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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

September 20, 2024

PROJECT TITLE: Mecca Neighborhood Park and Greening Project
Work Order# D20021 Task Code #Z1530

PROJECT SPONSOR: County of Riverside Transportation Department

PROJECT LOCATION: Community of Mecca

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The County of Riverside Transportation Department is proposing to construct the Mecca Neighborhood Park and Greening Project, which includes street tree planting, park improvements, sidewalks, and curb and gutter.

Street trees will be planted within the public road right-of-way along approximately 1.5 miles of streets as follows:

- Cahuilla Street from 65th Avenue to 2nd Street
- Date Palm Street from 65th Avenue to 66th Avenue
- 66th Avenue from Hammond Road to east of Date Palm Street
- 2nd Street from Hammond road to east of Date Palm Street
- 5th Street from Cahuilla Street to Date Palm Street
- Hammond Road from north of 2nd Street to 66th Avenue

Park site improvements will be made to a County of Riverside 0.3-acre property bounded by the following streets:

- On the north by 2nd Street, west by Hammond Road, south by 66th Avenue, east by the centerline projection of Cahuilla Street

Curb and Gutter and Sidewalk improvements will be constructed along 0.1 mile of streets as follows:

- Hammond Road from 2nd Street to 66th Avenue
- 66th Avenue from Hammond Road to Date Palm Street

The proposed project will include the following:

- Tree and shrub plantings

- Decomposed granite, mulch, rocks and boulders
- Irrigation systems
- Water service
- Electric service
- Concrete sidewalks, decorative walkways, drive approaches, curb ramps, retaining walls and curb and gutter
- Drainage structures
- Utility removals, relocation, and adjustments
- Park entry signage, furniture, lighting, and art (optional)

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The proposed project will not acquire right-of-way.

This project is subject to compliance with the Coachella Valley MSHCP. In accordance with Section 7.1 of the Coachella Valley MSHCP, public facility construction, maintenance, and safety activities along existing roadways and rights-of-way are considered a covered activity. If tree removal takes place during the migratory bird breeding season from February 1 to August 31, a pre-construction nesting survey will be conducted pursuant to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

The Riverside County Transportation Department has found that the above-described project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), based on the following:

Section 15301 (c) – Existing Facilities – The project proposes to install street trees, park improvements, sidewalks, and associated improvements. The project in its entirety is consistent with Section 15301(c) because it does not create additional automobile lanes and involves no expansion of use of the existing roadway and associated facilities.

Section 15304 (b) – Minor Alterations to Lands – The project proposes to install street trees and park improvements. The project is consistent with Section 15304 (b) because of the addition of new park and landscaping.

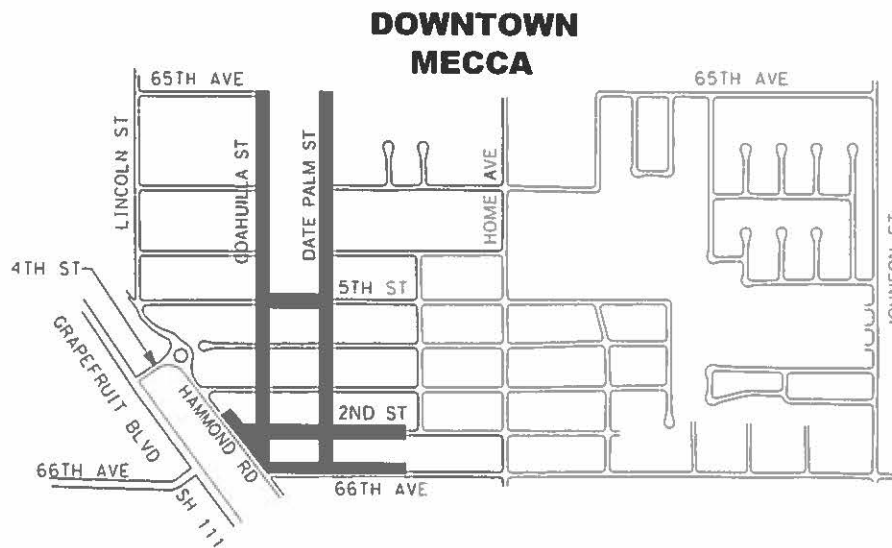
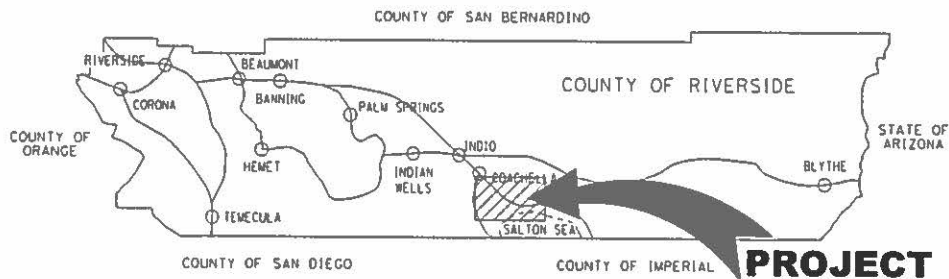
Section 15311 (a) – Accessory Structures – The project proposes to construct park improvements and associated park signs. The project is consistent with Section 15311 (a) because of the addition of new park, park furniture, and park signs.

Signed: 
Jan Bulinski, Environmental Project Manager

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

MECCA NEIGHBORHOOD PARK AND GREENING PROJECT

STREET TREE PLANTING, TRIANGLE PARK IMPROVEMENTS,
AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS
PROJECT No. D2-0021



VICINITY MAP

TOWNSHIP 7S RANGE 9E SECTION 8
COUNTY ROAD BOOK PAGE NO. 230 & 230A



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DATE: September 20, 2024
TO: Josefina Castillo-Avila, ACR Technician III
FROM: Jan Bulinski, Environmental Project Manager *JB*
RE: **Mecca Neighborhood Park and Greening Project**
W.O.# ZD20021C Task Code # Z1530

The County of Riverside Transportation Department is requesting that you post the attached Notice of Exemption per County Implementing Resolution No. 82-213, Division 11, Section 205C. Attached you will find an authorization to bill by journal voucher in the amount of \$50.00 for your posting fee.

After posting, please return the document to Mail Stop #2136, Attention: Jan Bulinski. If you have any questions, please contact me at jbulinski@rivco.org.

Attachment

cc: file

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE CLERK & RECORDER

**AUTHORIZATION
TO BILL
BY JOURNAL VOUCHER**

-TO BE FILLED IN BY SUBMITTING AGENCY-
537280-20000-3130500000 ZD20021C Z1530

AUTHORIZATION NUMBER: W.O.# ZD20021C, Task Code Z1530

AMOUNT: \$50.00

DATE: September 20, 2024

AGENCY: County of Riverside Transportation Department

THIS AUTHORIZES THE COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER TO ISSUE A VOUCHER FOR PAYMENT OF ALL FILING AND HANDLING FEES FOR THE ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENT(S).

NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS INCLUDED: One (1)

AUTHORIZED BY: Jan Bulinski, Environmental Project Manager

Signature: 

-TO BE FILLED IN BY COUNTY CLERK-

ACCEPTED BY: -

DATE: -

RECEIPT # (S) -