

**SUBMITTAL TO THE FLOOD CONTROL AND
WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM: 14.1
(ID # 29227)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, November 18, 2025

FROM : FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

SUBJECT: FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT: Approval of Funding Agreement Between the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and City of Norco for the Norco Recycled Water Distribution Systems, Project No. 2-0-10060, CEQA Exempt per CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), District 2. [\$875,620 Not-to-Exceed Cost – District Funds 100%]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Find that the Funding Agreement ("Agreement") is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the "Common Sense" exemption;
2. Approve the Agreement between the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District ("District") and the City of Norco ("City");
3. Authorize the Chair of the District's Board of Supervisors to execute the Agreement documents on behalf of the District;
4. Authorize the General Manager-Chief Engineer or designee to approve, sign and execute any future non-substantive amendments to the Agreements that do not increase the cost to the District and do not materially change the scope of services, subject to approval as to form by County Counsel; and
5. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return two (2) fully executed originals of the Agreement documents to the District.

ACTION:Policy

Jason Uhley, GENERAL MGR-CHF FLD CNTRL ENG 11/4/2025

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor 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: November 18, 2025
xc: Flood

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	\$875,620	\$ 0	\$875,620	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 25120-947420-536200 – Contribution to Non-County Agency – Zone 2 – 100%			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 2025/2026	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

This Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions by which the District will contribute funding to the City to construct a recycled water distribution system to improve and augment the City's existing recycled water distribution systems ("Project").

The Project extends from the Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater Authority facility located at the western boundary of the City near Prado Basin Park and Baron Drive to the eastern boundary of the City near Pikes Drive and 6th Street. The Project will provide up to four hundred twenty (420) acre-feet per year of recycled water for the purpose of offsetting existing potable water demands.

County Counsel has approved the Agreement as to legal form, and the City plans to execute the Agreement on its November 5, 2025, meeting agenda. The City's executed Agreement is forthcoming.

Environmental Findings

The Agreement is exempt from CEQA pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) ("Common Sense" exemption), which provides, "The activity is covered by the common-sense exemption that CEQA applies only to the projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA." The Agreement does not authorize to any extent whatsoever actual physical development of the underlying property. Such development, if it occurs at all, will be the result of subsequent actions subject to CEQA review by the City prior to construction. The Agreement merely establishes the terms by which the District will provide funding to the City for the construction of the referenced Project. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the Agreement will have a significant effect on the environment.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

The District's financial contribution toward the City's Project is funded by ad valorem property tax revenue and entails no new fees, taxed nor bonded indebtedness to residents and businesses. Upon construction completion, the facilities will offset potable water demands at

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various City parks and for maintaining the water level at Lake Norconian, which is owned by the United States Navy.

Additional Fiscal Information

The District is providing up to \$875,620 in funding to the City. Sufficient funding is available in the District's Zone 2 budget for FY 2025/2026 and will be included in the proposed budget in future years as appropriate and necessary.

Funding Summary (FY 2025/2026)

Estimated Design Contribution	\$ 58,850
Estimated Design Administration	\$ 11,770
Estimated Construction Contribution	\$ 575,000
Estimated Contract Administration	\$ 115,000
<u>Estimated Construction Change Orders</u>	<u>\$ 115,000</u>
Maximum District Contribution to City of Norco	\$ 875,620

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Vicinity Map
2. Funding Agreement

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Douglas Cordonez Jr. 11/12/2025


Aaron Gettis, Chief of Deputy County Counsel 11/5/2025

FUNDING AGREEMENT

Norco Recycled Water Distribution Systems
Project No. 2-0-10060

This Funding Agreement ("Agreement"), dated as of NOV 18, 2025, is entered into by and between the RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, a body corporate and politic ("DISTRICT"), and the CITY OF NORCO, a California municipal corporation ("CITY"). DISTRICT and CITY are collectively referred to herein as "Parties" and individually as "Party". Parties hereby agree as follows:

