

# Attention Riverside County Property Owners & Residents

## Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

BEFORE THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING THE PROPOSED ADOPTION OF THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY MULTIPLE SPECIES HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN (MSHCP) AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO CERTIFY THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/ ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE MSHCP

PUBLIC HEARINGS have been scheduled for May 5, 6 and 8 before the Riverside County Board of Supervisors regarding the proposed approval of the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP). A list of the times and subject matter to be considered during each day of the hearings is provided in this notice. The County of Riverside (County), in cooperation with the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG), U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and participating local governments, prepared a joint Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for the proposed Western Riverside County MSHCP. The County is serving as the lead agency for the EIR and the USFWS is acting as the lead agency under NEPA for purposes of the EIS. On November 15, 2002, copies of the draft MSHCP, EIR/EIS and the Implementing Agreement were provided to local libraries listed in Attachment A of this notice. These documents are also available on the RCIP internet website at [www.rcip.org](http://www.rcip.org).

The proposed MSHCP is a comprehensive, multiple jurisdictional planning program designed to create, manage, and monitor a system of habitat reserves in Western Riverside County. With the proposed MSHCP, the Wildlife Agencies will grant authorization for otherwise lawful actions, such as public and private development that may incidentally take or harm individual species or their habitats outside of the MSHCP Conservation Area, in exchange for the assembly and management of a coordinated MSHCP Conservation Area. In addition to the preservation of species and associated habitats, the proposed MSHCP Conservation Area would provide open space and recreational opportunities, which would enhance the quality of life in Riverside County.

The EIR/EIS addresses the potential impacts of urban growth, natural habitat loss, and "take" of plant and animal species. The EIR/EIS concluded that with implementation of the MSHCP there would be significant, unavoidable adverse environmental effects to biological resources (sensitive habitats such as chaparral, coastal sage scrub, desert scrub, grasslands, Riversidean alluvial fan sage scrub, and non-covered species) and population and housing. Impacts to mineral resources, agricultural, transportation and circulation, parks and recreation, and fire services were analyzed and determined to be less than significant.

The Board of Supervisors will consider the EIR in conjunction with its consideration of the proposed MSHCP at the public hearings referenced herein. Any person wishing to testify in support of, or in opposition to the proposed Western Riverside County MSHCP, may do so in writing prior to the public hearings, or may appear and be heard at the location and times stated in the notice. All comments received prior to the public hearings will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors, and the Board of Supervisors will consider such comments, in addition to any oral testimony, before taking an action on the MSHCP. If you challenge the MSHCP or the associated EIR in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearings described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearings. Please send all written correspondence to the following address: RCIP/MSHCP, Riverside County Transportation and Land Management Agency, P.O. Box 1605, Riverside, CA 92502.

Be advised that, as a result of the public hearings and comments, the Board of Supervisors may amend, in whole or in part, the proposed MSHCP and/or the environmental documents associated therewith. Additionally, County staff may recommend changes to the MSHCP prior to, or at, the public hearings referenced above. (Accordingly, the Western Riverside County MSHCP may change so that it is different than what is proposed.)

The MSHCP is one component of the Riverside County Integrated Project (RCIP), an integrated planning process that also includes a proposed new General Plan and a proposed transportation corridor plan—Community and Environmental Transportation Acceptability Process (CETAP) for Western Riverside County. The General Plan and CETAP plans will not be considered at the public hearings that are the subject of this notice. Public hearings for the General Plan were previously held in March 2003, and public hearings for CETAP were held in December 2002 and January 2003.

**Location of all hearings:  
Riverside County Administration Center  
4080 Lemon St., First Floor Board Chambers,  
Riverside, CA 92501**

### SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

#### 1 Monday, May 5, 2003

- 8:30 a.m.: Exhibits of Draft MSHCP Plan, Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) / Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and Response to Comments available in lobby for public review and questions / answers.
- 9:30 a.m.: Overview of the Riverside County Integrated Project (RCIP) Draft Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP)
- 10:30 a.m.: Opportunity for City representatives to comment on any aspect of the MSHCP.
- 11:00 a.m.: Hearing on the following area plan: The Pass
- 12:00 Noon: Lunch break; Exhibits of Draft MSHCP Plan, Draft EIR / EIS, and Response to Comments available in lobby for public review and questions / answers.
- 1:30 p.m.: Hearing on the following area plans: Lake Mathews / Woodcrest, Mead Valley.
- 3:00 p.m.: Hearing on the following area plans: Elsinore, Temescal Canyon.
- 5:00 p.m.: Dinner break.
- 6:00 p.m.: Hearing on the following area plans: Eastvale, Jurupa.

