

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



ITEM: 16.1  
(ID # 27878)

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, May 20, 2025

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

**SUBJECT:** REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN-SPACE DISTRICT: Approve the Partnership Certification Agreement between the National Park Service and Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District; District 1. [\$0]

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

1. Approve the Partnership Certification Agreement between the National Park Service and Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District (District);
2. Authorize the Chairman to execute three (3) copies of the Partnership Certification Agreement on behalf of the District; and
3. Instruct the Clerk of the Board to return two (2) copies of the Partnership Certification Agreement to the Riverside County Regional Park & Open-Space District.

**ACTION:**Policy

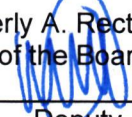
  
Kyla R. Brown, General Manager 5/8/2025

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: May 20, 2025  
xc: Parks

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>	No
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	N/A

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

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

The Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail retraces the route traveled by the Anza colonizing expedition during the years 1775–1776. Starting in Sinaloa and Sonora, New Spain (now in Mexico) and following existing Indigenous trails, Anza led over 240 colonists to San Francisco to establish a mission and presidio. The expedition was composed of colonists that included 30 soldiers, their wives, and more than 100 children, as well as Indigenous guides, vaqueros, muleteers, and servants, among others. The families reflected mostly the lower castes of colonial New Spain—a mix of Indigenous, African, and European heritage.

The historic trail connects Mexico to San Francisco and the 18th century to the 21st. The Anza Trail invites travelers to learn about the interweaving of the three elements of the Spanish plan for the colonization of its northern frontier: presidios (military forts), missions (religious centers), and pueblos (civilian towns) and makes connections to the current-day consequences of their historical actions. On June 27, 1776, the expedition families arrived in the area that is now San Francisco. Anza forged alliances with several Tribes along the route, but ultimately, Spanish colonization advanced a violent and devastating blow to the Tribal worlds as they existed.

Today, the Tribal communities whose lands Anza traveled through—Quechan, Ohlone, O'odham, Tongva, and many more—continue to thrive and pass on their traditions. The descendants of colonist Californio families also commemorate their heritage along the Anza Trail. The current 1,200-mile Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail connects history, culture, and outdoor recreation from Nogales, Arizona, to the San Francisco Bay Area. Exploring the Anza Trail is far more than outdoor recreation. The sites along its corridor magnify intergenerational knowledge, complex histories, and vibrant, diverse cultural traditions that honor shared heritage and human experiences.

Through the Partnership Certification Agreement, the National Park Service and the Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District agree to work jointly on planning, interpreting, resource management, and other matters that are related to the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail along Santa Ana River Trail.

The Santa Ana River Trail segment referenced in Exhibit B: General location map and Detailed location map intersects the historic corridor. The trail segment parallels the site of the expedition's campsite #59 and includes an opportunity for a deeper understanding of and connection to the expedition through the interpretive panel/wayside located along the Santa Ana

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River Trail at Marth McLean Anza Narrows Park. The proposed segment assists with continuity to existing and proposed recreational trail routes in adjacent jurisdictions. Through collaborative partnership and decision-making, a route for the continuity of the recreational retracement trail can be determined.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

Commitment to trail certification is a partnership formalized with a simple, legally non-binding agreement that says that the parties will work together toward the general mutual goals stated in the agreement. National Park Services, as the administering agency, will provide a certificate and trail logo designating the property as a national historic trail certified segment.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- **Exhibit A:** Partnership Certification Agreement
- **Exhibit B:** General location map and Detailed location map
- **Exhibit C:** Parcel Ownership Breakdown
- **Exhibit D:** Images

    
Douglas Ordóñez Jr. 5/14/2025

  
Aaron Gettis, Chief of Deputy County Counsel 5/12/2025





National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior

Juan Bautista de Anza  
National Historic Trail  
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Richmond, CA 94804



## Partnership Certification Agreement

Between the National Park Service  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN-SPACE DISTRICT  
Jurupa Valley, Riverside, California  
GENERAL

This agreement represents the Secretary of the Interior's certification of a partnership, under section 7(h) of the National Trails System Act, that the SANTA ANA RIVER TRAIL, managed by RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN-SPACE DISTRICT, owned by RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN-SPACE DISTRICT (RivCoParks) and COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, and located in the City of Riverside along the Santa Ana River between Van Buren Boulevard and Rubidoux Avenue. The described portions of the Santa Ana River Trail meet the national historic trail criteria established by the National Trails System Act and any supplemental criteria prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior.

