

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



**ITEM:** 23.1  
(ID # 30234)

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, April 14, 2026

**FROM :** TLMA-PLANNING AND TLMA-CODE ENFORCEMENT

**SUBJECT:** TRANSPORTATION LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY/PLANNING and TRANSPORTATION LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY/CODE ENFORCEMENT: Public Hearing on Adoption of Ordinance No. 449.257, An Interim Ordinance of the County of Riverside Extending Urgency Interim Ordinance No. 449.256, Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on New Short Term Rentals within The Unincorporated County Areas of Thousand Palms and B Bar H Ranch, Pursuant to Government Code section 65858(c). District 4. [\$0] (Not a Project under CEQA and/or CEQA Exempt)

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

1. Find that Interim Ordinance No. 449.257 is Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(b) and (c), Section 15378, and Section 15061(b)(3); and,
2. Adopt Ordinance No. 449.257, An Interim Ordinance of the County of Riverside Extending Urgency Interim Ordinance No. 449.256 Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on New Short Term Rentals Within the Unincorporated County Areas of Thousand Palms, and B Bar H Ranch, for a Maximum of 10 months and 15 Days, or Until Board of Supervisors Adoption of County Ordinance No. 927.3, Whichever is Sooner.

**ACTION:4/5 Vote Required**

  
John Hildebrand, Planning Director 4/7/2026


  
Rania Odenbaugh, TLMA Director 4/8/2026

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**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 and Ordinance 449.257 is adopted with waiver of the reading.

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: April 14, 2026  
xc: Planning, Code Enforcement, COB/MC/AB/DL/AG

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: N/A</b>	
			<b>For Fiscal Year: 25/26</b>	

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

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

In January 2016, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors adopted the initial version of the Short Term Rental Ordinance No. 927, establishing permitting and operating requirements to address the growth of the industry and to support a homeowner’s business opportunity to utilize their residence for transient occupancy. In response to impacts from rapid growth within the Short Term Rental (STR) industry, the Board of Supervisors initiated a comprehensive amendment to Ordinance 927 on February 25, 2020 (Agenda Item 3.23). During the drafting of the Ordinance 927 amendment, the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 449.251 (September 13, 2022; Agenda Item 3.18), as extended, to implement a moratorium on STR permitting in the unincorporated areas of Idyllwild and Temecula Wine Country, to allow staff to research options and make recommendations for establishing limits on STR permits in these areas due to operational issues and impacts on surrounding residential neighborhoods. After a robust stakeholder process, the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 927.2 on December 12, 2023 (Agenda Item 3.69) and ended the moratorium on STR permitting in Idyllwild and Temecula Wine Country.

As growth in STR ownership and usage continues within Riverside County, the County’s STR regulatory program continues to learn lessons, evolve, and adjust its processes. To this end, on August 27, 2024 (Agenda Item 3.111), by amended motion, the Board of Supervisors initiated an amendment to Ordinance No 927, directing staff to research and return with recommendations for Ordinance adjustments to allow for continued protection of residential neighborhoods, and enhanced enforcement where STRs may result in repeated or egregious impacts.

On March 11, 2025 (Agenda Item 3.35), the Board of Supervisors adopted Urgency Interim Ordinance No. 449.254, which imposed a moratorium on issuance of new Short Term Rental certificates in Thousand Palms and B Bar H Ranch; the purpose of this action was to allow County staff time to analyze potential impacts from Short Term Rentals, including excessive noise, traffic congestion, illegal vehicle parking, and accumulation of refuse, and to develop mitigation measures if necessary. On April 15, 2025 (Agenda Item 23.1, the Board of Supervisors adopted Urgency Interim Ordinance No. 449.255, extending the moratorium to allow staff additional time to conduct the requisite analyses and development of mitigation measures. On February 10, 2026, during Board of Supervisors’ consideration of an amendment to Ordinance No. 927, the Board took public testimony and heard concerns from the public regarding County enforcement efforts related to STRs. Ordinance No. 449.255 formally expired on February 28, 2026; however, during its term, additional potential STR-related impacts were

