

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



ITEM: 16.1
(ID # 28618)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, November 18, 2025

FROM : Regional Parks and Open Space District

SUBJECT: REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN-SPACE DISTRICT: Public Hearing for Adoption of Riverside County Regional Park and Open Space Resolution No. 2025-012 and Resolution No. 2025-013, Fixing the Employer Contribution Under the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act at an Equal Amount for Employees and Annuitants with respect to a Recognized Employee Organization for Riverside County Regional Park and Open Space District Management Unrepresented; and Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 721; All Districts. [\$0] (Companion Item to MT 29292)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Directors:

1. Open the public hearing regarding the adoption of Resolution No. 2025-012 and Resolution No. 2025-013 (Attachments A - B) Fixing the Employer Contribution Under the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act at an Equal Amount for Employees and Annuitants with respect to a Recognized Employee Organization for Riverside County Regional Park and Open Space District Management Unrepresented; and Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 721;

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ACTION: Set for Hearing


Kyla R. Brown, General Manager

11/5/2025

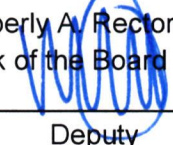

Tami Douglas-Schatz, Director of Human Resources

11/5/2025

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

On motion of Director Washington, seconded by Director Medina 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: Parks, HR

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

(Companion item 21.1)

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RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Directors:

2. Upon the close of the public hearing, adopt Resolution No. 2025-012 and Resolution No. 2025-013 (Attachments A - B) Fixing the Employer Contribution Under the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act at an Equal Amount for Employees and Annuitants with respect to a Recognized Employee Organization for Riverside County Regional Park and Open Space District Management Unrepresented; and Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 721; and,

3. Authorize the Chairperson to sign three (3) copies of each respective resolution; retain one (1) copy of the signed resolution and return two (2) copies of the signed resolution to Human Resources for distribution.

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Department Budgets			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Year:	25/26

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

In 2024, the County of Riverside Board of Supervisors approved a series of actions related to an increase in employer contribution for retiree medical by \$25 a month for eligible retirees, effective January 1, 2026:

- April 2, 2024 (Item No. 3.20): 2024 – 2027 Tentative Agreement between Service Employees International Union, Local 721 (SEIU) and the County of Riverside.

- April 30, 2024 (Item No. 3.37): Resolution No. 2024-077 for Exempt Management, Management, Confidential and Other Represented Employees (“Management Resolution”).

The Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District (“District”) adheres to the above actions approved by the County of Riverside Board of Supervisors for employees within SEIU, Exempt Management, Management, Confidential and Other Represented Employees.

The District, which contracts with CalPERS, is required to file a resolution (specifically, Resolution No. 2025-012 and Resolution No. 2025-013) to change the amount it contributes monthly for retiree health benefits. The referenced resolution(s) becomes effective on the first day of the second month in which the resolution is filed and received by CalPERS. Prior to adopting the resolution(s), the District must comply with applicable provisions of the California Government Code Section 7507 (“Section 7507”). Section 7507 ensures transparency and

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consideration of the financial impact of any changes to other postemployment benefits (OPEB) including retiree health benefits.

The District has completed all steps required under Section 7507 prior to the proposed adoption of Resolution No. 2025-012 and Resolution No. 2025-013. An actuarial analysis was conducted by Aon Consulting, Inc. to assess the financial impact of the proposed changes to other post-employment benefits. The actuarial analysis was publicly disclosed at a Board public hearing on November 4, 2025 (Item No. 16.1) which was held at least two weeks before any formal Board action will be taken with respect to the referenced resolution, in accordance with the statute.

At today's, November 18, 2025, Board public hearing, staff will present Resolution No. 2025-012 and Resolution No. 2025-013 to the Board for adoption of the following benefit change. The District's actuary will be present to provide information as needed. Upon adoption, the County Executive Officer, as the person with responsibilities of a chief executive officer of the District, is required to acknowledge in writing that he or she understands the current and future costs of the benefit as determined by the actuary (refer to Attachment C for Acknowledgment of Actuarial Analysis).

Subject to the Board's adoption of Resolution No. 2025-012 and Resolution No. 2025-013, the following summarizes the increase in employer monthly contribution for retiree health benefits for impacted bargaining units, effective January 1, 2026:

Bargaining Unit	2026 Monthly Contribution	Approved Increase	New 2026 Monthly Contribution
Management Unrepresented	\$256	\$25	\$281
SEIU	\$162*	\$25	\$187

*The Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMHCA) rate is set annually by CalPERS. The \$162 PEMHCA rate will be reflected on the July 1, 2025, actuarial valuation report, which is pending the Pension Advisory Review Committee (PARC) approval. The actuarial analysis is using the PEMHCA rate of \$157 based on the July 1, 2024, actuarial valuation report.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

While there is no immediate impact on residents and businesses, offering cost-effective benefits is a key strategy for recruiting and retaining a strong workforce to ensure quality service for our constituents.

Additional Fiscal Information

The public disclosure of the Actuarial Analysis on November 4, 2025 (Item No. 16.1) updated the public on the projected expenses associated with the benefit increase. The funded status of the District's OPEB plan is projected to decrease by 7.1% from 107.1% to 100.0%. Given that the funding level remains above 100%, the District is well-positioned to absorb the added cost.

