

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



**ITEM: 13.1**  
(ID # 21783)

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, May 23, 2023

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

**SUBJECT:** REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN-SPACE DISTRICT: Approval of Infrastructure and Economic Recovery Projects; Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4. [\$11,800,000 Total Cost - United States Department of Treasury's ARPA Funds 100%](4/5 Vote Required)

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

1. Authorize \$5,000,000 from the County of Riverside's ARPA Economic Recovery/Building Healthy Communities allocation, to be used for Santa Ana River Bottom (SARB) services and habitat restoration;
2. Authorize \$1,000,000 from the County of Riverside's ARPA Economic Recovery/Tourism allocation, to be used for Santa Ana River Trail (SART) Enhancements;

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**ACTION:4/5 Vote Required, Policy**

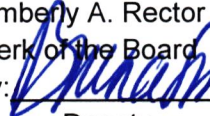
  
Kyla R. Brown, General Manager 5/11/2023

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

On motion of Director Spiegel, 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 Gutierrez  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: May 23, 2023  
xc: Parks, Auditor-Controller

Kimberly A. Rector  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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

3. Authorize \$1,200,000 from the County of Riverside's ARPA Economic Recovery allocation, to be used for improvements to Rancho Jurupa Regional Park Paving;
4. Authorize \$3,000,000 from the County of Riverside's ARPA Economic Recovery/Tourism allocation, to be used for Lake Skinner Recreation Area Boat Launch Repair;
5. Authorize \$100,000 from the County of Riverside's ARPA Infrastructure allocation for Santa Rosa Plateau Broadband;
6. Authorize \$1,500,000 from the County of Riverside's ARPA Economic Recovery/Building Healthy Communities/Tourism allocation, to be used for Lawler Lodge ADA Improvements;
7. Authorize the General Manager, or designee, to take any and all necessary steps to implement and administer the projects including signing subsequent, necessary and related documents to implement the projects, subject to approval as to form by County Counsel; and
8. Approve and direct the Auditor-Controller to make budget adjustments as shown on Schedule A.

<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>	\$ 11,800,000	\$ 0	\$ 11,800,000	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> ARPA Funds 100%			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	Yes
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	22/23

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

**BACKGROUND:**

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 (H.R. 1319) in to law. The \$1.9 trillion package is intended to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, including the public health and economic impacts. As part of the \$362 billion in federal fiscal recovery aid for state and local governments, \$65.1 billion is provided in direct aid to counties. Riverside County's share of the American Rescue Plan funding is \$479,874,599, of which the first installment of \$239,937,299 was received on May 10, 2021, and the second installment in the same amount was received on June 6, 2022. The funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026.

On October 4, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved the ARPA 2nd installment funding allocation which allocated \$33 million per district to be obligated towards infrastructure, housing

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and homelessness, workforce development, neighborhood revitalization, business revitalization, childcare facilities, and non-profits. Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District (RivCoParks) is recommending allocating a total of \$11,800,000 from the ARPA 2nd installment funding as follows:

- **Santa Ana River Bottom Services and Habitat Restoration (District 2) - \$5,000,000**  
RivCoParks manages hundreds of acres of land along the Santa Ana River Bottom (SARB). In the past few years, however, Parks has increased its presence in the SARB, participating in the Homeless Solutions Collaborative working group and the County's Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) with the Housing Department. This project proposes to enhance RivCoParks' engagement services and habitat restoration work within the SARB.

This project is fully funded by the Second District's ARPA allocation. However, due to revised supervisorial district boundary limits implemented in January 2023, this project is now located in the First and Second Districts.

- **Santa Ana River Trail Enhancements (District 2) - \$1,000,000**  
Currently, about two-thirds of the Santa Ana River Trail (SART) is constructed through Riverside County. Running through several communities, including low-income communities as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the SART is an important source of outdoor recreation for hundreds of thousands of people from throughout the county. This project proposes to research, design, and construct interpretive and wayfinding panels along the already-constructed lengths of the SART.

This project is fully funded by the Second District's ARPA allocation. However, due to revised supervisorial district boundary limits implemented in January 2023, this project is now located in the First and Second Districts.

- **Rancho Jurupa Regional Park Paving (District 2) - \$1,200,000**  
Rancho Jurupa Regional Park saw an unprecedented increase in the numbers of users enjoying the park during the pandemic. This resulted in serious impacts to the park infrastructure, including paved areas. This project will address the increased wear and tear to Rancho Jurupa Regional Park's pavement.

- **Lake Skinner Recreation Area Boat Launch Repair (District 3) - \$3,000,000**  
Lake Skinner Recreation Area, like many outdoor public spaces, experienced an overwhelming increase in campers during the pandemic as people flocked to the outdoors for safe recreation. The result was an increased burden on our infrastructure, including boat launch facilities at the site, which are now facing closure. Each year, more than 5,000 boats are launched from these facilities, making them core resources at the park. This project would cover the repair of the two most heavily impacted lanes located at Boat Launch #1, the installation of a new ADA-compliant restroom, and renovated

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day-use amenities including benches and picnic tables. As one of the few lakes available for boaters, these renovations would increase regional tourism to the area and repair the wear and tear experienced during the pandemic.

- **Santa Rosa Plateau Broadband (District 1) - \$100,000**

Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Preserve (SRP) is a popular wildlife area frequented by County residents looking to recreate outdoors. Hikers, bird watchers, and nature lovers of all kinds make use of the trails located within SRP, and the associated Nature Center is a popular destination for school field trips. Internet/Cellphone service on-site has historically been inconsistent at best, which poses not only an inconvenience but also a significant safety concern. This project would address the issue through the installation of fiber optic broadband at SRP, providing a reliable means for emergency communication.

- **Lawler Lodge ADA Improvements (District 4) - \$1,500,000**

Lawler Lodge was originally built in 1919 and is a Riverside County Historical Landmark (Riv-078) in the Idyllwild Mountains consisting of a large lodge building and several ancillary cabins. The lodge itself is located at the bottom of a hill and is therefore not easily accessed. This project would restore two of the ancillary cabins located above the lodge, making them available for use and making one adjacent to the parking lot an ADA accessible short-term lodging unit for the site.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

Projects identified herein will improve the quality of life for residents of Riverside County through the continued provision of clean, safe outdoor recreational opportunities. They will also support RivCoParks as the District rebounds from the pandemic and continues to focus on strategic investment projects for future economic growth and resiliency.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- A. Budget Adjustment

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*Heydee Koury*

Heydee Koury, Sr Accountant - Auditor 5/16/2023

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Jason Farin, Principal Management Analyst 5/18/2023

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Juan C. Perez, Chief Operating Officer 5/18/2023

*Kristine Bell-Valdez*

Kristine Bell-Valdez, Supervising Deputy County Counsel 5/17/2023

**SCHEDULE A**

REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN-SPACE DISTRICT: Approval of \$11,800,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Infrastructure and Economic Recovery Projects; Districts 2, 3, 4 [Fund 21735 - 100%]

**FY22-23**

Increase Appropriations:

21735	931105	542120	Improvements-Infrastructure	\$ 11,800,000
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Increase Estimated Revenue:

21735	931105	763520	Fed-American Rescue Plan Act	\$ 11,800,000
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