

RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN-SPACE DISTRICT



Meeting the Challenge



**ANNUAL REPORT
2009-2010**

Parks Make Life Better!™



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IT IS AMAZING HOW MUCH YOU CAN ACCOMPLISH WHEN IT DOES NOT MATTER WHO GETS THE CREDIT.

- Ronald Reagan

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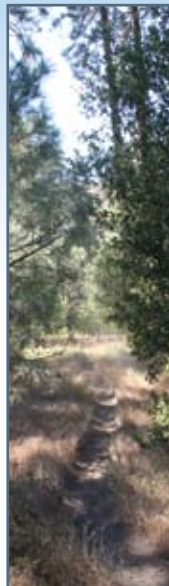
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Support Groups:

Friends of Lake Skinner
(Lake Skinner Recreation Area)
Friends of the San Jacinto Mountain County Parks
(Idyllwild Nature Center, Idyllwild Park, Hurkey Creek Park)
Gilman Ranch Hands
(Gilman Historic Ranch and Wagon Museum)
Jurupa Valley Boxing Club Coaching Volunteers
(Jurupa Valley Boxing Club)
Santa Ana River Volunteer Naturalists
(Louis Robidoux Nature Center, Hidden Valley Nature Center)
Santa Rosa Plateau Foundation
(Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve)
San Timoteo Canyon Schoolhouse Committee
(San Timoteo Schoolhouse)



Recreation-related consumer expenditures stimulate local businesses, which in turn generates tax revenue, employment opportunities, and additional production of goods and services.

- Northern Illinois University

Dear Friends,

The Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District is pleased to present its 2009-2010 Annual Report. As we look back over the last year, we see a clear trail of change. Change and challenge will always be with us as we chart our shared future. We are confident that families, friends, children, and all lovers of the outdoors will continue to be drawn to our Natural, Cultural, Historical, and Recreational areas. Our parks and places are powerful sources for beauty, joy, learning, and community. These sources of renewal build on our brand and message that Parks Make Life Better!SM.

While 2009-2010 has been a year of growth in many ways, the District acknowledges the economic realities that have reshaped our operations. We have reaffirmed our values, improved the way we make decisions, and fine-tuned how we conduct business. We are not immune to recent economic challenges and in response, staff have committed to maintain productivity and core service levels. This focused reaction to adversity united us in our unique determination to become "A Best in Class Agency."

In this pursuit of excellence, the District launched several new initiatives including a new Recreation Division, which focuses on community connections, tourism, and affordable activities. Capital Improvements continue to move forward as several high profile projects near completion. While the dust settles from construction, our customers continue to visit in ever-increasing numbers, and for the third year in a row, award us with a 99% approval rating on performance that meets or exceeds their expectations.

Finally, this report also represents a shift in how we report progress. It provides several quantifiable metrics that can be benchmarked against other agencies. We will continue to monitor a variety of key indicators to evaluate our business results and financial outcomes. Moreover, significant effort has and will be expended in advanced planning and budgeting, which will allow the District to remain focused on sustainable growth.

As you read through this year's annual report, we are hopeful that the dedication and commitment of our staff, volunteers, and support groups shines through.

Sincerely,



SCOTT BANGLE
GENERAL MANAGER/PARKS DIRECTOR



Park and recreational service use continues throughout the life cycle. Recreational participation declines with age, but park use does not. In fact, people between the ages of 65 and 74 use local parks more frequently than any other age group from those 15 years of age and older.

- Pennsylvania State University

Strengthening our Brand

IF EVERYONE IS MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER, THEN SUCCESS TAKES CARE OF ITSELF.