RECITALS

A. CITY has prepared plans and specifications for improvements to, and augmentation of, CITY's existing recycled water distribution systems, which is presently incomplete. The improvements extend from the Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater Authority facility, located at the westerly boundary of CITY, near Prado Basin Park and Baron Drive, to the easterly boundary of CITY, near Pikes Peak Drive and 6th Street. Recycled water supplied through the distribution systems will be utilized to offset potable water demands at various CITY parks and to maintain the water level at Lake Norconian, which is owned by the United States Navy; and

B. The improved and augmented recycled water distribution systems ("NORCO RECYCLED WATER SYSTEMS") consists of a pressure tank, flow meters, booster pumps, and valves as shown in blue on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof. The design, construction, operation and maintenance of NORCO RECYCLED WATER SYSTEMS is hereinafter called "PROJECT"; and

C. City is willing to assume the lead role for PROJECT and, therefore, will provide the administrative, technical, managerial and support services necessary to plan, design, construct and maintain PROJECT; and

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to Riverside County Clerk of the Board, Stop 1010
Post Office Box 1147, Riverside, Ca 92502-1147
Thank you.

D. CITY plans to advertise, award and administer a public works construction contract for PROJECT during Fiscal Year 2025/2026; and

E. CITY desires that DISTRICT include certain unavoidable utility relocations as part of DISTRICT's financial contribution to construct PROJECT. "UTILITY RELOCATIONS" is defined as the unavoidable relocation of utilities not owned by CITY that (a) conflict with the construction of PROJECT; and (b) cannot be relocated by others under CITY's franchise authority; and

F. UTILITY RELOCATIONS shall be included in the public works construction contract for PROJECT; and

G. CITY desires DISTRICT to share in the cost of PROJECT and contribute funding for PROJECT as set forth herein; and

H. DISTRICT wishes to support CITY's efforts to construct PROJECT by providing a financial contribution toward PROJECT's construction along with associated administrative and ancillary costs subject to the not to exceed amount in RECITAL K; and

I. DISTRICT's financial contributions shall be as follows:

1. Fifty percent (50%) of the design proposal cost to offset CITY's costs associated with the engineering design; hydrology and hydraulics; geotechnical analysis; potholing required to complete the design of PROJECT and other typical ancillary costs related to the preparation of improvement plans ("DESIGN CONTRIBUTION"). However, DESIGN CONTRIBUTION shall not include the fees associated with the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan ("MSHCP") or California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"); and

2. In the event that CITY chooses to hire an engineering consulting firm to prepare IMPROVEMENT PLANS, DISTRICT is also willing to contribute an additional ten percent (10%) of design proposal costs to offset CITY's administrative costs associated with the design contract administration ("DESIGN ADMIN"); and
3. Fifty percent (50%) of the lowest responsive and responsible bid contract amount for the construction of PROJECT and the costs associated with UTILITY RELOCATIONS ("BID PRICE"); and
4. Up to an additional ten percent (10%) of BID PRICE to offset CITY's administrative costs associated with construction contract administration and other typical ancillary costs related to the delivery of the facility ("CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION CONTRIBUTION"); and
5. Up to an additional ten percent (10%) of BID PRICE for construction contract change orders ("CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDERS CONTRIBUTION"); and

J. Altogether, DESIGN CONTRIBUTION, DESIGN ADMIN, BID PRICE, CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION CONTRIBUTION and CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDERS CONTRIBUTION are hereinafter called "TOTAL DISTRICT CONTRIBUTION"; and

K. TOTAL DISTRICT CONTRIBUTION for PROJECT shall not exceed a total sum of Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$875,620); and

L. DISTRICT wishes to provide only financial assistance to CITY and have no other role; and

M. The purpose of this Agreement is to memorialize the mutual understandings by and between CITY and DISTRICT with respect to the design, construction, ownership, operation and maintenance of PROJECT and the payment of TOTAL DISTRICT CONTRIBUTION.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the preceding recitals and the mutual covenants hereinafter contained, Parties hereto mutually agree that the above recitals are true and correct and incorporated into the terms of this Agreement and as follows:

SECTION I

CITY shall:

1. Pursuant to CEQA, act as Lead Agency and assume responsibility for preparation, circulation and adoption of all necessary and appropriate CEQA documents pertaining to the construction, operation and maintenance of PROJECT.

