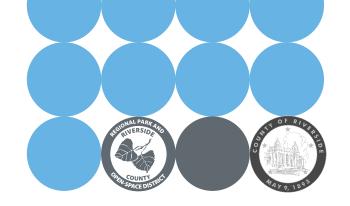
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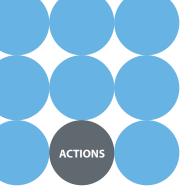
# RivCoParks Annual Report 2010-2011

## Mission Statement

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.



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## The Team

If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself. ~Henry Ford

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Tracy Novak

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Marc Brewer

Marcos Baeza

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Margie Valdez

Margo Arispuro

Mario Amparan

Marion Howard

Marguese Howard

Mary-Ruth Johnson

Matthew Horspool

Mario Perales

Mark Ross

Mary Henry

**Mashad Tears** 

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Megan Gomez

Melissa Bucarev

Michael Gillette

Michael Herrera

Miguel Marquez

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Miguel Rincon

Mitchell Dillon

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Yvonne Puentes

Zephaniah Borynack

## What a year!

I want to tell you a story...

A story about RivCoParks and how our people, parks, places and programs contribute to the quality of life in Riverside County.

A story of people...Our people include full-time, part-time and seasonal employees who work side by side with our volunteers, partners and interns, commissions and support groups in a harmonious fashion. This unique mix of resources allowed us to introduce two new Bureaus, launch a new aquatic facility, add an Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Commission, develop a five-year strategic plan and wind down our most aggressive capital improvement program in the District's history.

A story of places...Our places include natural, cultural and historical properties, which are places of wonder and essential to the cultural fabric of a diverse County. This year we completed and opened the San Timoteo Canyon Schoolhouse, enhanced the Santa Rosa Plateau and continued to renovate the Jensen-Alvarado Historic Ranch in order to expand our offerings.

A story of parks... Our parks continue to provide quiet space and contact with nature, while preserving air quality and wildlife. This year we completed several high-profile projects such as Lake Skinner, Rancho Jurupa and Mayflower, which will continue to serve as gathering places for people to enjoy.

A story of programs...Our program offerings are unique and diverse. This year we provided historic interpretation for 11,156 guests and natural interpretation for 79,313 students and guests.

A story of success...I close with the story of two groups of volunteers who are making a difference in Riverside County. Sue, Michelle and Amie have worked tirelessly to build a comprehensive Adopt-A-Trail program that has resulted in eight miles adopted during the first year. Also, I was delighted to see Ginger and Virginia from the Santa Rosa Plateau Foundation attend the business plan training in order to bolster their programs. The Foundation continues to provide the much needed funding for one of our successful educational programs which works to connect children with nature. Taken together, these five ladies exhibit what it means to be the best human beings possible through volunteerism. All told, our volunteers contributed 78,108 hours to the District, which is a story within a story. I believe you will be impressed with what you read in the pages that follow.



Enjoy,

SCOTT BANGLE General Manager/Parks Director

A total of 1,310 surveys were submitted at seven of our District's park sites. Overall, when park users were asked about the quality of customer service at park facilities, 99% of survey respondents rated the District as meeting or exceeding expectations. ~ RivCoParks

# Improving our Brand

## **Celebrating Milestones**

- 78,108 Volunteer Hours
- Opened The Cove Waterpark and launched new Aquatics Division
- · Implemented Internship Program, employing 11 interns
- · Became the liaison agency for the Off Highway Vehicle Recreation (OHVR) Commission
- · Completed the 5-year Strategic Plan for the District
- · Established the County's first Historic Preservation District in the community of Idyllwild
- Initiated Infrastructure Review and completed draft 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
- Developed a Maintenance Management Plan (MMP) for four regional park facilities
- · Completed transfer of Martha McLean Anza-Narrows Park to the City of Riverside
- Launched the District's Adopt-A-Trail Program
- · Launched a new website, www.RivCoParks.org, and social media campaign
- Incorporated e-commerce daily deal offerings resulting in 1,500,000+ potential new customers to the District

## **Building the Future**

- · Successfully completed phase 3 improvements at Rancho Jurupa Park
- · Successfully completed improvements at Mayflower Park
- · Successfully completed restoration of San Timoteo Canyon Schoolhouse
- · Successfully completed improvements at Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve and Visitor's Center
- · Successfully completed improvements to Lake Skinner Recreation Area
- Successfully received Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program award of \$439,438 from the 2010/2011 Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division of California State Parks

### **Award Showcase**

2011 Award of Excellence - Rancho Jurupa Park- Class II Park and Recreation Facility Award National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials

2010 "Favorite Place to Camp" - Hurkey Creek Press Enterprise Reader's Choice Award

2011 "Favorite Place to Camp" - Lake Skinner

Press Enterprise Reader's Choice Award

2011 "Favorite Place to Go Boating" - Lake Skinner Press Enterprise Reader's Choice Award

2011 "Favorite Place to Go Mountain Biking" - Santa Rosa Plateau

Press Enterprise Reader's Choice Award

2011 Honorable Mention Award in the Kids and Trails Category California Trails and Greenways Conference

### Partnership Award Showcase

2010 (4 Awards) - "Hometown Favorites", "Best New Promotion", "Best Press/Media Kit", "Best Media Relations Campaign" IFEA Haas Wilkerson Pinnacle Award

2010 (4 Awards) - "Best Event Photo", "Best Website", "Best New Idea", "Best Marketing Campaign" CalFest First Place Celebration Awards

