

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT / NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

for the Santa Ana River Trail Project, Segments 2, 2A, and 3A

This serves as the Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District's (RivCoParks) Notice of Intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study for the Santa Ana River Trail Project, Segments 2, 2A, and 3A prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), CEQA Guidelines, and local implementation procedures.

Name of Project: Santa Ana River Trail (SART), Segments 2, 2A, and 3A

Project Location: Prado Dam Flood Control Basin, Riverside County, CA

Lead Agency: RivCoParks, 4600 Crestmore Road, Jurupa Valley, CA 92509

Project Applicant: RivCoParks

Project Description: The Proposed Project involves installing multi-use trails in SART Phases 2, 2A, and 3A which are located within the Prado Dam Flood Control Basin area of the Santa Ana River in unincorporated Riverside County, California. The Proposed Project will construct a 2.78-mile gap in the 110-mile planned alignment, connecting to or narrowing the distance from existing constructed portions of the trail upstream and downstream of Prado Basin. The Proposed Project include construction of a Class I asphalt/concrete bicycle path with decomposed granite pedestrian and equestrian path with a general design, as follows: Eight-to-ten-foot bicycle path travel way with two-foot shoulders, five percent maximum slope, two percent maximum cross fall path and shoulder slopes, minimum 2 to 1 foot slope ratio for cut/fill slopes, signage and striping along the trail, implementation of drainage improvements, and application of native hydroseed mix along graded slope areas of the new trail phases. The construction phasing and activities are expected to take approximately 12 months to complete for each individual trail phase. Construction is anticipated to be initiated in 2025 and be completed by 2026 with construction expected to last 12 months for each trail phase, though the estimated dates may be subject to change.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the RivCoParks proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the above-cited project. Such Mitigated Negative Declaration is based on the finding that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment. The reasons to support such a finding are documented by an Initial Study prepared by RivCoParks. The Mitigated Negative Declaration, Initial Study, and other supporting environmental documents are available for public review on the RivCoParks website at <https://rivcoparks.org> and at the RivCoParks office, located at 4600 Crestmore Road, Jurupa Valley, CA 92509. RivCoParks hours: Monday – Friday: 8:00am – 5:00pm.

For questions regarding the Mitigated Negative Declaration, please contact:

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Public Review Period: **Begins: April 24, 2025** **Ends: May 24, 2025**

In accordance with the CEQA Guidelines, any comments concerning the findings of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study must be submitted in writing and **received by RivCoParks no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 24, 2025**, in order to be considered prior to RivCoParks's final determination on the project. Should you decide to challenge this project, you may be limited to the issues raised during this public review period. Please submit your written comments to Gaby Adame, Bureau Chief – Planning, Development & Interpretation, 4600 Crestmore Road, Jurupa Valley, CA 92509. Once the final CEQA procedures are completed, work will begin on the detailed engineering plans, specifications and estimates (PS&E). This next phase will identify the general sequence and location of construction activities, and more detailed information regarding construction specifics can be provided to you during this phase.