2. Prepare or cause to be prepared IMPROVEMENT PLANS, in accordance with the applicable CITY standards. CITY shall make reasonable efforts during the preparation of IMPROVEMENT PLANS to avoid utility conflicts associated with UTILITY RELOCATIONS.

3. Following the signing of IMPROVEMENT PLANS, invoice DISTRICT (Attention: Special Projects Section) for the (i) DESIGN CONTRIBUTION and (ii) DESIGN ADMIN, subject to and provided that TOTAL DISTRICT CONTRIBUTION does not exceed a total sum of Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$875,620) for PROJECT.

4. Prior to advertising PROJECT for public works construction contract, secure all necessary permits, approvals or agreements required by any federal, state and local resource or regulatory agencies pertaining to PROJECT. Such documents may include, but are not limited to, a Section 404 permit issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, a Section 401

Water Quality Certification issued by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board ("CRWQCB"), a Streambed Alteration Agreement issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit issued by the State of Water Resources Board or CRWQCB and Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority ("REGULATORY PERMITS").

5. Assume sole responsibility for compliance with the requirements of all REGULATORY PERMITS, including any amendments thereto, pertaining to the construction, operation and maintenance of PROJECT.

6. Comply with all mitigation measures, including applicable provisions of CEQA, MSHCP and any CITY established conditions of approval for PROJECT.

7. Be responsible for any and all additional regulation, mitigation and/or litigation costs, and/or mitigation measures to PROJECT resulting from this Agreement and/or permits.

8. Prior to advertising PROJECT for public works construction contract, obtain all necessary permits, licenses, agreements, approvals, rights of way, rights of entry, encroachment permits, and temporary construction easements as may be needed to construct, operate and maintain PROJECT.

9. Upon execution of this Agreement, advertise, award and administer PROJECT pursuant to the applicable provisions of the California Public Contract Code. At the time of advertising for bids, provide DISTRICT with a copy of PROJECT plans, specifications, bid documents and any subsequent addenda thereto.

10. Prior to awarding a public works construction contract for PROJECT, provide DISTRICT seven (7) calendar days following construction bid opening to review and approve or reject bids for construction of PROJECT.

11. Provide DISTRICT with written notice (Attention: Special Projects Section) that CITY has awarded a public works construction contract for PROJECT. The written notice shall include the Contractor's actual bid amounts for PROJECT, setting forth the lowest responsible bid contract amount.

12. Order the relocation of all utilities within CITY rights of way which may conflict with the construction of PROJECT.

13. At the time of providing written notice of the award of a construction contract for PROJECT, invoice DISTRICT (Attention: Special Projects Section) for BID PRICE, subject to and provided that TOTAL DISTRICT CONTRIBUTION does not exceed a total sum of Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$875,620) for PROJECT. BID PRICE shall be supported by a copy of CITY's bid abstracts for PROJECT.

14. Within thirty (30) days of CITY awarding PROJECT construction contract, pay the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority CITY's contribution percentage, which is CITY's portion of the mitigation fee per 2004 Implementing Agreement for MSHCP.

15. Procure or cause to be procured insurance coverages during the term of this Agreement. CITY shall require its PROJECT construction contractor(s) to furnish original certificate(s) of insurance and original certified copies of endorsements and, if requested, certified original policies of insurance, including all endorsements and any and all other attachments. Prior to CITY issuing a Notice to Proceed to its construction contractor(s) to begin construction of PROJECT, an original certificate of insurance evidencing the required insurance coverage shall be provided to DISTRICT. The procured insurance coverages shall name DISTRICT, County of Riverside, its Agencies, Districts, Special Districts and Departments, their respective directors, officers, Board of Supervisors, employees, elected or appointed officials, agents or representatives as Additional Insured. CITY shall notify

DISTRICT of any claim by a third party or any incident or event that may give rise to a claim arising from the performance of this Agreement.

16. Construct or cause to be constructed PROJECT pursuant to a CITY administered public works contract in accordance with IMPROVEMENT PLANS.

17. Inspect PROJECT construction or cause PROJECT's construction to be inspected by its construction manager.

18. Require its construction contractor(s) to comply with all Cal/OSHA safety regulations, including regulations concerning confined space and maintain a safe working environment for all CITY employees on the site.