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brought to County staff's attention through resident complaints, including unpermitted large-scale events, elevated fire risk, reckless driving, and disorderly conduct. The County had also become concerned regarding the threat of violence against neighborhood residents, from guests of STRs and other large events. Enforcement actions in Thousand Palms and B Bar H Ranch increased since adoption of the initial moratorium on March 11, 2025, indicating a heightened need for caution, analyses, and consideration of additional mitigation measures. The County determined that these additional health, safety, and welfare risks and occurrences, which were unique from the prior moratorium, required additional evaluation and study in compliance with Section 65858 of the Government Code.

On March 3, 2026 (Agenda Item 3.32), the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 449.256, an interim urgency ordinance establishing a temporary moratorium on new Short Term Rentals (STRs) within the unincorporated County areas of Thousand Palms and B Bar H Ranch, as a measure to ensure neighborhood compatibility and reduce conflicts within the surrounding residential neighborhood, to facilitate economic growth within the County and to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the County's residents. The term of this interim urgency ordinance is 45 days; thus, the temporary moratorium established by Ordinance No. 449.256 is in effect until April 17, 2026.

On March 24, 2026 (Agenda Item 3.37), the Board received and filed a 10-Day Report for Ordinance 449.256, required by Government Code section 65858, describing further details of staff's ongoing analysis of community impacts from Short Term Rentals. The report outlined that an important component of ongoing data collection and analysis should include continued monitoring through the conclusion of the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival season (April 10 - 12, and April 17 - 19), which would allow staff to maintain oversight during a high-demand period for short-term lodging, and provide opportunity to observe real-time impacts during high-activity periods, while ensuring that the communities remain protected from potential nuisance activity or unpermitted rental operations.

**Urgency Ordinance No. 449.257**

Since Board of Supervisors adoption of Ordinance No. 449.256, the Code Enforcement Department has analyzed area Short Term Rental densities, proactively increased Code Enforcement staffing and patrols in Thousand Palms and B Bar H Ranch and gathered STR online advertising data and hotline complaint data to better understand the impacts of STRs in these areas and consider a reasonable course of action. In addition, the County has continued dialog with the Code Enforcement Departments of San Bernardino County and the City of Palm Springs to collaborate and share ideas regarding potential improvements for Short Term Rental operational and enforcement strategies.

As of the drafting of this staff report and proposed Ordinance No. 449.257, the Coachella festival weekends have not yet begun; however, the following data has been gathered during the short period since adoption of the moratorium:

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- 13 total STR-related calls received during work hours. None of the calls were complaint-related; all calls related to requests for STR certificate renewal inspections.
- 5 total STR-related calls received during afterhours. Two calls were related to requests for STR certificate renewal inspection, one call was resolved over the phone, and two calls were complaint related, and entailed Code Enforcement follow up. Both complaints follow-ups resulted in an outcome of 'unfounded'.
- One STR-related noise complaint was received and responded to by Sheriff's deputies. Guests were advised to turn the noise down; no further complaints were received.

As of this report, complaints during the initial 45-day period of Urgency Ordinance 449.256 remained minimal. Based on current observations, extending the moratorium beyond the established 10 months and 15 days appears unlikely. County staff will continue to monitor and gather complaint and enforcement data, particularly during the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival, one of the busiest periods for short-term rentals across the valley, which will be critical for ongoing evaluation.

Despite the initial lack of data, the facts that supported urgency Ordinance No. 449.256 remain in effect as the County's efforts to address the public safety, health, and welfare concerns have not concluded; additional time is needed to gather further data and craft proposed ordinance adjustments. Staff therefore recommend Board adoption of Urgency Interim Ordinance No. 449.257, to extend the moratorium to continue evaluating and monitoring impacts, especially during peak festival season. The additional data gathered will provide staff with the needed

information to continue their comprehensive assessment of STR-related impacts and provide informed recommendations to the Board. Transportation and Land Management Agency staff are currently working with the Executive Office to analyze potential regulatory adjustments and operational improvements to address STR-related impacts County-wide, including Thousand Palms and B Bar H Ranch.

