

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



ITEM: 13.1  
(ID # 18392)

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, April 05, 2022

**FROM :** Regional Parks and Open Space District:

**SUBJECT:** REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN-SPACE DISTRICT: Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-005, Declaration of Exempt Surplus Land and Notice of Intent to Dispose of Real Property Identified with Assessor's Parcel Nos. 360-230-014, 360-230-015, and 360-230-016 in the City of Menifee, County of Riverside; District 5. [\$0]

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

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2022-005, Declaration of Exempt Surplus Land and Notice of Intent to Dispose of Real Property Identified with Assessor's Parcel Nos. 360-230-014, 360-230-015, and 360-230-016 in the City of Menifee, County of Riverside; and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to provide notice in accordance with Section 6061 of the Government Code.

**ACTION:Policy**

Aaron Gettis, Deputy County Counsel

3/24/2022

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

On motion of Director Perez, seconded by Director Washington 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: April 5, 2022  
xc: Parks, COB

Kecia R. Harper  
Clerk of the Board

By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: None</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	No
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	21/22

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District (RivCoParks) owns and desires to sell certain real property interests located in the city of Menifee known as the Haun Road archaeological site, Ringing Rock, or the Menifee Valley archaeological site (Property). The Property is located near the intersection of Haun and Scott Roads west of the 215 freeway. Since the early 1990's the Pechanga Band of Indians (Pechanga) has managed the site to protect the cultural resources located on the property.

The Property, traditionally known as Ringing Rock for the ceremonial rock located on site, has been known to archaeologists for most of the 20th century. As early as the 1970s, Riverside County Park archaeologists recognized the significance of the site as a village site, complete with burials, bedrock mortars, and rock art. When the area was slated for development in the late 1980s, the County sought to preserve the site. RivCoParks worked with the County Board of Supervisors to acquire two parcels in 1990 for the sum of \$1.295 million. A third parcel was added to the RivCoParks-owned property a few years later. From the very beginning, RivCoParks worked with Pechanga to ensure the site was properly cared for. In the mid-1990s, RivCoParks entered into a management agreement with Pechanga and since then, a tribal member has lived at the property as a caretaker.

Pechanga expressed an interest in purchasing the property from RivCoParks as the Band has a cultural interest in preserving the property in perpetuity.

This Property has not been dedicated for park or open-space purposes, therefore RivCoParks may dispose of and convey this real property interest without voter approval or legislative concurrence.

The Resolution has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

**Impact on Citizens and Businesses**

This property represents an important cultural and sacred resource to the Pechanga people and under their care, it will remain preserved for future tribal members. When the County acquired the property in the early 1990s, it did so in order to prevent the property's destruction as development in the area threatened encroachment. By conveying the property to its rightful

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owners, this action serves to complete the project the County set out to achieve three decades ago. The funds acquired through the sale of the property will be reinvested in the cultural and interpretive resources division under RivCoParks care, becoming a source of funding for future programs. These dedicated funds will help continue the provision of education programs for the citizens of Riverside County on the area's rich cultural past.

**Attachments**

Resolution No. 2022-005

  
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Jason Farin, Principal Management Analyst      3/29/2022

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3 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-005

4 DECLARATION OF EXEMPT SURPLUS LAND AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO DISPOSE  
5 OF REAL PROPERTY IDENTIFIED WITH ASSESSOR’S PARCEL NOS. 360-230-014,  
6 360-230-015, AND 360-230-016 IN THE CITY OF MENIFEE, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

7 **WHEREAS**, the Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District  
8 (“RivCoParks”) is the fee simple owner of certain real property identified with Assessor’s Parcel  
9 Numbers 360-230-014, 360-230-015, and 360-230-016 in the City of Menifee, County of  
10 Riverside, as depicted in Exhibit “A”, attached hereto and made a part hereof (“Property”); and,

11 **WHEREAS**, the Property consists of approximately 35.5 acres of vacant land on Haun  
12 Road and north of Scott Road in the City of Menifee; and,

13 **WHEREAS**, RivCoParks desires to transfer the Property to Pechanga Band of Luiseno  
14 Indians of the Pechanga Reservation, a federally recognized California Indian Tribe  
15 (“Pechanga”) and Pechanga desires to acquire the Property from RivCoParks; and,

16 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to California Government Code Section 54221(b)(1) “[s]urplus  
17 land’ means land owned in fee simple by [a] local agency for which the local agency's governing  
18 body takes formal action in a regular public meeting declaring that the land is surplus and is not  
19 necessary for the agency's use”; and,