The National Park Service and the RivCoParks agree voluntarily to strive to achieve the highest level of visitor appreciation of trail resources, as provided for in the Comprehensive Management and Use Plan for the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail for "... the identification and protection of the historic route and its historic remnants and artifacts for public use and enjoyment." (National Trails System Act 16 U.S.C. – 1241 et seq. Section 3(a)(3)).

Through this agreement, the National Park Service and RivCoParks agree to work jointly on planning, interpreting, resource management, and other matters that related to the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail along SANTA ANA RIVER TRAIL and strive to meet the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Management and Use Plan for the trail.

RivCoParks and COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE retain all legal rights to the property, and nothing in this agreement is to be construed as granting any legal authority to the National Park Service over the property or any action by RivCoParks and COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

The agreement may be canceled by either party at any time by providing written notice to the other party. The National Park Service agree, whenever possible, to identify issues or concerns to allow for resolution.

This agreement will remain in effect unless cancelled by either party, or until the ownership of the property is transferred to another entity.

### TRAIL SEGMENT CERTIFICATION

I hereby agree to a partnership with the National Park Service for SANTA ANA RIVER TRAIL, a certified trail segment of the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail.

  
**JOSE MEDINA**, Chair Board of Directors  
Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space  
District

MAY 20 2025  
Date


FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY KRISTINE BELL-VALDEZ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

On behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, I agree to a partnership with RivCoParks and certification of approximately 2.3 miles of trail as Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail recreation retracement route.

**NAOMI TORRES** Digitally signed by NAOMI TORRES  
Date: 2025.05.15 14:25:49 -07'00'

Naomi L. Torres, Superintendent  
Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail

Date

ATTEST:  
**KIMBERLY A. RECTOR, Clerk**  
By   
DEPUTY

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## AGREEMENT APPENDICES

**A. Owner or Managing Authority Responsible for Trail Site**

- Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District
- 4600 Crestmore Rd, Jurupa Valley, CA 925096
- 951-955-1395
- Contact email: park-planning@rivco.org
- Gaby Adame Algrim, Bureau Chief Name of point of contact for ongoing communications and inclusion in partner and friends email list:

**B. Site Description and Historic Relationship to the Anza Trail**

1. General location map - Enclose a general location map (such as a state or county highway map) with site or segment marked. Exports from the Anza Trail Map Collaborator are acceptable and encouraged. Please also share the direct link to your export.
  - a. Please see attached Exhibit A
2. Detailed location map - Enclose a detailed map (such as a topographical map or site brochure with map) showing the site/segment.
  - a. Please see attached Exhibit A
3. Geospatial data – please attach a shapefile to your submission of this form
  - a. Please see attached Exhibit B
4. Length of segment(s)
  - a. Approximately 2.3 miles
5. Type of legal jurisdiction (ownership, lease agreement, etc).
  - a. Ownership
6. Owner/Manager. If the land is owned in less than fee simple, enclose a copy of the lease, agreement, or other document that conveys the legal interest.
  - a. Please see attached Exhibit C
7. General environment of the site/segment including present land use and any potential conflicts.
  - a. Recreational trail
  - b. No identified conflicts

The proposed approximately 2.3 non-contiguous miles of the Santa Ana River Trail will be part of the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail recreational retracement trail Certification will be only for parcels belonging to Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District and the County of Riverside.
8. General description of visitor experience
  - a. Santa Ana River Trail
  - b. Type of use/activity (Mode of travel allowed by official legal order). Please describe: Class 1 bike trail and has two parallel trails, a soft surface trail for equestrian and hikers and a paved trail for pedestrians and bicyclists.
  - c. Duration (Hours, minutes, days) Please describe.
    - i. Trail is open from sunrise to sunset