**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**

Interim Ordinance No. 449.257 is not subject to the CEQA (California Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq.) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines sections 15060(b) and (c), because it merely extends the moratorium established by urgency interim Ordinance No. 449.256 prohibiting new Short Term Rentals. It will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical changes in the environment and, thus, it is not a project as defined in State CEQA Guidelines section 15378. The extended non-issuance of Short Term Rental Certificates in certain areas of the County has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly. Additionally, or in the alternative, this Ordinance No. 449.257 is exempt from CEQA under State CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that extending the prohibition of new Short Term Rentals in certain areas will have no significant effect on the environment because it will actually result in less impact on the environment. This interim Ordinance No. 449.257 merely maintains the status quo prior to the moratorium established by Ordinance No. 449.256 on March 3, 2026.

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**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

Concentrations of STRs can have adverse impacts on the residential character, neighborhood stability, public safety, and quality of life, in certain areas within the unincorporated Riverside County. Additional monitoring within the communities of Thousand Palms and B Bar H Ranch will allow the County to better characterize STR-related issues and impacts during a period of high STR-activity.

Existing legally permitted STRs at the time Ordinance No. 449.256 became effective on March 3, 2026, may continue to operate, thereby not impacting businesses.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Attachment A - Ordinance No. 449-257, An Interim Ordinance of the County of Riverside Extending Urgency Interim Ordinance 449.256 Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on New Short Term Rentals Within the Unincorporated County Areas of Thousand Palms and B Bar H Ranch
- Attachment B - CEQA Notice of Exemption

  
Crystal Carrillo, Senior Management Analyst 4/9/2026

  
Aaron Gettis, Chief Deputy County Counsel 4/3/2026



1 analyses and development of mitigation measures. Ordinance No. 449.255 formally  
2 expired on February 28, 2026; however, during its term, additional potential STR-  
3 related impacts were brought to County staff's attention through resident complaints,  
4 as detailed herein. These new impacts and occurrences justified the need for a  
5 continued moratorium in these areas pursuant to Government Code section 65858(f).  
6 In addition, data demonstrated that enforcement actions in Thousand Palms and B  
7 Bar H Ranch had increased since adoption of the initial moratorium on March 11,  
8 2025, indicating a heightened need for caution, analyses, and consideration of  
9 additional mitigation measures, related to these new impacts.

10 B. On March 3, 2026, the Board adopted urgency Ordinance 449.256, establishing a  
11 temporary moratorium on new Short Term Rentals within the unincorporated  
12 communities of Thousand Palms and B Bar H Ranch.

13 C. Since Board adoption of urgency Ordinance 449.256, the County has analyzed area  
14 Short Term Rental densities, proactively increased Code Enforcement staffing and  
15 patrols in Thousand Palms and B Bar H Ranch, and gathered STR online advertising  
16 data and hotline complaint data to better understand the impacts of STRs in these  
17 areas and consider a reasonable course of action. In addition, the County has  
18 continued dialog with the Code Enforcement Departments of San Bernardino County  
19 and the City of Palm Springs to collaborate and share ideas regarding potential  
20 improvements for Short Term Rental operational and enforcement strategies.

21 D. On March 24, 2026, the Board received and filed a 10-Day Report for Ordinance  
22 449.256, required by Government Code section 65858, describing further details of  
23 staff's ongoing analysis of community impacts from Short Term Rentals. The report  
24 outlined that an important component of ongoing data collection and analysis should  
25 include continued monitoring through the conclusion of the Coachella Valley Music  
26 and Arts Festival season (April 10 - 12, and April 17 - 19), which would allow staff  
27 to maintain oversight during a high-demand period for short-term lodging, and  
28 provide opportunity to observe real-time impacts during high-activity periods, while

1 ensuring that the communities remain protected from potential nuisance activity or  
2 unpermitted rental operations.

