

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



**ITEM: 16.8
(ID # 30817)**

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, July 14, 2026

FROM : Regional Parks and Open Space District

SUBJECT: REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN-SPACE DISTRICT: Receive and File Historical Commission 2025-26 Annual Report for the Riverside County Historical Commission; All Districts [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Directors:

1. Receive and File the 2025-26 Annual Report for the Riverside County Historical Commission.

ACTION:Consent


Kyla R. Brown, General Manager 6/24/2026

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

On motion of Director Gutierrez, seconded by Director Medina and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is received and filed as recommended.

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: Washington and Perez
Date: July 14, 2026
xc: Parks

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: NONE			Budget Adjustment: N/A	
			For Fiscal Year:	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

Pursuant to Board Policy A-21 and Resolution 2005-128, Adopting Uniform Rules and Procedures for Advisory Committees, Boards, and Commissions, the attached Annual Report provides a summary of the Riverside County Historical Commission's activities and accomplishments during fiscal year 2025-26.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2025-2026 Historical Commission Annual Report


Douglas Cordonez Jr. 7/9/2026


Aaron Gettis, Chief Deputy County Counsel 7/1/2026



Riverside County Historical Commission



Annual Report 2025-2026

Debbie Newton, First District
Rachel Murrell, First District
Joyce Hohenadl, Second District
Don Williamson, Second District
Bette Martland, Third District, Vice-Chair
Jeffery Harmon, Third District

VACANT, Fourth District
VACANT, Fourth District
Steve Lech, Fifth District, Chair
VACANT, Fifth District
VACANT, Member At Large

MEETINGS:

The Riverside County Historical Commission approved a bi-monthly meeting schedule for 2025 and 2026, with meetings in July, September, November, January, March, and May to be held at various locations across each supervisorial district throughout Riverside County to support countywide participation and engagement.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION ACTIONS FOR 2025-2026:

- Elected the Historical Commission officers for Fiscal Year 2025-2026
- Welcomed and seated two new Commissioners representing the First and Third Supervisorial Districts, expanding the Commission's representation and participation.
- Selected The Bradshaw Trail as a Historical Commission publication to be edited, updated, and re-released, with proceeds from sales intended to support and generate revenue for the Historical Commission Fund.
- Reviewed, revised, and approved updates to The Bradshaw Trail, including multiple rounds of editorial review to correct typographical errors and improve readability, the addition of a historical-context disclaimer informing readers that the publication was originally written during a different era, a glossary of uncommon and historical terms, updated chapter endnotes and references, and the planned inclusion of new photographs to be collected during a winter expedition along the trail.
- Approved an outreach initiative encouraging members of the public to nominate buildings, sites, structures, and places they believe may be eligible for designation as Riverside County Historical Landmarks. The Commission is currently working to increase public awareness of the nomination process and promote community participation.
- Reviewed and approved the Historical Commission's 2026 meeting calendar.

OVERALL COMMISSION ACTIVITIES:

Commissioners supported the Park District by engaging in local historical matters, advocating for the preservation of historic resources, and promoting museums, events, and historical organizations within their respective districts. The Historical Commission also assisted by conducting research for publications and helping identify and recruit candidates to fill vacancies through outreach to other historical societies.

The Riverside County Historical Commission will continue to serve in an advisory capacity on historical issues throughout the County and collaborate with the District in advancing shared strategic goals related to historic preservation and public education.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kyla Brown, General Manager
Riverside County Regional Park & Open-Space

Robert Williams, Assistant Parks Director
Secretary to the Historical Commission