

COASTAL CONSERVANCY

Staff Recommendation

October 2, 2014

**SANTA ANA RIVER PARKWAY TRAIL:
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY CLASS I BIKEWAY DESIGN - AUGMENTATION**

Project No. 13-015-01

Project Manager: Moira McEnespy

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Augmentation of the Conservancy's June 20, 2013 authorization by authorizing the disbursement of additional funding of up to \$400,500 to the County of San Bernardino to continue with engineering and design for a segment of the Santa Ana River Parkway Trail in the City of Redlands, San Bernardino County.

LOCATION: Along a segment of the Santa Ana River, City of Redlands, San Bernardino County (see location maps in Exhibit 1)

PROGRAM CATEGORY: Public Access

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1: [Coastal Conservancy Staff Recommendation No. 13-015-01, "Santa Ana River Parkway Trail: San Bernardino County Class I Bikeway Design" \(June 20, 2013\)](#)

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 augments its June 20, 2013 authorization, attached as Exhibit 1 to the accompanying staff recommendation, to provide an additional disbursement of up to four hundred thousand five hundred dollars (\$400,500) to the County of San Bernardino (County) for engineering and design of a Class I bikeway with pedestrian shoulders for a 3.5-mile segment of the Santa Ana River Parkway Trail corridor from California Street to Orange Street, City of Redlands, subject to the conditions of its June 20, 2013 authorization."

Staff further recommends that the Conservancy adopt the following findings:

1. "Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that the proposed authorization remains consistent with the Conservancy's June 20, 2013 findings. (See Exhibit 1 to the accompanying staff recommendation). "

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PROJECT SUMMARY:

Staff recommends that the Conservancy authorize an additional disbursement of up to four hundred thousand five hundred dollars (\$400,500) to the County of San Bernardino (County) to continue engineering and design for a Class I bikeway with pedestrian shoulders along a 3.5-mile segment of the Santa Ana River Parkway Trail corridor from California Street to Orange Street, City of Redlands, County of San Bernardino.

On June 20, 2013, the Conservancy approved funding for this project. See Exhibit 1: “Conservancy staff recommendation for the Santa Ana River Parkway Trail: San Bernardino County Class I Bikeway Design.” The project summary, grantee description, site description, and project history remain as stated in Exhibit 1.

Staff recommends that the Conservancy augment the funding for this project as requested by the County for:

- continued engineering and design work, including preparation of plans and specifications, and cost estimates;
- surveys to support the appraisal of access easements;
- environmental compliance with CEQA; and
- continued project management.

The additional funds are needed to conduct tasks that were not previously anticipated, tasks that are now ready-to-go, and to meet County needs that have since arisen. For example, once the County began to conduct design work, it discovered that the original plans were not as complete as was thought when the previous funding request was made, which now requires additional unanticipated work. Similarly, the County discovered that surveys are necessary to clarify property lines prior to conducting appraisals. The County is now ready to move forward with cost estimates, which along with the additional design work constitutes the bulk of the tasks under this additional funding request. Finally, the County finds it now needs additional assistance towards environmental compliance and permitting, which it is cost-sharing, and its project management (for its Parks Department staff, which prior to now had contributed 100% in-kind).

PROJECT FINANCING

Coastal Conservancy (June 2013)	\$100,000
Coastal Conservancy (the proposed augmentation)	\$400,500
Project Total	\$500,500

The augmentation of funds will derive from the same funding source described in the June 30, 2013 staff recommendation and the proposed project financing remains consistent with that source as detailed in the June 20, 2013 staff recommendation (See Exhibit 1).

CONSISTENCY WITH CONSERVANCY’S ENABLING LEGISLATION:

The project remains consistent with the Conservancy’s enabling legislation, as described in the Conservancy’s June 20, 2013 staff recommendation (See Exhibit 1).

**CONSISTENCY WITH CONSERVANCY’S 2013
STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL(S) & OBJECTIVE(S):**

The project remains consistent with the current Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives as described in in the Conservancy’s June 20, 2013 staff recommendation (See Exhibit 1).

**CONSISTENCY WITH CONSERVANCY’S
PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA & GUIDELINES:**

The project remains consistent with the Conservancy’s Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines, as described in the Conservancy’s June 20, 2013 staff recommendation (See Exhibit 1).

COMPLIANCE WITH CEQA:

The Conservancy’s June 20, 2013 authorization found that the project is statutorily exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act under Title 14 California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 15262. (See Exhibit 1). No challenges were made to the exemption and the statute of limitations for any challenge has run. The proposed authorization is for additional funding for the same project analyzed in the Conservancy’s June 20, 2013 authorization. No changes were made to the project and the project remains exempt under Section 15262. The proposed action of providing additional funding does not have the potential to cause an environmental effect. However, as the provision of funding for a project is a discretionary act under CEQA, staff will file a notice of exemption upon approval of the augmentation of funding for the project.