



ANNUAL REPORT 2013-2014

RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN-SPACE DISTRICT



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District Executive Team:

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District Shining Stars:

The District recognizes the accomplishments of employees and volunteers who exemplify the District's values. Individuals and groups were chosen based upon their demonstration of Accomplishments, Connecting, Teamwork, Innovation, Outstanding Service, Networking, and Stewardship.

Employee of the Year Award:

Rob Hicks, Santa Rosa Plateau

Volunteer of the Year Award:

Robert Acosta, Jurupa Valley Boxing Club

General Manager's Award:

Maureen Gayk

General Manager's Support Group Award:

Friends of Hidden Valley Nature Center

AWARDS & ACCOLADES



◀ NATIONAL ACCREDITATION ▶

Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District

◀ CALIFORNIA GREENWAYS AND TRAILS AWARDS ▶

Website Merit Award

RivCoParks

◀ NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION OFFICERS ▶

Star F.I.S.H. Program

The Cove Waterpark

GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE

It is with great pleasure that we share the District's 2013-14 Fiscal-Year Annual Report. This year's report combines similar accomplishments across District Bureaus under three themes that are at the core of our mission: environment, community, and health & wellness.

These three areas of focus are in stark contrast to the transformational realities that have reshaped the District in recent months. In fact, when looking back at the changes that occurred in 2013-14, it's clear that this was a watershed year. To begin, the District took over maintenance and operation of community parks in November. Soon thereafter, we opened our second themed aquatic facility in Perris, DropZone Waterpark. Finally, community/senior centers were transferred to the District on July 1st. These significant milestones required the addition of hundreds of new employees, countless contracts and mountains of supplies, all in a very short period of time. Without hesitation, District team members rolled up their sleeves and delivered seamless services to our new and old customers alike.

Looking forward, 2015 will mark the 25-year anniversary for the District, which will arrive as a fully functioning park and recreation delivery system. We should all be proud of having achieved the vision established in 2010 of being "the regional leader in improving lives through people, parks, places and programs." As always, we are grateful to the Board of Supervisors, County Executive Office, commissions, volunteers, stakeholders and partners in allowing us to realize "Parks Make Life Better" throughout Riverside County.

Thank you,



Scott Bangle

**Parks
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ENVIRONMENT

Protecting open space, connecting children to nature, and promoting conservation and stewardship practices are central to the District's mission. The District's park and open space system is one of the County's most valuable resources as documented in the 2013 Comprehensive Parks, Resources and Recreation Service Plan. Research nationwide has demonstrated that these important properties assist with storm water filtration, reduce heat island effects, and improve air

quality. In 2013-14, the District successfully added twenty-one community parks (133 acres) and 1429 acres of open space to our existing inventory. These additions increased our current inventory to 68,529 acres of managed lands throughout Riverside County.

During the reporting period, staff developed and initiated three restoration plans, conducted the first burrowing owl translocation to Hidden Valley, created

a native plant nursery, completed thirteen miles of trail improvements, and implemented field based GPS/GIS technology to assist in mapping and locating areas on critical lands. The District continues to provide nature based education to thousands of school children and the general public and our centers continue to offer unique events such as the annual Lemon Lily Festival and Butterfly Daze, introducing new audiences to the great outdoors.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

The scientific evidence is mounting that parks and recreation contribute to healthier communities in terms of physical and mental well being. Research suggests that nearby parks, accessible and safe bike trails, and recreational programming can help people increase their level of physical activity and reduce medical expenses.

Several recent studies have shown that approximately 30% of physically active adults reported exercising in parks, and use by children is even higher.

Besides providing venues for self directed physical activity, the District added two new mountain biking events at Box Springs while continuing the highly successful running/walking events at Hidden Valley.

These events, in addition to planning efforts to bring the American Heart Association Heart Walk to Rancho Jurupa Park in September, demonstrate the commitment of the entire RivCoParks team to improve Health and Wellness throughout the County.



COMMUNITY

The District provides affordable recreation options for residents and visitors, builds and maintains relationships with partners and stakeholders, and continues to lead the way in reaching out to others. With the opening of DropZone Waterpark, we forged new partnerships with the City of Perris, City of Menifee, State Parks and several school districts, to name a few.

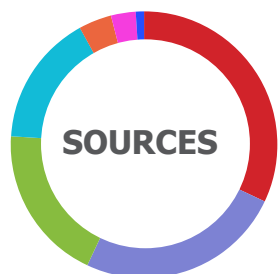
In our endeavor to join communities through trails, we move forward in completing the highly anticipated

Santa Ana River Trail. The District provided funding to the cities of Norco and Corona to stripe bicycle lanes on city streets, which will provide alternative feeder routes to the primary trail, once complete. We have advanced our efforts to plan a trail through historically significant portions of Riverside County and the Temecula Valley by working with dozens of partners on the Butterfield Overland Stage Route and also continue our involvement with the Coachella Valley of Associated Governments (CVAG) on the CV Link, a multi-model

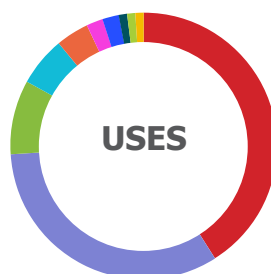
transpiration facility connecting eight of the nine communities in Coachella Valley. Partnering with Valley-Wide Recreation, the Cities of Hemet and Menifee, and the Metropolitan Water District, we continue to make progress on the Salt Creek Channel Trail, which was partially funded by a generous grant from the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC).



