

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



**ITEM: 15.2
(ID # 28812)**

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, September 09, 2025

FROM : DEPARTMENT OF WASTE RESOURCES

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF WASTE RESOURCES: Authorization to Bid and Execute an Agreement for Sale Credits from the Riverpark Mitigation Bank with EIP III CREDIT CO., LLC, for the Purchase of Credits for Mitigation Efforts for the Badlands Landfill Integrated Project; District 5 [up to \$3,768,000 – 100% Waste Resources Enterprise Funds] [CEQA - Nothing Further Required]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Find that nothing further is required under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for approval to bid and sign an Agreement for the Sale of Credits ("Agreement") because all potentially significant environmental effects have been adequately analyzed in the Environmental Assessment/Mitigated Negative Declaration (EA/MND) No. 2017-03 for the Badlands Landfill Integrated Project (BLIP), adopted on April 12, 2022;
2. Authorize the General Manager-Chief Engineer of the Department of Waste Resources (Department), or designee, to submit a bid for credits with the Riverpark Mitigation Bank;

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ACTION:Policy

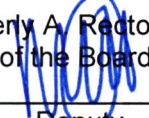
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9/4/2025

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Perez and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: Washington
Date: September 09, 2025
xc: Waste

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

3. Authorize the General Manager-Chief Engineer of Department of Waste Resources, or designee, if awarded (Round 1) or offered (Round 2), to execute an Agreement for Sale of Credits in an amount not to exceed \$3,768,000, substantially conforming in form and substance to the purchase agreement previously approved on March 28, 2023 with EIP III CREDIT CO., LLC, and any associated agreements, documents and certificates, and to expend funds for any awarded credits, with such expenditures exempt under County Ordinance No. 459, Section 7, Category I Exception (i), provided that the amount is budgeted and does not otherwise require a budget adjustment, subject to approval as to form by County Counsel; and

4. Direct the Department to file a copy of all agreements associated with this project with the Clerk of the Board.

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$3,768,000	\$0	\$3,768,000	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% Waste Resources Enterprise Funds			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Year:	25/26

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

In April 2022, the Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted EA/MND No. 2017-03 for the BLIP, which evaluated the expansion of the Badlands landfill, as well as other site improvements. As part of the permitting process to address potential impacts to jurisdictional waters/habitat resulting from the BLIP, the Department submitted applications to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), and the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority (RCA).

The Department obtained the necessary permits/agreements/approvals from the CDFW, RWQCB, and RCA, and as part of the permit/agreement conditions, the Department is required to purchase mitigation bank credits from an approved mitigation bank. Since 2022, approved mitigation bank credits have been unavailable.

In late August 2025, Riverpark Mitigation Bank announced a limited offering of credits subject to a bidding process (public agencies and private) for Round 1, and offering credits to public agencies by order of a waitlist (established in 2022) with costs based on the weighted average of Round 1 bids. Construction of the BLIP is not allowed to continue until mitigation credits are obtained, and it is critical that we begin the next stage of landfill expansion to avoid capacity shortage. The Department is seeking authorization to bid for and execute a Purchase

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Agreement for the required credits. The Riverpark Mitigation Bank anticipates that cost of the credits will be in the \$800,000 to \$900,000/acre range, with a minimum bid of \$500,000. The Department requires up to 4.7 acres of credit to fully implement the next phase of BLIP development.

As such, if successful in our bid, the Department proposes to purchase available mitigation credits necessary for the next stage of development and will continue to pursue alternative mitigation strategies to satisfy the CDFW, RWQCB, and RCA permit/agreement requirements.

Prev. Agn. Ref.: M.O. 12.1 of 04/12/2022 (Approval of the BLIP)

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

On April 12, 2022, the Board adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Mitigation Monitoring Program (MMP) for the BLIP based on the analysis and findings contained in Environmental Assessment (EA) No. 2017-03, which concluded that with mitigation, the BLIP would not cause significant environmental impacts. The project contemplated in this Form 11 merely involves authorization to bid and purchase credits as required in the adopted MMP. The project is in response to development of the BLIP, which was already evaluated under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in the adopted EA/MND. As determined in the adopted EA/MND, the project would not cause significant environmental impacts and actually is part of the prior mitigation for the approved project under CEQA; as such, nothing further is required under CEQA.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

Bidding on, and the subsequent purchase of mitigation bank credits, will not impact residents or businesses.


Crystal Carrillo, Senior Management Analyst 9/4/2025


Aaron Gettis, Chief of Deputy County Counsel 9/4/2025