- Henry Ford

Celebrating Milestones

77,849 Volunteer hours

Re-opened Gilman Ranch

Completed revisions of Historic Preservation District Ordinance NO. 578

Recommended application of the North Shore Yacht Club as a Riverside County Historic Landmark

Successfully launched the publication of a new County historical journal, Riverside County Chronicles

Implemented membership program and identification protocol for Jurupa Valley Boxing Club

Restored on-site caretaker activities at Harford Springs Park

Established Recreation and Tourism Division

Introduced the Give a Day, Get a Disney Day volunteer collaboration with Disneyland

Building for the Future

Successfully submitted a \$4.5m grant application for work at Louis Rubidoux Nature Center

Successfully submitted a \$5m grant application for expansion of Mayflower Park

Successfully submitted a \$3.4m proposal for funds to provide backbone infrastructure improvements at Mayflower Park

Award Showcase

2009 California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Merit Award Recipient
Santa Ana River Trail and Parkway Partnership

2009 California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Honorable Mention
Historic Riverside County Adventures/Driving Tour Brochure

2009 California Park & Recreation Society (CPRS) Award of Excellence
Agency Brochure/Activity Guide

2009 California Park & Recreation Society (CPRS) Achievement Award
Facility Design – Cultural Facilities

2009 California Park & Recreation Society (CPRS) Achievement Award
Agency Showcase – Single Focus Brochure

2009 KOA President Award “Best of the Best”
Partnership @ Blythe/Colorado River

2009 Press Enterprise Readers Choice Award “Favorite Place to Camp”
Lake Skinner Recreation Area

PARKS AND RECREATION ARE ASSOCIATED WITH A SENSE OF COMMUNITY.
COMMUNITY LEVEL BENEFITS ARE CONSIDERED MORE IMPORTANT
THAN INDIVIDUAL OR HOUSEHOLD LEVEL BENEFITS.

THE BENEFITS OF LOCAL RECREATION AND PARK SERVICES A NATIONWIDE STUDY OF THE PERCEPTIONS OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC



A total of 683 surveys were submitted with 439 comments. Overall, when park users were asked about the quality of customer service at park facilities, 99.3% of survey respondents gave a rating of meets or exceeds expectations.

- Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District

Supporting Our Communities

Bogart Horseshoe Throwing Contest

(Communities of Banning, Beaumont, and Cherry Valley)

Temecula Balloon and Wine Festival & Aglow in the Dark

(Communities of Temecula, Murrieta, and Winchester)

Trout Fishing Derbies

(Communities of Rubidoux, La Quinta, Coachella, Jurupa Valley, Riverside, and Moreno Valley)

Pumpkin Patch Festival

(Communities of Rubidoux, Jurupa Valley, Riverside, Moreno Valley and Mira Loma)

Banning's Stagecoach Days

(Communities of Banning, Beaumont, and Cherry Valley)

Lemon Lily Festival

(Communities of Idyllwild and Mountain Center)

Bird and Educational Nature Walks

(Communities of Murrieta, Temecula, Riverside, Mountain Center, Idyllwild, and Banning)

Family Nature Walks

(Communities of Mountain Center, Idyllwild, Riverside, Temecula, Winchester, and Murrieta)

Equestrian Trail Rides

(Communities of Cherry Valley, Moreno Valley, Riverside, Idyllwild, La Quinta, Coachella, Temecula, and Murrieta)

Summer Camps for Kids

(Communities of Rubidoux, Jurupa Valley, Riverside, Norco, Idyllwild, and Mountain Center)

Conserving Natural Resources

- Captured and fitted Western Pond Turtles with radio-telemetry transmitters to monitor movement patterns
- Planted 30 Oak Trees
- Installed 9,100 feet of fencing, dozens of gates, and repaired damaged fencing to control unauthorized access
- Completed fuel reduction project for fire prevention
- Cleared 5 miles of trail debris, ensuring access
- Applied transmitters to San Diego Horned Lizards to conduct foraging and other behavioral observations
- Conducted pocket mouse surveys
- Conducted a sheep grazing pilot study program
- Planted 2 acres of native grass
- Conducted successful cowbird trapping program
- Participated in several prescribed burns
- Expanded the Quino Checkerspot Butterfly Program

"CONSERVATION IS THE FORESIGHTED UTILIZATION, PRESERVATION AND/OR RENEWAL OF FORESTS, WATERS, LANDS AND MINERALS, FOR THE GREATEST GOOD OF THE GREATEST NUMBER FOR THE LONGEST TIME."

