

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2003-487

2 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE  
3 APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY INTEGRATED PROJECT  
4 ("RCIP") 2002 GENERAL PLAN AND ADOPTING  
5 RELATED FINDINGS IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF  
6 THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

6 WHEREAS, in Resolution 2003-488, which is incorporated by reference herein, the  
7 Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside certified that the Final Environmental Impact  
8 Report ("Final EIR") prepared for the RCIP 2002 General Plan ("the Project") has been  
9 completed in compliance with CEQA; that the Board has reviewed and considered the  
10 information and analysis contained in the Final EIR; and that the Final EIR reflects the Board's  
11 independent judgment;

11 WHEREAS, the Board is satisfied that the RCIP 2002 General Plan will provide residents  
12 of the County with a "blueprint" for public and private development; that the RCIP 2002 General  
13 Plan will act as the foundation upon which County leaders will make growth and land use-related  
14 decisions; that the RCIP 2002 General Plan expresses the community's goals with respect to  
15 human-made and natural environments and sets forth the policies and implementation measures to  
16 achieve them; and that the RCIP 2002 General Plan will achieve the Vision Statement of the  
17 County residents in conformance with State planning law;

16 WHEREAS, the Final EIR identified certain significant effects on the environment that,  
17 absent the adoption of mitigation measures, would be caused by the implementation of the  
18 Project;

18 WHEREAS, the Board is required, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act  
19 ("CEQA") (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 *et seq.*), to adopt all feasible mitigation measures or  
20 feasible project alternatives that can substantially lessen or avoid any significant effects on the  
21 environment associated with a project to be approved, such as the Project;

21 WHEREAS, as the Findings of Fact, adopted as Exhibit A to this Resolution, demonstrate  
22 many of the significant effects on the environment associated with the Project can be either  
23 substantially lessened or avoided through the adoption of feasible mitigation measures, although  
24 some of these effects will remain significant and unavoidable despite the adoption of all feasible  
25 mitigation measures;

25 WHEREAS, because the adoption of all feasible mitigation measures cannot substantially  
26 lessen or avoid all significant effects on the environment associated with the Project, the Board  
27 must consider the feasibility of alternatives, as set forth in the Final EIR, that will be less  
28 environmentally damaging than the Project with respect to the unavoidable significant effects  
associated with the Project;

1 WHEREAS, the Board has determined, for reasons set forth in Exhibit A hereto, that the  
2 Alternatives described in the Final EIR either are not environmentally preferable, are infeasible,  
3 fail to meet the Board's objectives, or some combination of these factors;

4 WHEREAS, the Board is required by Public Resources Code section 21081.6, subdivision  
5 (a), to adopt a mitigation monitoring and reporting program to ensure that the mitigation measures  
6 adopted by the District are actually carried out;

7 WHEREAS, a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan for the Project has been  
8 prepared, and is found in Section 4.0 of the Final EIR, which is incorporated by reference into this  
9 resolution; and

10 WHEREAS, because the adopted mitigation measures have not fully mitigated or avoided  
11 all identified significant effects on the environment associated with the Project, CEQA requires  
12 the Board to adopt a Statement of Overriding Considerations, which is included as Section XVI  
13 of Exhibit A attached hereto;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of  
15 Riverside as follows:

- 16 1. The Board hereby approves the Riverside County Integrated Project 2002 General  
17 Plan;
- 18 2. By adopting this resolution, including Exhibit A attached hereto, the Board has  
19 satisfied its obligations pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21081 and  
20 CEQA Guidelines section 15091, in that Exhibit A (i) identifies all feasible  
21 mitigation measures that can substantially lessen or avoid the significant effects on  
22 the environment associated with the Project, (ii) explains why certain proposed  
23 mitigation measures are rejected as infeasible, and (iii) explains why the alternatives  
24 described in the Final EIR cannot feasibly and adequately satisfy the purposes and  
25 needs of the proposed project;
- 26 3. Through this Resolution, which incorporates by reference and adopts the Mitigation  
27 Monitoring and Reporting Plan included in Section 4.0 of the Final EIR, the Board  
28 has satisfied its obligations pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21081.6,  
subdivision (a);
4. By adopting this resolution, including Section XVI of Exhibit A attached hereto, the  
Board has satisfied its obligation pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21081,  
subdivision (b), which requires the issuance of a Statement of Overriding  
Considerations whenever a project's environmental effects cannot be mitigated or  
avoided by the adoption of all feasible mitigation measures;

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5. The Board further authorizes County staff to prepare and file a Notice of Determination within five working days following the date of adoption of this Resolution with the County Clerk of the County of Riverside and with the State of California and directs that copies of the Final EIR be retained at the administrative offices of the County for review.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 2003, by the following vote on roll call:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

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Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:  
  
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Secretary, Board of Supervisors

Attachment: Exhibit A

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