

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



**ITEM: 3.35  
(ID # 30410)**

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, April 28, 2026

**FROM :** BOS DISTRICT 2

**SUBJECT:** BOS DISTRICT 2: Approve the Second District Unincorporated Communities Initiative Project and Use of Unincorporated Communities Initiative Funding in the Amount of \$1,000,000 to Support Construction of the Santa Ana River Trail – Phase 3B, District 2. [\$1,000,000 Total Cost – 100% UCI District 2 Fund 11240] (4/5 Vote Required)

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

1. Approve the Second District Unincorporated Communities Initiative project outlined below;
2. Direct the Riverside County Regional Parks and Open-Space District (District) to initiate work on the Unincorporated Initiative project using the allocated resources from the Unincorporated Communities Initiative Fund; and
3. Approve and direct the Auditor-Controller to make the budget adjustments as shown in Schedule A.

**ACTION: 4/5 Vote Required, Policy**

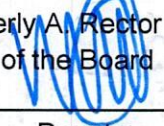
  
Supervisor Karen Spiegel, Supervisor 2nd District 4/23/2026

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Washington, seconded by Supervisor Perez 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 28, 2026  
xc: BOS-D2

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>	\$ 1,000,000	\$	\$1,000,000	\$0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 1,000,000	\$	\$1,000,000	\$0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> 100% UCI District 2 Fund 11240			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	Yes
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	25/26

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

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

On November 17, 2020, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Executive Office to implement an Unincorporated Communities Initiative (UCI). The UCI is a focused, ongoing, and coordinated effort to improve the infrastructure and services provided to the residents of unincorporated communities, with emphasis on Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUCs). The program is funded through General Fund/Net County Cost (NCC) during the annual budget and quarterly budget revision process.

On December 15, 2020, the Executive Office presented a proposed framework for planning and implementation of the UCI. With the support of the Board, the Executive Office established a team of staff and department heads to facilitate the UCI program. Through March 31, 2021, the Executive Office team held 15 community meetings and conducted online surveys to better understand community needs for services, infrastructure, and infrastructure maintenance. On May 25, 2021, the UCI Team presented the needs assessment to the Board.

Based on the foundational work completed by the UCI Team and further analysis by this office, \$1,000,000 of the remaining UCI funding available for the Second District will be allocated to the following project:

**Santa Ana River Trail – Phase 3B - \$1,000,000** - The Santa Ana River Trail (SART) is a planned 100+ mile regional, multi-use corridor extending across Riverside, Orange, and San Bernardino counties and linking 17 cities. Upon completion, SART will become the second longest continuously paved trail in the United States and will provide Inland Empire communities with direct access to the California Coastal Trail, significantly enhancing regional connectivity and active transportation opportunities.

The SART is currently approximately 70 percent complete and has already demonstrated strong public demand. One completed segment recorded more than 25,000 users in 2025, underscoring its value as both a recreational and transportation asset.

SART - Phase 3B, represents a critical infrastructure investment that will close a key gap in the overall trail network. This segment is coordinated with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Prado Dam and Spillway Project (DSMP), which includes construction of an approximately 0.65-mile-long multi-use trail adjacent to the Prado Dam. Incorporating Phase – 3B into the DSMP allows the District to leverage project integration benefits, including cost efficiencies and an accelerated construction schedule.

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Following the passage of the Water and Energy Appropriations Bill on January 23, 2026, the DSMP construction timeline has accelerated significantly. As a result, full project funding for SART – Phase 3B, currently estimated at \$5.5 million, is now required to be secured by the District on an expedited basis.

An initial \$1 million contribution from the Second District UCI Fund will be applied toward this project commitment. The remaining balance of project funding is in the process of being identified and is anticipated to include a combination of District CIP, Western Trails DIF, and/or County General Fund sources.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

The proposed project will improve the quality of life for residents of Riverside County through the continued provision of clean, safe outdoor recreational opportunities. SART - Phase 3B will advance regional mobility, improve multimodal connectivity, enhance public safety, and leverage significant local and state investments to complete a critical segment of a regionally significant active transportation corridor.

The long-term goal of the Unincorporated Communities initiative is to ultimately improve infrastructure and services to all our unincorporated communities. This is a first step to meeting that commitment.

**Attachments**

Schedule A – Budget Adjustment

Exhibit A—Project Map

SCHEDULE A  
Budget Adjustment  
FY 2025-26

Increase Appropriations:

33100 - 931105 - 542120	Improvements-Infrastructure	\$1,000,000
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Increase Estimated Revenue:

33100 – 931105 - 790600	Contrib Fr Other County Funds	\$1,000,000
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EXHIBIT "A"  
PROJECT MAP