3 E. As of the drafting of this proposed Ordinance No. 449.257, the Coachella festival  
4 weekends have not yet begun; however, the following data has been gathered:

5 • 13 total STR-related calls received during work hours; none of the calls were  
6 complaint-related.

7 • 5 total STR-related calls received during after hours; two calls were complaint  
8 related, and entailed Code Enforcement follow up. Both complaint follow-ups  
9 resulted in an outcome of ‘unfounded’.

10 • One STR-related noise complaint received after hours and addressed by Sheriff’s  
11 deputies. Guests were advised to turn noise down; no further complaints received.

12 F. Although complaint and enforcement volumes have been minimal during the initial  
13 45-day period of urgency Ordinance 449.256, County staff maintain that continued  
14 monitoring and collection of complaint and enforcement data during the Coachella  
15 Valley Music and Arts Festival, one of the highest activity periods for STRs for the  
16 entire valley, will be critical to proper assessment of STR-related impacts and  
17 subsequent development of appropriate mitigation measures.

18 G. The following facts that supported urgency Ordinance 449.256 remain in effect as  
19 the County’s efforts to address public safety, health, and welfare concerns has not  
20 concluded:

21 H. Riverside County is experiencing an increase in privately owned residential  
22 dwellings being used as Short Term Rentals in the unincorporated areas of the  
23 County of Riverside, especially within the unincorporated areas of Thousand Palms  
24 and B Bar H Ranch. While Short Term Rentals have been a staple in the County and  
25 provide a benefit by expanding the number and type of available lodging facilities,  
26 their exponential increase continues to cause adverse impacts which have the  
27 potential to endanger the health and safety of residents and guests, and the very  
28 environment and resources that attract visitors to the County. Adverse impacts to  
surrounding neighbors and properties include persistent issues such as unpermitted

1 large-scale events, elevated fire risk, excessive noise, reckless driving, and disorderly  
2 conduct. The County has also become concerned regarding the threat of violence  
3 from guests of STRs and other large events, to residents in adjacent neighborhoods.  
4 The County has determined that these additional health, safety, and welfare risks and  
5 occurrences require additional evaluation and study in compliance with Section  
6 65858 of the Government Code. This ordinance is necessary to ensure neighborhood  
7 compatibility and reduce conflicts within surrounding residential neighborhoods, to  
8 facilitate economic growth within the County, and to protect the health, safety, and  
9 general welfare of the County's residents.

10 I. The unincorporated County area of Thousand Palms is located along Interstate 10 at  
11 the intersection of Ramon Road, and is characterized by mobile home subdivisions,  
12 single-family residential neighborhoods, and rural residential development.  
13 Infrastructure within the residential neighborhoods located north of Ramon Road  
14 remains rural in nature, exhibiting narrow roads and a lack of sidewalks and shoulder  
15 parking. Concentrations of Short Term Rentals in certain residential neighborhoods  
16 has resulted in increased complaints from residents in recent years, related to  
17 unpermitted large-scale events, excessive noise, and illegal parking. 27 Short Term  
18 Rental certifications are currently active.

19 J. B Bar H Ranch is an unincorporated community comprised of predominantly low-  
20 density residential, located between Palm Springs and Desert Hot Springs in the  
21 Seven Palms Valley. Similar to adjacent areas, the infrastructure in B Bar H Ranch  
22 remains rural in nature. This small unincorporated area is comprised of just 573  
23 parcels on 240 acres. There are currently 32 actively certified Short Term Rentals in  
24 this small area.

25 K. The County has received numerous complaints related to unpermitted large-scale  
26 events, elevated fire risk, excessive noise, reckless driving, disorderly conduct, and  
27 public safety related to Short Term Rentals in these areas, indicating a need for  
28 heightened operating standards and enforcement.