- d. Min and max age. Please describe.
    - i. All ages apply.
  - e. Pets Allowed (Yes/No) Please describe:
    - i. Dogs allowed on leash.
  - f. Activity Fee. Please describe: No fee to access the trail, however, parking locations may require parking fees depending on parking lot locations.
  - g. Trailhead location. Please include a link to a digital PDF map if one exists.
    - i. Please see attached map with trail head locations and shapefile.
  - h. Reservations, if needed: None needed.
  - i. Season that the trail can be accessed: All seasons.
  - j. Time of Day (Day, Night, Dawn, Dusk): Sunrise to Sunset
  - k. Link to website of your organization where the Anza Trail is mentioned. If one does not exist, please include a page to your organization. [www.rivcoparks.org](http://www.rivcoparks.org)
9. Historic relationship and proximity to the historic corridor
- a. The trail segment intersects the historic corridor.
10. Criteria for certification defined in Comprehensive Use and Management Plan. NPS Planner is required to add relevant planning details as they pertain to the decision-making process for working toward a contiguous trail. The proposed retracement trail segment parallels the site of the expedition's campsite #59 and includes an opportunity for a deeper understanding of and connection to the expedition through the interpretive wayside located at Marth McLean Anza Narrows Park. The proposed segment assists with continuity to existing and proposed recreational trail routes in adjacent jurisdictions. Through collaborative partnership and decision-making, a route for the continuity of the recreational retracement trail can be determined.

### C. Facilities, Use, Access, and Management Practices

- 1. Trail Surface Material (The predominant surface type the user would expect to encounter on the trail or road segment):
  - a. Asphalt pavement
- 2. Trail Class: Please identify the trail standard that describes the trail segment. See Trail Standards: Microsoft Word - Federal\_Trail\_Data\_Standards\_FGDC-STD-017-2011 (pgs. 44-46)
  - a. TC 5 - Fully Developed
- 3. Type of route (One or more Type of Route value may be identified if applicable (e.g. Route may function as Road in summer and Snow Trail in winter or the trail may overlap a road that is closed to public driving)):
  - a. Not applicable. Route is of one consistent use year-round.
- 4. Describe ADA compliance or any safety (e.g., no ramps, no hardened trails, cattleguard, narrow doorways, interior stairs, etc.) or accessibility concerns (e.g., parking, traffic, livestock, electric fences, open wells, unstable buildings, etc.)
  - a. This trail is ADA compliant at the Anza Narrows Park trail head, but otherwise not ADA accessible.
- 5. Describe and enclose management policies or regulations.

The trail is managed by multiple agencies. However, trail segments that are to be certified under this agreement are solely managed by the Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District.

- 6. Images - Please send a minimum of three images to the Trail Planner of the trail, trailhead, Anza trail markers, if existing, and other images that may help the public understand the experience and landscape of your trail.

We will use these images on the National Park Service website and social media channels. Pictures must be in .jpg format and ideally, 3000x2000. A minimum of 1600x1200 is also acceptable. Please complete and include the NPS Release Form\_NPS\_508 together with your images. Note here to whom the photos should be credited.

#### **D. Legal and Policy Compliance**

To achieve and retain official site certification, any use, development, or resource management activity at the site (such as historic restoration and rehabilitation, vegetation controls, exhibits, etc.) will require compliance with all applicable environmental and historic resource protection laws including the National Environmental Policy Act, Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act, and others as required.

Section 5 (a) (15) of the National Trails System Act (16 U.S.C. 1241 et seq.) states that, for the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail, "Before acquiring any easement or entering into any cooperative agreement with a private landowner with respect to the trail, the Secretary shall notify the landowner of the potential liability, if any, for injury to the public resulting from physical conditions which may be on the landowner's land. The United States shall not be held liable by reason of such notice or failure to provide such notice to the landowner." The states of Arizona and California have statutes that can protect landowners from liability arising from recreational use of their lands by the public when no fees are charged.

The landowner remains responsible to the extent required by law for the potential liability, if any, for injury to the public resulting from physical conditions which may be on the landowner's land.

By entering into this certification agreement, the National Park Service, the Department of the Interior and the United States Government assume no liability for any injury to the public resulting from the physical conditions which may be present on the land.