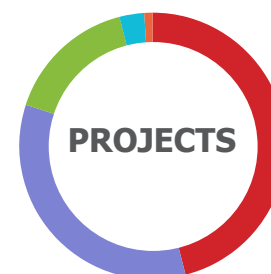
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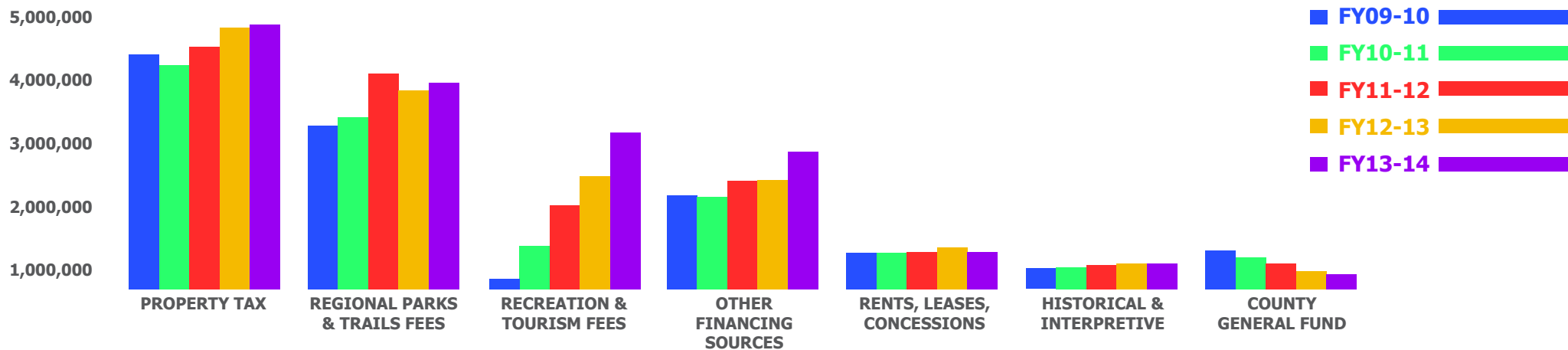
32%	Property Tax
25%	Regional Parks & Trails Fees
19%	Recreation & Tourism Fees
16%	Other Financing Sources
4%	Rents, Leases, Concessions
3%	Historical & Interpretive
1%	County General Fund



41%	Regional Parks
33%	Recreation & Tourism
9%	Contractual
6%	Nature Centers
4%	Habitat and Open-Space
3%	Planning
2%	Administrative
1%	Community Parks
1%	Trails
1%	Historic Preservation



46%	Regional Trails
34%	Santa Ana River Trail
16%	Infrastructure
3%	Regional Parks
1%	Nature Centers



BALANCED SCORECARD

	FY11-12 RESULTS	FY12-13 RESULTS	FY13-14 TARGET	FY13-14 RESULTS	DASHBOARD
CUSTOMER PERSPECTIVE					
Customer Satisfaction Rating	98%	99%	95%	98%	●
Marketing Touchpoints	860,539	1,420,217	900,000	3,585,874	●
Health and Livability Initiatives	N/A	1	1	1	●
FINANCIAL PERSPECTIVE					
Non-Property Tax revenue	\$8,157,856	\$8,095,959	N/A	\$9,681,270	●
CIP Met	21	6	20	25	●
Operations Reserve	49%	14%	30%	28%	●
Expenditure Budget Target	102%	101%	100%	97%	●
Volunteer Hours	80,845	119,220	83,000	135,772	●
PROCESS PERSPECTIVE					
Active Partnership Agreements	3	6	6	5	●
Acres Under Management	N/A	66,967	N/A	68,529	●
Regional Trails Miles	150	150	158	167	●
Plan Check Review Time Frame	N/A	7	12	5	●
CAPRA Standards Current	52	141	144	144	●
Tactics Completed	17	13	22	17	●
Recognition Events	3	4	3	4	●
LEARNING & GROWTH PERSPECTIVE					
Preventable Employee Accidents	19	15	9	6	●
Performance Evaluations on Time	93%	99%	95%	99%	●
Employee Engagement Index	N/A	N/A	90%	N/A	●
Training Hours	5,908	8,800	6,500	9,160	●

- 95% OR MORE OF TARGET
- 85% TO 94% OF TARGET
- 84% OR LESS OF TARGET
- DATA NOT AVAILABLE OR TARGET NOT SET

Mission: 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.

Vision: To be the regional leader in improving lives through people, parks, places and programs.

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