- 1 L. The County is currently in the process of studying and considering various legislative  
2 proposals to address issues associated with Short Term Rentals enforcement, to  
3 reduce risks to public safety, health, and welfare.
- 4 M. Concentrations of Short Term Rentals in certain areas of the County can have an  
5 adverse impact on residential character, neighborhood stability, public safety, and  
6 quality of life, demonstrating the need to consider different processes or regulations,  
7 such as separating, eliminating, or capping the number of Short Term Rentals in  
8 certain areas of the County.
- 9 N. On December 12, 2023, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside  
10 amended Ordinance No. 927, an Ordinance of the County of Riverside Regulating  
11 Short Term Rentals, through adoption of Ordinance No. 927.2. Development of  
12 Ordinance 927.2 entailed analysis of limits or caps for Short Term Rentals within the  
13 unincorporated areas of Idyllwild and Temecula Valley Wine Country, including  
14 establishment of boundary areas, determination of source of authority for a specific  
15 residential unit count, creation of an appropriate limit or cap, and a methodology for  
16 allowing new Short Term Rentals when capacity becomes available. Such analyses  
17 and regulatory measures could also be appropriate for Thousand Palms and B Bar H  
18 Ranch.
- 19 O. The unincorporated areas of Thousand Palms and B Bar H Ranch currently include  
20 59 active and pending Short Term Rental certificates. In the period preceding  
21 expiration of Urgency Interim Ordinance No. 449.255, the County received  
22 numerous correspondence from potential Short Term Rental applicants with  
23 properties in the Thousand Palms and B Bar H Ranch areas, requesting to submit  
24 applications for certification immediately after moratorium expiration. This  
25 proliferation of requests for Short Term Rental applications demonstrates a rush to  
26 obtain certificates that may be inconsistent with future licensing regulations,  
27 specifically, analysis of an amendment to Ordinance No. 927 to consider a limit or  
28 cap on Short Term Rentals in these areas.

- 1 P. Issuing numerous Short Term Rental certificates in areas that may be subject to future  
2 limits, caps, or additional regulations would undermine the County's current effort  
3 to protect the public health, safety, and welfare from the negative impacts of Short  
4 Term Rentals that are improperly sited, over-concentrated, or under regulated.
- 5 Q. Issuing numerous Short Term Rental certificates in areas that may be subject to future  
6 limits, caps, or additional regulations would also create further confusion and  
7 potentially cause the need to unwind many Short Term Rental certificates.

8 Section 3. DEFINITIONS. Except as otherwise specified herein, all terms used herein shall  
9 have the same definition as in Ordinance No. 348 and Ordinance No. 927. Otherwise, as used in this  
10 ordinance, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- 11 A. County: County of Riverside
- 12 B. Thousand Palms: Residential neighborhoods in the unincorporated area of Thousand  
13 Palms that include Short Term Rentals, the boundary of which is detailed as Exhibit  
14 A to this ordinance.
- 15 C. B Bar H Ranch: Residential neighborhoods in the unincorporated area of B Bar H  
16 Ranch that include Short Term Rentals, the boundary of which is detailed as Exhibit  
17 B to this ordinance.

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19 Section 4. REPORT. On March 24, 2026, the Board received and filed a 10-Day Report for  
20 Ordinance 449.256, required by Government Code section 65858, describing further details of staff's  
21 ongoing analysis of impacts from Short Term Rentals and other factors. Staff will utilize these data, and  
22 will continue to gather further information to develop recommended regulations to alleviate the conditions  
23 which led to a moratorium on new Short Term Rentals these areas. Unfortunately, the 45-day moratorium  
24 alone does not provide ample time to in order to find ways to alleviate or limit the ongoing effects within  
25 the communities. A copy of the 10-Day Report can be found with the agenda materials for the March 24,  
26 2026 Board meeting.

27 Section 5. EXTENSION OF ORDINANCE NO. 449.256 MORATORIUM. During the term  
28 of this interim ordinance, no new Short Term Rentals shall be allowed on properties located within the  
unincorporated County areas of Thousand Palms, or B Bar H Ranch. Renewals of existing Short Term

1 Rentals which meet all of the requirements for renewal pursuant to Ordinance No. 927, are exempted from  
2 this moratorium.

