

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



ITEM: 13.2
(ID # 23435)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, November 28, 2023

FROM : Regional Parks and Open Space District:

SUBJECT: PARKS AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT: Approval of Neighborhood Revitalization Projects; Districts 2 and 4. [\$7,500,000 Total Cost - 100% American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Directors:

1. Authorize \$2,500,000 from the County of Riverside's District 2's Second ARPA Installment Neighborhood Revitalization allocation, to be used for Hidden Valley Nature Center Improvements;
2. Authorize \$5,000,000 from the County of Riverside's District 4's Second ARPA Installment Neighborhood Revitalization allocation, to be used for Lake Cahuilla Veteran's Regional Park Master Planning and Amenities Update;
3. 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
4. Approve and direct the Auditor-Controller to make budget adjustments as shown on Schedule A.

ACTION:Policy

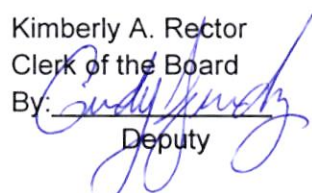

Kyla R. Brown, General Manager 11/8/2023

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington and Perez and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: November 28, 2023
xc: Parks

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board

By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$7,500,000	\$ 0	\$7,500,000	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% ARPA Fund 21735			Budget Adjustment:	Yes
			For Fiscal Year:	23/24

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

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 Second ARPA installment funding which allocated \$33 million per district to be obligated towards infrastructure, housing 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 \$7,500,000 from the aforementioned Second ARPA installment funding as follows:

- **Hidden Valley Nature Center Improvements (District 2) - \$2,500,000**

Hidden Valley Nature Center and Wildlife Area is located along the Santa Ana River, east of Norco on Arlington Avenue. It is set on 1,500 scenic acres and has access to 25 miles of hiking and equestrian trails. The Nature Center offers an assortment of educational programs on select weekends and by appointment. Programs offered include presentations about the Wetlands, Native Americans, Geology and Santa Ana River Watershed. Depending on the program selected, the program may include a hike, hands-on activities, a craft, a game and live animal presentations.

RivCoParks is proposing improvements that include a renovated ADA compliant amphitheater, ADA compliant walkways, new shade structures, a restroom building, and more. The requested ARPA funding will be utilized to construct these improvements.

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- **Lake Cahuilla Veteran's Regional Park Master Planning and Amenities Update (District 4) - \$5,000,000**

Surrounded by the stark beauty of the Santa Rosa Mountains, Lake Cahuilla Veteran's Regional Park is a developed recreation area and campground in the Coachella Valley. The park offers individual and group camping, fishing in a 135 acre stocked lake, picnicking, special events, and equestrian and hiking trails.

This project proposes to prepare a Lake Cahuilla Master Plan, refurbish and rehabilitate existing paving, structures, and amenities offered at Lake Cahuilla Veterans Regional Park.

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:

Schedule A – Budget Adjustment


Heydee Koury, Sr Accountant - Auditor

11/9/2023

 
Douglas Ordóñez Jr.

11/21/2023


Aaron Gettis, Deputy County Counsel

11/11/2023