20 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to California Government Code Section 54221 (b)(1), local  
21 agencies must declare land “either ‘surplus land’ or ‘exempt surplus land,’ as supported by  
22 written findings, before a local agency may take any action to dispose of [such land] consistent  
23 with [the local] agency’s policies or procedures”; and,

24 **WHEREAS**, RivCoParks hereby finds that the Property is not necessary for RivCoParks’  
25 present or prospective use; and,

26 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the California Government Code Section 54221 (f)(1)(D),  
27 “[s]urplus land that a local agency is transferring to a federally recognized California Indian  
tribe” is exempt surplus land; and,

COUNCIL  
3/24/2022  
DATE  
BY: WESLEY W. STANFIELD

1 WHEREAS, pursuant to California Government Code Section 54222.3, the requirements  
2 of the Surplus Land Act "shall not apply to the disposal of exempt surplus land, as defined in  
3 Section 54221, ... by any local agency."

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED that  
5 the fee simple interest in Assessor's Parcel Numbers 360-230-014, 360-230-015, and 360-230-  
6 016 as shown in Exhibit "A", is no longer necessary for RivCoParks' use and are hereby declared  
7 exempt surplus land.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED, pursuant to the  
9 Surplus Land Act Guidelines, Article IV, Section 400(e), RivCoParks General Manager or  
10 designee is hereby directed to provide a written copy of this resolution declaring the Property  
11 exempt surplus land to the California Department of Housing and Community Development at  
12 least 30 days prior to RivCoParks' disposition of the Property; and,

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Clerk of  
14 the Board of Directors is directed to provide notice hereof in accordance with Section 6061 of  
15 the Government Code.

16 ROLL CALL:

17 Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt  
18 Nays: None  
19 Absent: None

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

23 Kecia R. Harper, Clerk of said Board

24 By   
25 Deputy

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-005  
DECLARATION OF EXEMPT SURPLUS LAND AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO DISPOSE OF REAL PROPERTY IDENTIFIED WITH ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NOS. 360-230-014, 360-230-015, AND 360-230-016 IN THE CITY OF MENEFEE, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**

**WHEREAS**, the Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District ("RivCoParks") is the fee simple owner of certain real property identified with Assessor's Parcel Numbers 360-230-014, 360-230-015, and 360-230-016 in the City of Menifee, County of Riverside, as depicted in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof ("Property"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Property consists of approximately 35.5 acres of vacant land on Haun Road and north of Scott Road in the City of Menifee; and

**WHEREAS**, RivCoParks desires to transfer the Property to Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians of the Pechanga Reservation, a federally recognized California Indian Tribe ("Pechanga") and Pechanga desires to acquire the Property from RivCoParks; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to California Government Code Section 54221(b)(1) ("surplus land" means land owned in fee simple by [a] local agency for which the local agency's governing body takes formal action in a regular public meeting declaring that the land is surplus and is not necessary for the agency's use"); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to California Government Code Section 54221 (b) (1), local agencies must declare land "either 'surplus land' or 'exempt surplus land,' as supported by written findings, before a local agency may take any action to dispose of [such land] consistent with [the local] agency's policies or procedures"; and

**WHEREAS**, RivCoParks hereby finds that the Property is not necessary for RivCoParks' present or prospective use; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the California Government Code Section 54221 (f) (1) (D), "[s]urplus land that a local agency is transferring to a federally recognized California Indian Tribe" is exempt surplus land; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to California Government Code Section 54222.3, the requirements of the Surplus Land Act "shall not apply to the disposal of exempt surplus land, as defined in Section 54221, ... by any local agency."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that the fee simple interest in Assessor's Parcel Numbers 360-230-014, 360-230-015, and 360-230-016 as shown in Exhibit "A", is no longer necessary for RivCoParks' use and are hereby declared exempt surplus land.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED**, pursuant to the Surplus Land Act Guidelines, Article IV, Section 400(e), RivCoParks General Manager or designee is hereby directed to provide a written copy of this resolution declaring the Property exempt surplus land to the California Department of Housing and Community Development at least 30 days prior to RivCoParks' disposition of the Property; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that the Clerk of the Board of Directors is directed to provide notice hereof in accordance with Section 6061 of the Government Code.



**ROLL CALL:**  
Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by said Board of Directors on April 5, 2022.

Kecia R. Harper, Clerk of said Board  
By: Zuly Martinez, Board Assistant

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Dated: April 11, 2022  
Kecia R. Harper, Clerk of the Board  
By: Zuly Martinez, Board Assistant  
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