- GIFFORD PINCHOT



Investing in our Parks

- Negotiated a successful ground lease for an organic certified farm
- Delivered retail point of sale system for Rancho Jurupa Park
- Integrated Wi-Fi system for customers at Rancho Jurupa Park
- Developed and Implemented 30 acre security system for Rancho Jurupa Park
- Re-roofed the Louis Rubidoux Nature Center
- Designed and built an amphitheater at Hidden Valley
- Completed design package for restroom improvements at Mayflower Park
- Designed and bid a storage facility at Idyllwild Nature Center
- Repaved day use parking areas at Rancho Jurupa Park
- Upgraded restrooms at Lake Skinner Recreation Area
- Installed additional waterless urinals at 3 park sites
- Installed new roofing at McCall Park shelters



MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the Park District is to acquire, protect, develop, manage, and interpret for the inspiration, use, and enjoyment of all people, a well-balanced system of areas of outstanding scenic, recreational, and historic importance.



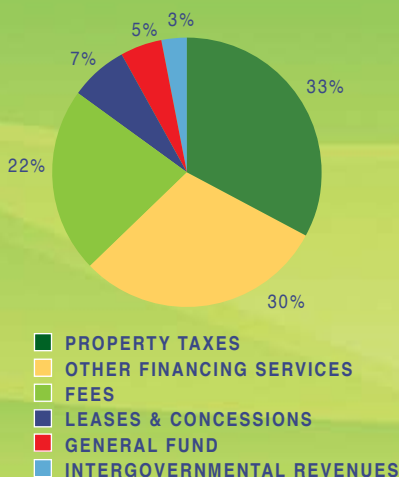
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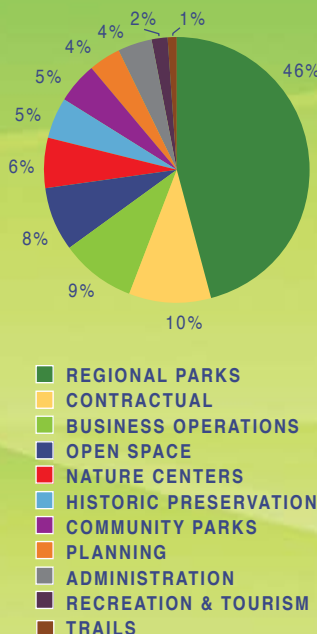
Riverside County Parks is the common name often used to refer to the units operated by the Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District (District). These units include: Regional Parks, Resources, Trails, Open Space, and Recreation. The District's focus encompasses providing high-quality recreational opportunities and preserving important features of the County's Natural, Cultural, and Historical heritage.

The District, like all public agencies, is facing unprecedented fiscal challenges due to declining revenues and increasing costs. This is occurring at a time when park usage and park acreage is growing. Significant planning efforts are currently underway to "...anticipate and address the challenges of environmental quality, societal changes, and economic competitiveness while striving to make Riverside County an even better place to live, work, raise our families, and do business" (Riverside County Guiding Principles, 2010).

FUNDING SOURCES



FUNDING USES



AT A GLANCE

TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$12,438,476
TOTAL REVENUE:	\$12,466,737
TOTAL STAFF (FTE):	119

FUNDED BY GENERAL FUND NCC 4.9%
(NET COUNTY CONTRIBUTION)

