for your financial

institution on how to use the EFT procedures using either the ACH CCD+ format or the ACH CTX format. The following information is provided to you as discussed in paragraph 4.c of the enclosed SOP:

Receiving ABA Number: 051036706
Account Number: 220025
Account/Receiver Name: USAGE Finance Center
Amount: \$300,400.00
ROV Number: 1853
EROC: L1
Transfer Type: EFT
Receiving Bank: Federal Reserve Bank, New York
Advance Account: 1346

Payment by Check:

If you provide funds by check, please prepare it as follows. Send the check to the following address:

USAGE Finance Center
5722 Integrity Drive
Millington, TN 38054

Make your check payable to "USAED Los Angeles, FAO" in the amount requested and include the following information:

Advance Account: 1346
ROV Number: 1853
EROC: L1

Please also include the point of contact name, address and telephone number.

If you need any additional information or have any questions, please contact Ms. Katie Parks, Outdoor Recreation Planner, at (951) 898-6180 or via email at Katie.B.Parks@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,



Lisa M. Sandoval
Chief, Civil Works Branch
Real Estate Division