19. Upon completion of PROJECT construction and CITY's acceptance thereof, accept ownership and sole responsibility for the design, operation and maintenance of PROJECT.

20. Upon completion of PROJECT construction, provide DISTRICT with a copy of CITY's Notice of Completion.

21. Keep an accurate accounting of all PROJECT costs along with CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION CONTRIBUTION and CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDERS CONTRIBUTION. The final accounting of construction costs shall include a detailed breakdown of all costs, including, but not limited to, payment vouchers, CITY approved change orders and other such construction contract documents as may be necessary, to establish the actual cost of construction for DISTRICT and CITY approved IMPROVEMENT PLANS and will be included when invoicing DISTRICT.

22. At the time of providing a Notice of Completion, invoice DISTRICT (Attention: Special Projects Section) for CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION CONTRIBUTION and if applicable, CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDERS CONTRIBUTION, subject to and provided TOTAL DISTRICT CONTRIBUTION shall not exceed Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$875,620) for DISTRICT review.

23. Be responsible to pay amounts in excess of TOTAL DISTRICT CONTRIBUTION.

SECTION II

DISTRICT shall:

1. Within thirty (30) days after receipt of CITY's invoices (i) pay all approved CITY invoices and (ii) review and approve associated documents as described in the RECITALS and SECTION I herein this Agreement, subject to and provided that TOTAL DISTRICT CONTRIBUTION shall not exceed Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$875,620) for PROJECT.

2. Not be responsible to pay any amounts that exceed TOTAL DISTRICT CONTRIBUTION for PROJECT to the CITY.

SECTION III

It is further mutually agreed:

1. All Recitals set forth above are hereby incorporated herein by reference as if set forth fully in the body of this Agreement.

2. Notwithstanding any other provision herein this Agreement, TOTAL DISTRICT CONTRIBUTION shall not exceed a total sum of Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$875,620) and shall be used by CITY solely for the purpose of designing and constructing PROJECT as set forth herein. No additional funding whatsoever shall be provided by DISTRICT for any subsequent PROJECT modifications, extensions or repairs.

3. In the event the actual construction cost for PROJECT is less than BID PRICE, CITY shall refund the difference to DISTRICT within thirty (30) days of filing the Notice of Completion for PROJECT.

4. Under the provisions of this Agreement, DISTRICT shall bear no responsibility whatsoever for the design, construction, ownership, operation or maintenance of PROJECT.

5. CITY shall indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless DISTRICT and the County of Riverside (including their agencies, districts, special districts and departments, their respective directors, officers, Board of Supervisors, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents, representatives, independent contractors, and subcontractors) from any liabilities, claim, damage, proceeding or action, present or future, based upon, arising out of or in any way relating to CITY's (including its officers, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents, representatives, independent contractors and subcontractors) actual or alleged acts or omissions related to this Agreement, performance under this Agreement or failure to comply with the requirements of this Agreement, including, but not limited to (a) property damage; (b) bodily injury or death; (c) payment of attorney fees; or (d) any other element of any kind or nature whatsoever. This Section shall survive any termination of this Agreement until the statute of limitations period has run for any claims that could be asserted under this Agreement.

6. If any provision in this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will nevertheless continue in full force without being impaired or invalidated in any way.

7. This Agreement is to be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California. Any action at law or in equity brought by any of Parties hereto for the purpose of enforcing a right or rights provided for by this Agreement shall be tried in a court of competent jurisdiction in the County of Riverside, State of California, and Parties hereto waive all provisions of law providing for a change of venue in such proceedings to any other county. Neither CITY nor DISTRICT shall assign this Agreement without the written consent of the other Party.

8. This Agreement is made and entered into for the sole protection and benefit of Parties hereto. No other person or entity shall have any right of action based upon the provisions of this Agreement.

9. Any and all notices sent or required to be sent to Parties of this Agreement will be mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the following addresses:

RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
1995 Market Street
Riverside, CA 92501
Attn: Planning Division

CITY OF NORCO
1281 Fifth Street
Norco, CA 92860
Attn: Director of Public Works

10. This Agreement is the result of negotiations between Parties hereto and the advice and assistance of their respective counsel. The fact that this Agreement was prepared as a matter of convenience by DISTRICT shall have no importance or significance. Any uncertainty or ambiguity in this Agreement shall not be construed against DISTRICT because DISTRICT prepared this Agreement in its final form.

