RECOMMENDED ACTION: Modification of the December 13, 2007 Conservancy action to implement coastal access along the Santa Ana River Parkway in Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties to expand the project area within San Bernardino County to include Reach 4 of the Santa Ana River.

LOCATION: Santa Ana River Parkway, along the Santa Ana River in the counties of Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino.

PROGRAM CATEGORY: Public Access

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1: December 13, 2007 staff recommendation
Exhibit 2: New project expansion area (Reach 4 of the River)

RESOLUTION AND FINDINGS:

Staff recommends that the State Coastal Conservancy adopt the following resolution pursuant to Sections 31400 et seq of the Public Resources Code:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby amends its December 13, 2007 authorization for funding to implement coastal access along the Santa Ana River Parkway in San Bernardino County by replacing under #3, the phrase “a four mile coastal access trail segment that extends from the Waterman Avenue to Alabama Street in the City of Redlands” with the phrase “coastal access trail segments along Reaches 3 and 4 of the Santa Ana River, as more particularly described in the attached Exhibit 2 to the accompanying staff recommendation.”

PROJECT SUMMARY:

Staff recommends that the Conservancy amend its December 13, 2007 authorization for funding to San Bernadino County to implement coastal access along the Santa Ana River Parkway to include Reach 4 of the River Parkway. See Exhibit 2. This change is necessitated by the fact that there are two reaches along the Santa Ana River within the County of San Bernardino. The Conservancy’s December 13, 2007 resolution authorized expenditure of Conservancy funds along Reach 3 only. As work on the trail has progressed, some elements of Reach 4 will be ready
for funding ahead of Reach 3, and it would be helpful and appropriate to utilize the previously-approved grant funds for both reaches.

CONSISTENCY WITH CONSERVANCY’S ENABLING LEGISLATION, CONSERVANCY’S 2007 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL(S) & OBJECTIVE(S), CONSISTENCY WITH CONSERVANCY’S PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA & GUIDELINES, COMPLIANCE WITH CEQA: This project remains consistent with the Conservancy’s December 13, 2007 authorization. See Exhibit 1.