FY 09-10 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Maintained 71,656 acres of area
- Provided service to 13 regional parks
- Patrolled and maintained 150 miles of multi-purpose recreational trails
- Monitored and secured 7 archaeological sites
- Managed 16 wildlife reserves and natural areas dedicated to the preservation of flora and fauna in Riverside County
- Monitored 2 concession campgrounds and 3 concession service providers
- Operated 1 recreational boxing facility
- Managed 4 nature centers providing environmental educational programming
- Programmed, maintained, and patrolled 6 historic sites including 3 on the National Register of Historic Places
- Operated 1 mobile home park
- Recruited and processed more than 20 new hires
- Provided historic interpretation for 6,585 students and guests
- Provided natural interpretation for 75,773 students and guests

FY 10-11 OBJECTIVES/GOALS

- Complete 5-Year Strategic Plan
- Complete Jurupa Aquatic Center Business Plan and build a sustainable revenue-cost neutral program
- Initiate infrastructure review and complete a 5-year capital budget that includes previous commitments
- Complete Web Page upgrade with enhanced features that meet customers needs and enhance revenue potential
- Develop an economical and sustainable marketing plan
- Maintain adequate cash throughout the year to ensure timely disbursements of payments to vendors
- Develop a childhood obesity action plan

BUSINESS TREND INDICATORS

- 25% reduction in NCC Contribution
- 15% decrease in property tax
- 10% increase in revenue from user fees
- 25% decrease in plan check and inspections received and processed

The Riverside County Park District received the "Together We Can Help" Award for a 441% increase in Park Employees' donations to community service organizations.



According to empirical studies, parks, trails, and open space contribute to a higher level of physical activity, thus promoting good health.



- National Parks Conservation Association

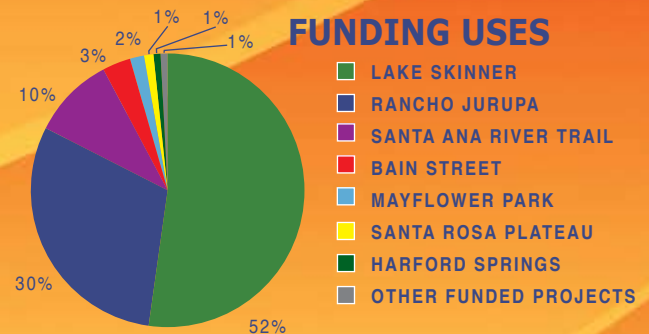
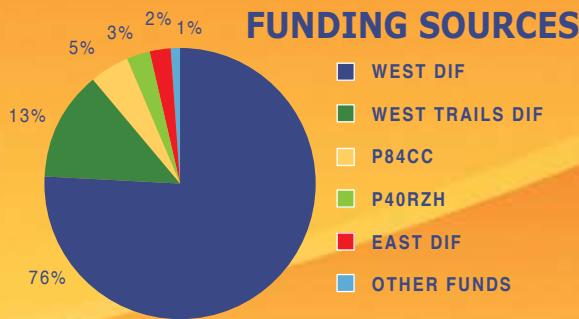
Numbers...

Capital Improvement Projects and Initiatives

People continue to search for meaningful, quality experiences and a healthier lifestyle closer to home. The District strives to heighten those experiences through continued improvements to our parks County-wide. Through the use of various funding, over \$9 million in the last year, the District has been able to enhance the existing park sites and add additional amenities that meet the needs of our patrons.

In our continued efforts to support the ideal that "Parks Make Life Better!"SM construction over the next year will include, but is not limited to, providing new multipurpose trails, water play structures, improved camping, and new educational facilities. To ensure that such improvements continue, the District is continually active in its pursuit of additional grant funding.

CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL FACILITIES PLAY A CENTRAL ROLE IN PROMOTING TOURISM WHICH BRINGS NEW MONEY INTO COMMUNITIES, CREATES INCOME, AND PROVIDES JOBS FOR RESIDENTS.