## Conserving Natural Resources

- Removed 1.5 miles of interior reserve fencing to facilitate wildlife movement
- Treated 366 acres of non-native grasslands to enhance habitat and reduce fuel for wildfires
- · Maintained 8 acres of Burrowing Owl habitat
- · Restored a half acre of Quino Checkerspot Butterfly habitat
- Removed 79.5 acres of invasive non-native species, including Cowbird trapping
- Participated in 1 prescribed burn and 8 miles of shaded fuel breaks as part of the Vegetation Management Plan
- Planted 21.5 acres of native grass and plant species
- Conducted the second year of the Sheep Grazing program, utilizing 100 sheep to graze 50 acres of land
- Participated in 9 research projects, ranging from rare plant to horned lizard surveys
- · Sold 2 mitigation banks
- Installed and replaced 5,100 linear feet of fencing and 6 gates to control unauthorized access
- · Reconstructed 750 feet of trail
- Conducted Western Pond Turtle telemetry study
- Relocated 5 Western Pond Turtles from captivity
- Participated in Goldspotted Oak Borer trap program to document migration patterns
- Monitored over 50,000 acres of conservation land in Western Riverside County

## **Investing in our Parks**

- Built and installed 1,500 feet of themed fencing at Rancho Jurupa Park
- · Resurfaced day use parking lots at Rancho Jurupa Park
- Completed roof repair at Louis Robidoux Nature Center
- Rebuilt 2 wooden bridges across the stream for the nature trail at Louis Robidoux Nature Center
- Cleared 2 miles of trails and installed new signs between Robidoux Nature Center and Rancho Jurupa Park
- · Repaired sewer lines throughout Lake Skinner
- Completed phase 1 pavement rehabilitation project using an environmentally-friendly surfacing material at Lake Skinner
- Renovated Lake Skinner kiosk restroom
- Installed VGBA compliant anti-entrapment devices at Blythe Marina Mobile Estates and Lake Cahuilla pools
- Completed drainage improvements to creek bed at Idyllwild Park
- · Completed access trail grading project at Lawler Lodge
- · Replaced damaged play structure at Lake Cahuilla
- Installed 24 corrals and planted 20 trees in the equestrian/group campground at Lake Cahuilla



## **Supporting our Communities**

#### Murrieta, Temecula, Winchester, Menifee & Wildomar:

- Temecula Valley Balloon & Wine Festival
- First Annual American Heart Association Heart Walk
- Fishing Derbies
- · Metropolitan Water District Solar Cup Races
- Summer Nights at Skinner
- · Equestrian Trail Rides

#### **Idyllwild & Mountain Center:**

- · Idyllwild Race Committee 5k Walk/Run
- · Lemon Lily Festival
- Campground Interpretive Programs

## Jurupa Valley, Moreno Valley, Norco, Riverside & Rubidoux:

- Jurupa Fall Festival
- Fishing Derbies
- Equestrian Trail Rides
- Fourth of July Event
- Summer Camps for Kids

#### La Quinta and Coachella:

- Desert Triathlon Event
- · Danskin Women's Triathlon
- National Latino Peace Officers Association Outreach Event
- Equestrian Trail Rides
- · Fishing Derbies

#### **Banning, Beaumont & Cherry Valley:**

- Lavender Festival
- · Stagecoach Days
- Equestrian Trail Rides

#### **ROGART 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

#### **COVE WATERPARK**

4310 CAMINO REAL JURUPA VALLEY, CA 92509 (951) 360-1974

#### 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 (951) 684-7032

#### HIDDEN VALLEY WILDLIFE AREA

11401 ARLINGTON AVENUE RIVERSIDE, CA 92505 (951) 785-7452

#### **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

4307 BRIGGS STREET RIVERSIDE, CA 92509 (951) 369-6055

#### JURUPA VALLEY BOXING CLUB

5626 MISSION BOULEVARD JURUPA VALLEY, CA 92509 (951) 682-7186

#### KABIAN PARK

28001 GOETZ ROAD SUN CITY, CA 92587 (951) 955-4310

#### LAKE CAHUILLA RECREATION AREA

58-075 JEFFERSON STREET LA QUINTA, CA 92253 (760) 564-4712

#### LAKE SKINNER RECREATION AREA

37701 WARREN ROAD WINCHESTER, CA 92596 (951) 926-1541

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19751 HWY 243 IDYLLWILD, CA 92549 (951) 659-2656

#### **LAWLER LODGE**

19751 HWY 243 IDYLLWILD, CA 92549 (951) 659-2050

#### LOUIS ROBIDOUX NATURE CENTER

5370 RIVERVIEW DRIVE RIVERSIDE, CA 92509 (951) 683-4880

## **MAYFLOWER PARK**

4980 COLORADO RIVER ROAD BLYTHE, CA 92225 (760) 922-4665

#### **MAZE STONE PARK**

23250 CALIFORNIA AVENUE HEMET, CA 92545 (951) 955-4310

#### **MCCALL MEMORIAL PARK**

28500 MCCALL PARK ROAD **MOUNTAIN CENTER, CA 92561** (951) 659-2311

#### **MCINTYRE PARK**

8750 PETER D. MCINTYRE AVENUE **BI YTHE, CA 92225** (760) 922-8205

#### **SOUTHWEST RIVERSIDE COUNTY MULTI-SPECIES RESERVE**

PO BOX 893605 TEMECULA, CA 92589 (951) 926-7416

#### **PVID FISHING ACCESS**

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

#### RANCHO JURUPA PARK

4800 CRESTMORE ROAD JURUPA VALLEY, CA 92509-6839 (951) 684-7032

#### SAN TIMOTEO CANYON SCHOOLHOUSE

31985 SAN TIMOTEO CANYON ROAD REDLANDS, CA 92373 (951) 955-4310

#### SANTA ROSA PLATEAU ECOLOGICAL RESERVE

39400 CLINTON KEITH ROAD MURRIETA, CA 92562 (951) 677-6951

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