

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



**ITEM: 13.1**  
**(ID # 25383)**

**MEETING DATE:**

Tuesday, July 09, 2024

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

**SUBJECT:** REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN-SPACE DISTRICT: Approval of Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents and Authorization to Advertise for Bids for the Hidden Valley Nature Center Modernization Project; CEQA Exempt per State Guidelines Section 15301-Class 1 (Existing Facilities) and 15303-Class 3 (New Construction of Small Structures); District 2 [\$0].

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

1. Find that the Hidden Valley Nature Center Modernization Project is Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per State Guidelines Section 15301-Class 1 (Existing Facilities) and 15303-Class 3 (New Construction of Small Structures);
2. Approve the Contract Documents, including the Plans and Specifications, for the Regional Park and Open-Space District Hidden Valley Nature Center Modernization Project;
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to file the Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk and the State Clearinghouse within five (5) working days of the approval by the Board; and
4. Authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise for bids on July 15 and 22, 2024; All bids will be received up to the hour of 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 6, 2024, via <https://colbisecurebids.com/o/RivCoParks/278HiddenVNC>, at which time bids will be opened.

**ACTION:Policy**

  
Kyle R. Brown, General Manager

6/18/2024

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

On motion of Director Spiegel, seconded by Director Perez 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: July 9, 2024  
xc: Parks, Recorder/State Clearinghouse, COBcf

Kimberly A. Rector  
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: N/A</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	<b>N/A</b>
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>N/A</b>

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

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

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, games and live animal presentations.

The proposed project improvements include a renovated ADA compliant amphitheater, ADA compliant walkways, new shade structures, a restroom building, and pavilion for events.

Construction bid documents have been approved-as-to-form by County Counsel.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

This project 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 Riverside County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) as the District rebounds from the pandemic and continues to focus on strategic investment projects for future economic growth and resiliency.

**Additional Fiscal Information**

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in the amount of \$2,500,000 were allocated to this project on November 28, 2023 by Minute Order 13.2. This project is partially funded by the Second District's ARPA allocation. Local funds have also been allocated to this project. A portion (\$800,000) of a Western Riverside County Regional Multipurpose Trail Facilities Fund (DIF) allocation approved by minute order 13.1 on May 18, 2019 will be apportioned to this project as well as \$600,000 in CIP Reserves.

This project is further supported by a grant that was accepted on August 29, 2017, per minute order 13.5, where District Board of Directors authorized the acceptance of grant funds from the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, Office of Grants and Local Services)

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for its Outdoor Environmental Education Facilities Grant Program. Grant funds were awarded to cover improvements to the Hidden Valley Nature Center in the amount of \$275,000.

**CEQA CONSIDERATIONS**

District staff conducted a review of the project and determined that the project qualifies for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption under Section 15301(c) of the State CEQA Guidelines, Article 19 commencing with Section 15300. In accordance with Section 15301(c), Class 1 projects consist of the operation, repair, and maintenance of existing public facilities, such as highways, streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails and similar facilities. Therefore, the project's proposed improvements to the existing pathways and trails at Hidden Valley Nature Center are considered a Class 1 operation and maintenance project. Additionally, Section 15303(e) allows for the addition of accessory structures. The standalone outdoor restroom and outdoor pavilion would fall under this category. Staff also reviewed the exceptions to the use of the exemption under the State CEQA Guidelines and determined none applied.

Staff therefore recommends that the Board of Directors find the project is exempt under CEQA and direct the Clerk of the Board to file the Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk and the State Clearinghouse for posting within five (5) working days of this Board meeting.

**Attachments**

- PKARC-278 Invitation to Bid
- Notice of Exemption
- Project Manual (Cover Page)

  
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Douglas Cordonez Jr. 7/1/2024

  
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Aaron Gettis, Chief of Deputy County Counsel 6/27/2024

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: (Public Agency): Riverside County Park & Open Space District
Jurupa Valley, CA 92509

County Clerk
County of: Riverside
4080 Lemon St
Riverside CA 92509

(Address)

Project Title: PK-ARPA 016- Hidden Valley Nature Center Modernization

Project Applicant: Riverside County Park & Open-Space District

Project Location - Specific:
11401 Arlington Avenue

Project Location - City: Riverside Project Location - County: Riverside County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

A beatification project for a nature that includes the construction of three sail shade and one wood shade structures, a prefabricated restroom with septic, re-landscaping with ADA walkways, an outdoor class room, a new entry way monument, and two D.G. ADA parking stalls.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Riverside County Park & Open-Space District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Riverside County Park & Open-Space District

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15301 -Class 1 (Existing Facilities) & 15303- Class 3 (New Construction of Small Structures)
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project is categorically exempt as the project consists of minor upgrades to an existing nature center that involves minor construction of accessory structures, new walkways and re-landscaping.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Gaby Adame Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 951-955-1395

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 6/12/2024 Title: Bureau Chief

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR:

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Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder

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**INVITATION TO BID**

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<https://colbisecurebids.com/o/RivCoParks/278HiddenVNC>

A **Non-Mandatory** pre-bid meeting/job walk will be held Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at 10:00 AM at 11401 Arlington Ave., Riverside, CA 92505.

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The successful Bidder may substitute securities for any monies withheld by the District to ensure performance under the Contract, in accordance with the provisions of Public Contract Code section 22300.

The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularities or informalities in any bids or in the bidding. No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of 75 days after the date set for the opening of bids. For questions, please contact Joanne Branch at [parcs-planning@rivco.org](mailto:parcs-planning@rivco.org).

Board of the Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District

7/15/2024, 7/22/2024

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**PROJECT MANUAL**

**Hidden Valley Nature Center Modernization**

**Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District**

**Issued: 7/15/2024**

**BID #: PKARC-278**

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Date: July 22, 2024.

At: Riverside, California



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Board of the Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District.

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Dated: July 10, 2024  
KIMBERLY A. RECTOR  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
By: Cindy Fernandez, Clerk of the Board Assistant  
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**The basis of low bid for this project is base bid plus alternate 1.**

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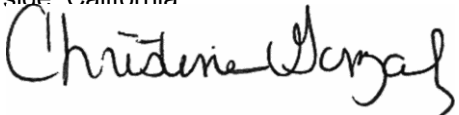
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