3 Section 6. SEVERABILITY. If any provision, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this ordinance  
4 or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not  
5 affect the other provisions of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or  
6 application, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

7 Section 7. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM. In accordance with Government Code sections  
8 25123 and 65858, this urgency ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage by at least  
9 a four-fifths vote of the Board of Supervisors, and shall remain in effect for 10 months from the date of  
10 adoption, or until Board of Supervisors adoption of Ordinance No. 927.3, whichever is first. This urgency  
11 ordinance may be further extended by the Board of Supervisors in accordance with Government Code  
12 section 65858.

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15 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY  
OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

16 By: Karen S. Spiegel  
17 Chairman, Board of Supervisors  
18 **KAREN SPIEGEL**

19 ATTEST:

20 KIMBERLY RECTOR  
Clerk of the Board

21 By: 

(SEAL) DEPUTY

22 APPROVED AS TO FORM

23 April 2, 2026

24 By: 

25 AARON C. GETTIS  
26 Chief Deputy County Counsel  
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**EXHIBIT A**

**RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THOUSAND  
PALMS THAT INCLUDE SHORT TERM RENTALS**

**BOUNDARY MAP**

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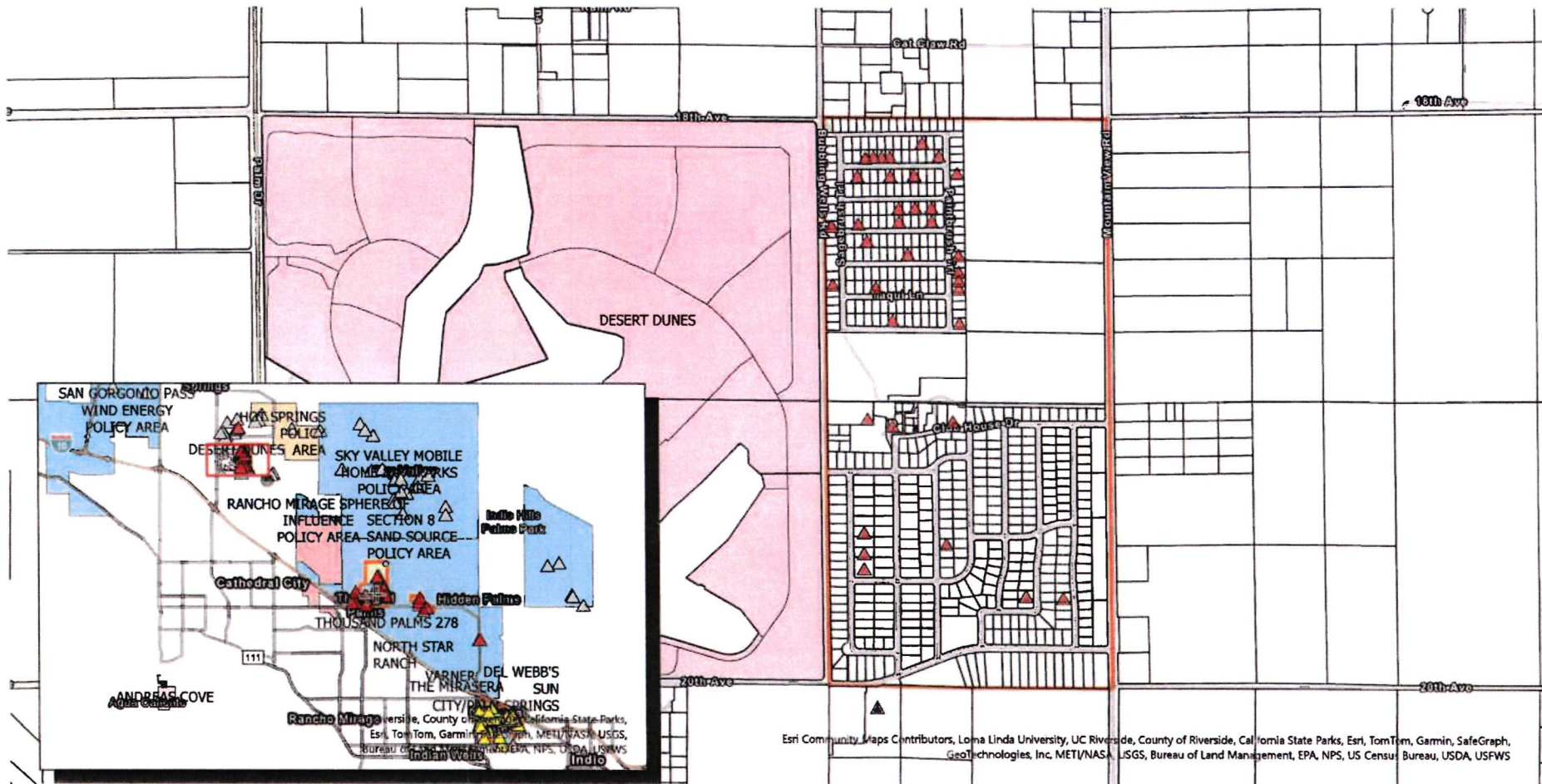


