

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



ITEM: 3.3
(ID # 30246)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, April 14, 2026


FROM : SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ

SUBJECT: SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ: Expansion of Veteran Support Services at Lake Cahuilla Veterans Regional Park, District 4 [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors directs:

1. Direct the Executive Office to work with the Veterans Services Department, RUHS-Behavioral Health, and the Regional Park and Open Space District (Parks), to jointly explore the expansion of veteran support services at Lake Cahuilla Veterans Regional Park.
2. Return to the Board in approximately 60 days with a proposed plan and recommendations for implementation.

ACTION:Policy

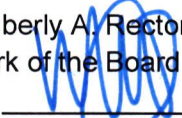


Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, Supervisor 4th. District 4/1/2026

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Washington 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: April 14, 2026
xc: BOS-D4, EO

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	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 25/26	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

BACKGROUND:

Summary

Veterans in Riverside County face a range of behavioral health challenges, including post-traumatic stress, depression, substance use, and social isolation. While Riverside County provides a variety of services through RUHS-Behavioral Health, Veterans Services, and other departments, there is an opportunity to strengthen coordination and expand supportive environments that promote wellness and recovery.

Riverside County re-named our Lake Cahuilla Park as Lake Cahuilla Veterans Regional Park several years ago in recognition of the service of our veterans. The County has made significant investments to upgrade Lake Cahuilla Park over the last few years to enhance public access and public health and wellness, including adding community event spaces, shade structures, renovating the swimming pool, improving campground spaces, and many others. As we continue to expand our services to our Veterans and their families, Lake Cahuilla offers a unique opportunity for programming services and events that utilize this thriving, revitalized park space.

The development of a collaborative plan between RUHS–Behavioral Health, Parks, and the Veterans Services Department would identify opportunities to integrate behavioral health support, wellness programming, and outdoor recreation resources to better serve veterans at Lake Cahuilla. Research has shown that access to outdoor spaces, recreation, and community engagement can support mental health and improve overall well-being.

This plan will include outreach and engagement with our veteran community and support organizations to see what services they would be most interested in. Their input will be incorporated into the plan.

Recommendations will be presented to the Board outlining potential program development, cross-department alignment, and opportunities to leverage existing resources at Lake Cahuilla Veterans Regional Park, which could also serve as pilot program to be expanded to other County parks in the future.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

Approval of this item will direct staff to develop a coordinated strategy aimed at improving access to behavioral health and wellness resources for veterans. Strengthening collaboration among County departments and community partners can help improve outcomes for veterans, support their reintegration into civilian life, and enhance overall community well-being.

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Fiscal Impact

There is no immediate significant fiscal impact associated with this action. Implementation of the measures in the plan may require additional fiscal support, to be identified at such future time as the action plan is adopted.



**Riverside County Board of Supervisors
Request to Speak**

Submit request to the Clerk of the Board (right of podium), individual speakers are limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes, subject to Board Rules listed on the reverse side of this form. The Board may limit the public input on any item, based on the number of people requesting to speak and the business of the Board.

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Date: 4-14-2026 Agenda # 3.3

PLEASE STATE YOUR POSITION BELOW:

Position on "Regular" (non-appealed) Agenda Item:

Support _____ Oppose _____ Neutral

Note: If you are here for an agenda item that is filed for "Appeal", please state separately your position on the appeal below:

_____ Support _____ Oppose _____ Neutral

I give my 3 minutes to: _____

Do you need a Spanish translator? Yes _____ No _____

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Power Point Presentations/Printed Material:

Speakers who intend to conduct a formalized Power Point presentation or provide printed material must notify the Clerk of the Board's Office by 12 noon on the Monday preceding the Tuesday Board meeting, ensuring that the Clerk's Office has sufficient copies of all printed materials and at least one (1) copy of the Power Point CD. Copies of printed material given to the Clerk (by Monday noon deadline) will be provided to each Supervisor. If you have the need to use the overhead "Elmo" projector at the Board meeting, please ensure your material is clear and with proper contrast, notifying the Clerk well ahead of the meeting, of your intent to use the Elmo. Speakers are prohibited from bringing signs, placards, or posters into the hearing room.

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Group/organized presentations with more than one (1) speaker will be limited to nine (9) minutes at the Chair's discretion. The organizer of the presentation will automatically receive the first three (3) minutes, with the remaining six (6) minutes relinquished by other speakers, as requested by them on a completed "Request to Speak" form, and clearly indicated at the front bottom of the form.

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The Chair will determine what order the speakers will address the Board and will call on all speakers in pairs. The first speaker should immediately step to the podium and begin addressing the Board. The second speaker should take up a position in one of the chamber aisles to quickly step up to the podium after the preceding speaker. This is to afford an efficient and timely Board meeting, giving all attendees the opportunity to make their case. Speakers are prohibited from making personal attacks, and/or using course, crude, profane or vulgar language while speaking to the Board members, staff, the public and/or meeting participants. Such behavior, at the discretion of the Board Chair may result in removal from the Board Chambers by Sheriff Deputies.