

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



ITEM: 3.22
(ID # 17584)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, November 02, 2021

FROM : SUPERVISOR KAREN SPIEGEL:

SUBJECT: SUPERVISOR KAREN SPIEGEL: Support letter for Santa Ana River Bottom Fuels Reduction Project. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Officially support the Riverside County Fire Department (RCFD) in contributing a letter to support the grant request for RVC Fire on the Santa Ana River Bottom Fuels Reduction Project.

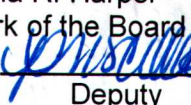
ACTION:


Supervisor Karen Spiegel, Chair 10/28/2021

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Hewitt 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: November 2, 2021
xc: BOS District 2, Fire

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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BACKGROUND:

Summary

Riverside County would like to support the actions proposed by the Riverside County Fire Department (RCFD) to apply for a grant to reduce the fire emergencies to all communities that are influenced by the river bottom. The grant proposal will consist of hiring a qualified firm to write an environmental document that complies with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and that firm will be working cooperatively with RCFD as the lead agency, stakeholders, other government agencies having jurisdiction and private landowners in the project area to accomplish all necessary environmental studies, groundwork, documentation, and submission requirements as needed to complete the CEQA documents. This document will be used as a master plan for land use, fuel reduction and water quality use that will benefit the surrounding areas for many years to come.

ATTACHMENT.

Support letter for Santa Ana River Bottom Fuels Reduction Project



COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

Board of Supervisors

District 1	Kevin Jeffries 951-955-1010
District 2	Karen Spiegel, Chair 951-955-1020
District 3	Chuck Washington 951-955-1030
District 4	V. Manuel Perez 951-955-1040
District 5	Jeff Hewitt, Vice Chair 951-955-1050

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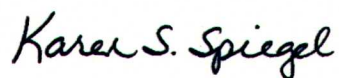
Re: Support letter for Santa Ana River Bottom Fuels Reduction Project

As a stakeholder in the Santa Ana River bottom area of Riverside County, we are pleased to support the actions proposed by the Riverside County Fire Department (RCFD) to apply for a grant to reduce the fire emergencies to all communities that are influenced by the river bottom. We understand that the grant proposal will consist of hiring a qualified firm to write an environmental document that complies with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and that firm will be working cooperatively with RCFD as the lead agency, stakeholders, other government agencies having jurisdiction and private landowners in the project area to accomplish all necessary environmental studies, groundwork, documentation, and submission requirements as needed to complete the CEQA document. This document will be used as a master plan for land use, fuel reduction and water quality use that will benefit the surrounding areas for many years to come.

We are pleased to have the ability to be a part of the process to reduce the fire emergencies to all communities that are influenced by the river bottom and will work cooperatively with RCFD and area stakeholders. Our objective is to be a part of a unified and dedicated group of organizations and individuals impacted by the defined project area, to attend workshops and cooperatively help define the needs of the area as well as do our part to ensure a successful outcome.

We are confident that the undertaking is crucial to the health and longevity of the Santa Ana River bottom's vegetation areas, species habitats and community safety. Riverside County is pleased to be a part of this project and believe it is the first step in future fuels reduction projects, community improvements, water reclamation projects and reductions in greenhouse gas emissions which exemplifies the goals of RCFD and the County of Riverside for improving the resiliency of adjacent communities in the wildland urban interface while achieving climate goals and protecting the diverse species of plants and animals that reside in the Santa Ana River bottom.

Sincerely,



Karen Spiegel
Chair, Riverside County Board of Supervisors