11. Any waiver by DISTRICT or CITY of any breach by any other Party of any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed to be a waiver of any subsequent or other breach of the same or any other provision hereof. Failure on the part of DISTRICT or CITY to require from any other Party exact, full and complete compliance with any of the provisions of this Agreement shall not be construed as in any manner changing the terms hereof or estopping DISTRICT or CITY from enforcing this Agreement.

12. The obligations of DISTRICT are limited by and contingent upon the availability of DISTRICT funds for DISTRICT's financial contribution toward PROJECT as set forth herein. In the event such funds are not forth coming for any reason, DISTRICT shall immediately notify CITY in writing. The Agreement shall be deemed terminated and have no further force and effect immediately upon receipt of DISTRICT's notification by CITY. If CITY has executed any third-party contracts for PROJECT prior to DISTRICT terminating this

Agreement pursuant to this provision, DISTRICT shall compensate CITY for any work performed prior to DISTRICT terminating this Agreement.

13. This Agreement is intended by Parties hereto as a final expression of their understanding with respect to the subject matter hereof and as a complete and exclusive statement of the terms and conditions thereof and supersedes any and all prior and contemporaneous agreements and understandings, oral or written, in connection therewith. This Agreement may be changed or modified only upon the written consent of Parties hereto.

14. No alternation or variation of the terms of this Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by both Parties and no oral understanding or agreement not incorporated herein shall be binding on either Party hereto.

15. Nothing in the provisions of this Agreement is intended to create duties or obligations to or rights in third parties not Parties to this Agreement.

16. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Each Party of this Agreement agrees to the use of electronic signatures, such as digital signatures that meet the requirements of the California Uniform Electronic Transactions Act ("CUETA") Cal. Civ. Code §§ 1633.1 to 1633.17), for executing this Agreement. Parties further agree that the electronic signatures of Parties included in this Agreement are intended to authenticate this writing and to have the same force and effect as manual signatures. Electronic signature means an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or logically associated with an electronic record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign the electronic record pursuant to CUETA as amended from time to time. CUETA authorizes use of an electronic signature for transactions and contracts among Parties in California, including a government agency. Digital signature means an electronic identifier, created by computer, intended by Party using it to have the same force and effect as the use of a manual signature, and

shall be reasonably relied upon by Parties. For purposes of this section, a digital signature is a type of "electronic signature" as defined in subdivision (i) of Section 1633.2 of the Civil Code.

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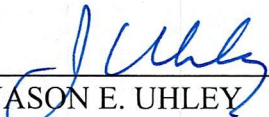
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement on

NOV 18 2025

(to be filled in by Clerk of the Board)

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

By 
JASON E. UHLEY
General Manager-Chief Engineer

By 
KAREN SPIEGEL, Chair
Riverside County Flood Control and Water
Conservation District Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:

MINH C. TRAN
County Counsel

KIMBERLY RECTOR
Clerk of the Board

By 
KRISTINE BELL-VALDEZ
Deputy County Counsel


By 
Deputy


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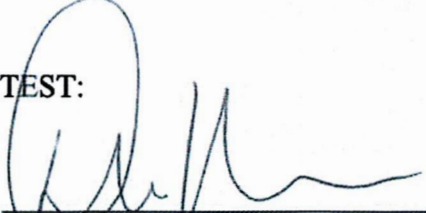
BY 
LISETTE FREE
City Manager

