

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Riverside

From: (Public Agency): _____
Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District
4600 Crestmore Rd, Jurupa Valley, 92509

(Address)

Project Title: Agreement No. 233438 for Southwestern Riverside County Multi-Species Reserve Management

Project Applicant: Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District

Project Location - Specific:

MWD parcels between Diamond Valley Lake and Lake Skinner Recreation Area

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Southwest Riverside County Project Location - County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District is entering into Agreement No. 233438 for management of the Southwestern Riverside County Multi-Species Reserve. This agreement replaces Agreement No. 200761 which will terminate on June 30, 2026. The management priorities established by the MSHCP will continue under this updated Agreement. These priorities include managing Reserve lands as a single ecological unit, conserving habitat and biodiversity, supporting research and monitoring, and providing compatible educational, interpretive, and low-impact recreational opportunities. The Park District will continue to implement these priorities through Annual Work Plans and budgets, subject to approval by the Agreement Administrator and the Reserve Management Committee.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District Board of Directors

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District

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. State type and section number: Section 15307, Section 15308, & Section 15061(b)(3)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

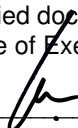
The Agreement is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15307, "Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources," because it supports the ongoing maintenance, restoration, enhancement, and protection of natural resources consistent with the MSHCP. The Agreement is also categorically exempt under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15308, "Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment," because it facilitates continued habitat and wildlife conservation under the MSHCP. Additionally, the Agreement is exempt under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the "Common Sense Exemption," because it continues existing management responsibilities, funding mechanisms, and administrative procedures and does not authorize any new activities that could result in a significant environmental impact.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Gaby Adame-Algrim Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (951) 955-1395

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Signature:  Date: 6/24/2026 Title: Bureau Chief

☐ Signed by Lead Agency ☒ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____