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Contract History and Price Reasonableness

This is an amendment to the District's health program contract with CalPERS. The CalPERS Health Program contract has been in effect since 1990. This change is to increase the Employer Contribution by \$25 a month for eligible retirees under the Management Resolution and SEIU effective January 1, 2026 under the CalPERS Health Program.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Resolution No. 2025-012 (Attachment A) Fixing the Employer Contribution Under the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act at an Equal Amount for Employees and Annuitants with respect to a Recognized Employee Organization for Riverside County Regional Park and Open Space District Management Unrepresented
- B. Resolution No. 2025-013 (Attachment B) Fixing the Employer Contribution Under the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act at an Equal Amount for Employees and Annuitants with respect to a Recognized Employee Organization for Riverside County Regional Park and Open Space District Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 721
- C. Acknowledgement of Actuarial Analysis Pursuant to California Government Code Section 7507 (Informational Purposes Only)



Douglas Girdonez Jr. 11/12/2025



Aaron Gettis, Chief of Deputy County Counsel 11/6/2025

Attachment A

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3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-012**

4 **FIXING THE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION**

5 **UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT**

6 **AT AN EQUAL AMOUNT FOR EMPLOYEES AND ANNUITANTS**

7 **WITH RESPECT TO A RECOGNIZED EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION**

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9 WHEREAS, Riverside County Regional Park and Open Space District is a contracting
10 agency under Government Code Section 22920 and subject to the Public Employees' Medical
11 and Hospital Care Act (the "Act") for participation by members of Management Unrepresented;
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13 WHEREAS, Government Code Section 22892(a) provides that a contracting agency
14 subject to Act shall fix the amount of the employer contribution by resolution; and

15 WHEREAS, Government Code Section 22892(b) provides that the employer
16 contribution shall be an equal amount for both employees and annuitants, but may not be less
17 than the amount prescribed by Section 22892(b) of the Act; now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the employer contribution for each employee or annuitant shall be
19 the amount necessary to pay the full cost of his/her enrollment, including the enrollment of
20 family members, in a health benefits plan up to a maximum of \$281.00 per month, plus
21 administrative fees and Contingency Reserve Fund assessments; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, Riverside County Regional Park and Open Space District has fully
23 complied with any and all applicable provisions of Government Code Section 7507 in electing
24 the benefits set forth above; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the participation of the employees and annuitants of Riverside
26 County Regional Park and Open Space District shall be subject to determination of its status as
27 an "agency or instrumentality of the state or political subdivision of a State" that is eligible to
28 participate in a governmental plan within the meaning of Section 414(d) of the Internal Revenue

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: TAWNY V. MEU 11/4/25
DATE

1 Code, upon publication of final Regulations pursuant to such Section. If it is determined that
2 Riverside County Regional Park and Open Space District would not qualify as an agency or
3 instrumentality of the state or political subdivision of a State under such final Regulations,
4 CalPERS may be obligated, and reserves the right to terminate the health coverage of all
5 participants of the employer; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the executive body appoint and direct, and it does hereby appoint and
7 direct, Jose Medina to file with the Board a verified copy of this resolution, and to perform on
8 behalf of Riverside County Regional Park and Open Space District all functions required of it
9 under the Act; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That coverage under the Act be effective on January 1, 2026.
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14 Adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors at 4080 Lemon Street, 1st floor, Board
15 Chambers, Riverside, CA 92501, this 18th day of November, 2025.
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18 Signed: [Signature]
19 Jose Medina, Chair, Riverside County Regional Park and Open Space District
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22 Attest: [Signature]
23 Kimberly Rector, Clerk of the Board DEPUTY
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8 ROLL CALL:

9 Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez

10 Nays: None

11 Absent: None

12 Abstain: None

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14 The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by said Board of
15 Supervisors on the date therein set forth.

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17 KIMBERLY A. RECTOR, Clerk of said Board

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19 By:  _____

20 Deputy

Attachment B

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3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-013**

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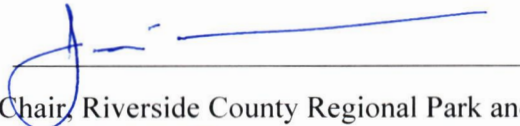
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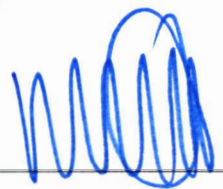
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Attachment C

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ACTUARIAL ANALYSIS
PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 7507
(RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT)

I, Jeff Van Wagenen, County Executive Officer of Riverside County Regional Park and Open Space District, hereby acknowledge, pursuant to California Government Code Section 7507, that I have reviewed and understand the current and future costs of the increase of other post-employment benefits of the Riverside County Regional Park and Open Space District's medical contribution for eligible retirees, as determined by the actuary. This is set forth in the actuarial analysis titled "Regional Park and Open-Space District's Other Post-Employment (OPEB) Plan – District Contribution Benefit Increase Analysis," prepared by Aon Consulting, Inc., on October 21, 2025. The actuary analysis has been made public at a public hearing at least two weeks prior to the Riverside County Regional Park and Open Space District Board's adoption of Resolution No. 2025-012 and Resolution No. 2025-013.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Jeff Van Wagenen

County Executive Officer

Riverside County Regional Park and Open Space District