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PUBLIC NOTICE
INITIAL STUDY / MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The Riverside County Regional Park & Open-Space District (RivCoParks) has prepared an Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the proposed Harford Springs Reserve Day Use-Staging Area Project (Project) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The proposed Project would construct an approximately 1.8-acre day use parking and staging area in the southeast corner of the existing Harford Springs Reserve (Reserve), a 325-acre undeveloped open space in Riverside County popular for hiking and horseback riding. The number of visitors, particularly in the peak spring and summer months, overwhelm the limited number of informal spaces currently available at the main entrance on Gavilan Road. The proposed Project would provide additional parking for approximately 10 truck and horse trailer combinations and 5 passenger vehicles in the southeast corner of the Reserve, located immediately west of Piedras Road, approximately 750 feet north of the intersection of Piedras Road and Idaleona Road. The area would also provide additional recreational amenities, including hitching posts, picnic tables, and trash receptacles. Development would include minimal vegetation clearing, grading, base compaction, limited concrete paving, delineation of individual parking spaces, and construction of a perimeter fence.

RivCoParks is inviting the agencies and interested members of the public to submit comments on potential environmental impacts that could result from implementation of the proposed Project. The Draft IS-MND is available for public review at the following website:

https://6916236e-f840-4078-b562-4aceee5df34e.usrfiles.com/ugd/691623_67299b8379744cccb872faefd19bd208.pdf

Pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations Section 15073(s), the Draft IS/MND will be available for agency and public comment for a period of 30 days, extending from October 29, 2020 to November 30, 2020. During this time, please direct comments to Analicia Gomez, Park Planner for RivCoParks, analiciagomez@rivco.org. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Analicia Gomez at (951) 500-7188.

RivCoParks will consider any comments received before November 30, 2020. The results of this consideration will either be reflected in a memorandum for record placed in the Administrative Record or reflected directly in the Final IS/MND through a modification of the document prompted by substantive comments and an appendix to the Final IS/MND articulating the responses to the these comments.