#### **E. Exhibits**

Exhibit A: General location map and Detailed location map

Exhibit B: Geospatial data

Exhibit C: Parcel Ownership Breakdown

Exhibit D: Images

# EXHIBIT C

APN	ACREAGE	OWNER
186270006	5.37	COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
186270011	92.4	COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
186270013	6.1	COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
187130002	18.54	COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
187151001	0.23	COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
187210004	34.84	COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
189110010	68.68	COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
163300025	28.18	RIVERSIDE CO REGIONAL PARK & OPEN SP DIST
189110019	33.8	RIVERSIDE CO REGIONAL PARK & OPEN SP DIST
187210001	2.04	RIVERSIDE COUNTY REG PARK & OPEN SPACE DIST



## EXHIBIT D - Images





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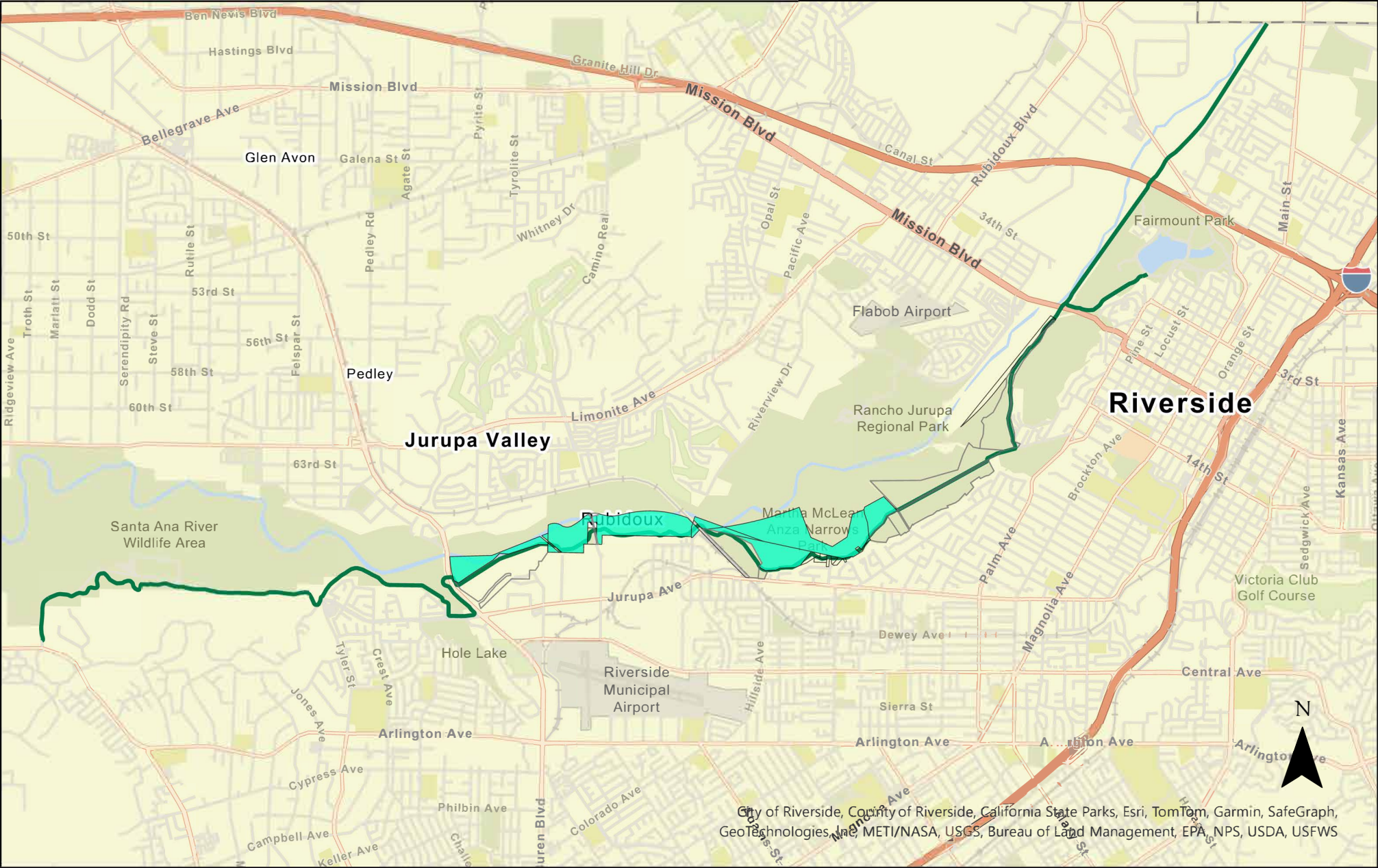


## EXHIBIT D - Images





# EXHIBIT A - Santa Ana River Trail - Parcels To Be Certified



## Legend

RIVERSIDE CO  
REGIONAL PARK &  
OPEN SP DIST