**EXHIBIT B**

**RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF B BAR H  
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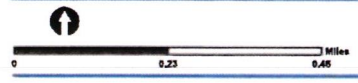
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STR Location	STRs Community, Account Status	Thousand Palms STRs License Status
	Active	Active
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	B Bar Ranch Active	Pending
	Benchmark Dunes Active	STR_Under_Review



**B BAR RANCH  
SHORT TERM RENTALS 2026**

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of said county held on April 14, 2026, the foregoing ordinance consisting of 7 Sections was adopted by the following vote:

- AYES:        Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez
- NAYS:        None
- ABSENT:     None
- ABSTAIN:    None

DATE:        April 14, 2026

KIMBERLY A. RECTOR  
Clerk of the Board

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
  Deputy

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# RIVERSIDE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

*John Hildebrand*  
Planning Director

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:  Office of Planning and Research (OPR) FROM: Riverside County Planning Department  
P.O. Box 3044  4080 Lemon Street, 12th Floor  38686 El Cerrito Road  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 P. O. Box 1409 Palm Desert, CA 92201  
 County of Riverside County Clerk Riverside, CA 92502-1409

Project Title/Case No.: Ordinance No. 449.257

Project Location: Riverside County

Project Description: Adopt Ordinance No. 449.257, An Interim Ordinance of the County of Riverside Extending Urgency Interim Ordinance No. 449.256, Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on New Short Term Rentals Within the Unincorporated County Areas of Thousand Palms, and B Bar H Ranch. District 4. CEQA Exempt.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Riverside County

Project Applicant & Address: Riverside County, 4080 Lemon Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Riverside, CA 92501

**Exempt Status: (Check one)**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269 (b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption: Sections 15060(b) and (c), Section 15378, and Section 15061(b)(3)
- Statutory Exemption (\_\_\_\_\_)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons why project is exempt:** This ordinance is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq.) (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines sections 15060(b) and (c), because prohibiting new Short Term Rentals will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical changes in the environment, and because it is not a project as defined in State CEQA Guidelines section 15378, as the non-issuance of Short Term Rental Certificates in certain areas of the County has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly. Additionally, or alternative, this ordinance is exempt from CEQA under State CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that prohibiting the issuance of new Short Term Rentals Certificates in certain areas will have no significant effect on the environment because it will result in less impact on the environment. This urgency ordinance merely maintains the status quo.

Scott Bruckner \_\_\_\_\_ (951) 955-2009 \_\_\_\_\_  
County Contact Person Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Title Date  
3/31/2026

Date Received for Filing and Posting at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

County Clerk Posting Fee \$50.00

### FOR COUNTY CLERK'S USE ONLY