#### 2 Tuesday, May 6, 2003

- 12:30 p.m.: Exhibits of Draft MSHCP Plan, Draft EIR / EIS, and Response to Comments available in lobby for public review and questions / answers.
- 1:30 p.m.: Hearing on the following area plans: Southwest, REMAP.
- 3:00 p.m.: Hearing on the following area plans: Sun City / Menifee Valley.
- 5:00 p.m.: Dinner break.
- 6:00 p.m.: Hearing on the following area plans: Highgrove, Lakeview / Nuevo.

#### 3 Thursday, May 8, 2003

- 8:30 a.m.: Exhibits of Draft MSHCP Plan, Draft EIR / EIS, and Response to Comments available in lobby for public review and questions / answers.
- 9:00 a.m.: Hearing on the following area plans: San Jacinto Valley, Harvest Valley / Winchester.
- 11:00 a.m.: Hearing on the following area plans: Reche Canyon / Badlands.
- 12:00 Noon: Lunch break; Exhibits of Draft MSHCP Plan, Draft EIR / EIS, and Response to Comments available in lobby for public review and questions / answers.
- 1:30 p.m.: Opportunity for Wildlife Agencies to comment on any aspect of the MSHCP.
- 2:00 p.m.: Presentation and public comments on the Draft EIR/EIS and on other MSHCP matters.

**Additional hearings are possible. If they are scheduled, they will be noticed in area newspapers.**

**BLUEPRINT for  
TOMORROW**  
THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
INTEGRATED PROJECT

**For additional information, please visit  
[www.rcip.org](http://www.rcip.org) or call 1-877-735-7247**

The Draft MSHCP, EIR/EIS and Implementing Agreement may be viewed at the following public libraries.

Riverside County Library Anza Branch 57430 Mitchell Road Anza, CA 92539	Riverside County Library Norco Branch 3954 Old Hammer Road Norco, CA 92860	Riverside County Library Woodcrest Branch 17024-C Van Buren Blvd. Riverside, CA 92504
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Riverside County Library Calimesa Branch 974 Calimesa Blvd. Calimesa, CA 92320	Riverside County Library Nuevo Branch 29990 Lakeview Avenue Nuevo, CA 92567	Riverside County Library City of Riverside 3581 Mission Inn Ave. Riverside, CA 92502
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Riverside County Library Canyon Lake Branch 31516 Railroad Canyon Road Canyon Lake, CA 92587	Riverside County Library Perris Branch 163 E. San Jacinto Perris, CA 92570	City of Moreno Valley Moreno Valley Library 25480 Alessandro Blvd. Moreno Valley, CA 92553
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Riverside County Library Glen Avon Branch 9244 Galena Riverside, CA 92509	Riverside County Library Rubidoux Branch 5673 Tilton St. Riverside, CA 92509	City of Banning Banning Public Library 21 W. Nicolet St. Banning, CA 92220
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Riverside County Library Highgrove Branch 690 W. Center Street Riverside, CA 92507	Riverside County Library San Jacinto Branch 500 Idyllwild Drive San Jacinto, CA 92583	City of Beaumont Beaumont Library District 125 E. Eighth St. Beaumont, CA 92223
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Riverside County Library Idyllwild Branch 54185 Pinecrest Idyllwild, CA 92549	Riverside County Library Sun City Branch 26982 Cherry Hills Blvd. Sun City, CA 92586	City of Corona Corona Public Library 650 South Main St. Corona, CA 92882-3417
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Riverside County Library Lake Elsinore Branch 600 W. Graham Lake Elsinore, CA 92530	Riverside County Library Temecula Branch 41000 County Center Temecula, CA 92591	City of Murrietta Murrietta Public Library 39589 Los Alamos Road Murrietta, CA 92563
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Riverside County Library Mission Trail Branch 34303 Mission Trail Wildomar, CA 92595	Riverside County Library Hemet Branch 25757 Fairview Avenue Hemet, CA 92544	University of California, Riverside Tomas Rivera Library 900 University Ave. Riverside, CA 92521-5900
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**You can also view hard copies of the Draft MSHCP, EIR/EIS and Implementing Agreement at the Riverside County Planning Department at 4080 Lemon Street, Ninth Floor, Riverside, CA 92501.**

**For additional information about the proposed Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) and Associated Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement, and other components of the RCIP, please consult the RCIP internet website at, [www.rcip.org](http://www.rcip.org), where you can view text, maps, and a Conservation Summary Report Generator. You can also contact the RCIP information phone line at 1-877-735-7247 from Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Pacific Standard Time, for further information concerning this project.**

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