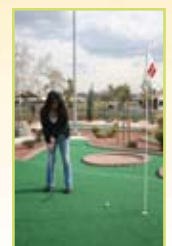


FY 09-10 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Started construction at San Timoteo Schoolhouse
- Started construction at Santa Rosa Plateau
- Completed design for Rancho Jurupa Park Phase 3
- Completed design for Mayflower Park Phase 2
- Completed design and permitting for Mayflower Park Phase 1
- Completed primary construction for Lake Skinner Recreation Area Improvements
- Completed primary construction for Rancho Jurupa Park Phase 2 Improvements

FY 10-11 OBJECTIVES/GOALS

- Complete construction at San Timoteo Schoolhouse
- Complete construction at Santa Rosa Plateau
- Complete preliminary plans and environmental permits for the Hidden Valley to Prado section of the Santa Ana River Trail
- Complete construction at Rancho Jurupa Park
- Complete construction of phase 2 at Mayflower Park
- Complete construction at Lake Skinner Recreation Area
- Complete restoration of the Jensen-Alvarado Ranch House ceiling
- Complete construction of the Prado Basin to Green River segment of the Santa Ana River Trail
- Close out the Proposition 40 Per Capita and Roberti-Z'berg-Harris programs through California State Parks



BOGART PARK
9600 CHERRY AVENUE
CHERRY VALLEY, CA 92223
(951) 845-3818

BOX SPRINGS MOUNTAIN RESERVE
9699 BOX SPRINGS MOUNTAIN ROAD
MORENO VALLEY, CA 92557
(951) 684-7032

**GILMAN HISTORIC RANCH AND
WAGON MUSEUM**
1901 W. WILSON STREET
BANNING, CA 92220
(951) 922-9200

GOOSE FLATS WILDLIFE AREA
3.5 MILES SOUTHEAST OF BLYTHE AT
18TH AVENUE AND THE COLORADO RIVER
(951) 955-4310

HARFORD SPRINGS
21630 GAVILAN ROAD
PERRIS, CA 92570
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HIDDEN VALLEY WILDLIFE AREA
11401 ARLINGTON AVENUE
RIVERSIDE, CA 92505
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HURKEY CREEK PARK
56375 STATE HWY 74
MOUNTAIN CENTER, CA 92561
(951) 659-2050

IDYLLWILD PARK
54000 RIVERSIDE COUNTY PLAYGROUND ROAD
IDYLLWILD, CA 92549
(951) 659-2656

IDYLLWILD NATURE CENTER
25225 HWY 243
IDYLLWILD, CA 92549
(951) 659-3850

**JENSEN-ALVARADO HISTORIC RANCH AND
MUSEUM**
4307 BRIGGS STREET
RIVERSIDE, CA 92509
(951) 369-6055

JURUPA VALLEY BOXING CLUB
5626 MISSION BOULEVARD
RIVERSIDE, CA 92509
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KABIAN PARK
28001 GOETZ ROAD
SUN CITY, CA 92587
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LAKE CAHUILLA RECREATION AREA
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LA QUINTA, CA 92253
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LAKE SKINNER RECREATION AREA
37701 WARREN ROAD
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4980 COLORADO RIVER ROAD
BLYTHE, CA 92225
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23250 CALIFORNIA AVENUE
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MCCALL MEMORIAL PARK
28500 MCCALL PARK ROAD
MOUNTAIN CENTER, CA 92561
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MCINTYRE PARK
8750 PETER D. MCINTYRE AVENUE
BLYTHE, CA 92225
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ON 14TH AND LOVEKIN STREET
BLYTHE, CA 92225

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10 MI. NORTH OF I-10 NW
ON HWY 95 ON THE COLORADO RIVER
BLYTHE, CA 92225
(951) 955-4310

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4800 CRESTMORE ROAD
RIVERSIDE, CA 92509-6839
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SAN TIMOTEO SCHOOLHOUSE
31985 SAN TIMOTEO CANYON ROAD
REDLANDS, CA 92373
(951) 955-4310

SANTA ROSA PLATEAU ECOLOGICAL RESERVE
39400 CLINTON KEITH ROAD
MURRIETA, CA 92562
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