



Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District

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View of the Gilman Historic Ranch in Banning, CA

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Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District Awarded \$6.05 Million in Grant Funds

December 10, 2021 – Jurupa Valley, CA – California State Parks announced on Wednesday more than \$548 million in grant funding to communities to deliver new parks, advancing the “California Outdoors for All” initiative to enable all Californians to access parks and open space. Awarded through the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (under the state proposition 68), this grant program creates new parks and recreation opportunities in underserved communities across California.

Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District (RivCoParks) has been awarded \$6.05 million in grant funding to develop what will be the “Stagecoach Stop Park” on the grounds of the Historic Gilman Ranch in the City of Banning. RivCoParks currently operates the ranch as a historic site and wagon museum dedicated to the preservation, celebration, and interpretation of the history of late 1800’s California.

Stagecoach Stop Park will make use of largely vacant land surrounding the historic site. The creation of this park will complement the rich history of Gilman Ranch through carefully selected design elements and aesthetics. Residents of the surrounding community will be able to enjoy much needed, currently non-existent, park amenities and socially equitable access to outdoor recreation.

RivCoParks staff worked closely with the community to develop a plan for the park. Features will include a new community/recreation center, interpretive playground, picnic areas, botanical garden/orchard, disc golf course, picnic areas, horseshoe pits, pathways, parking lot with lighting, landscaping throughout the park, and interpretive nature hiking trail to adjoining scenic mountain areas with stunning views of the San Gorgonio pass.

The complete list and map showing locations of the 112 projects receiving grant awards can be found at www.parks.ca.gov/spp.

About the Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District

Our Mission is to acquire, protect, develop, manage, and interpret for the inspiration, use and enjoyment of all people, a well-balanced system of park related places of outstanding scenic, recreational, and historic importance. Our Vision is to be the regional leader in improving lives through people, parks, places and programs. www.rivcoparks.org