By 
GREG NEWTON
Mayor

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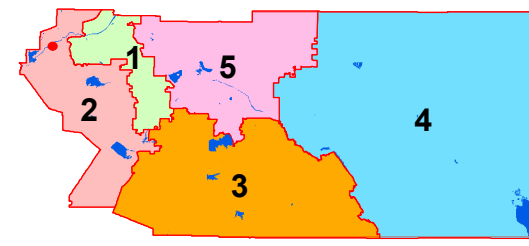
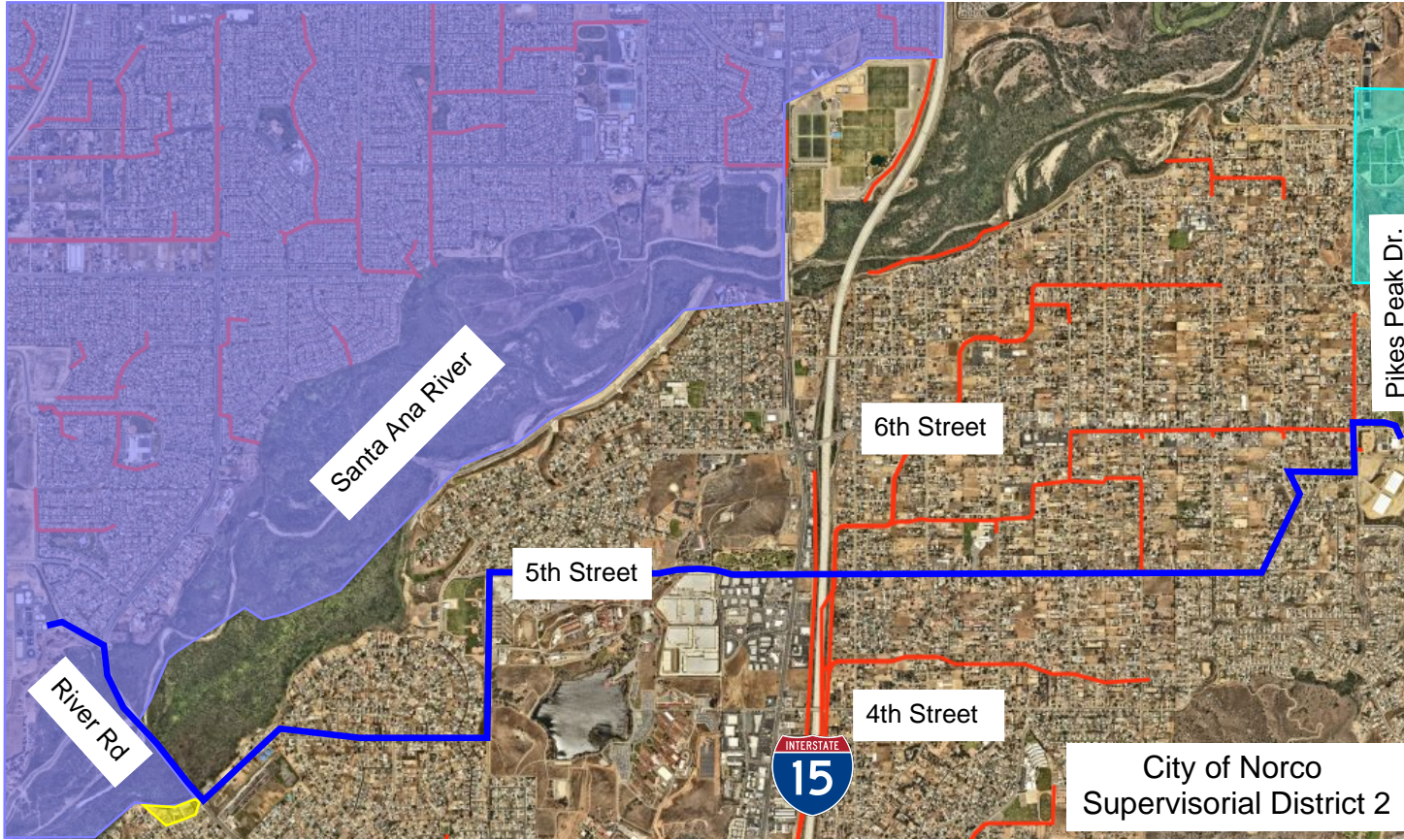
ATTEST:

By 
COLIN BURNS
City Attorney

By 
DANA ROA, CMC
City Clerk

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Legend

- Supervisorial District
- Project Vicinity
- Existing Facility
- City of Eastvale
- City of Riverside
- County of Riverside

Description

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Project No. 2-0-10060



VICINITY MAP

