RESOLUTION NO. 2003-487

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY INTEGRATED PROJECT
("RCIP") 2002 GENERAL PLAN AND ADOPTING
RELATED FINDINGS IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF
THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

WHEREAS, in Resolution 2003-488, which is incorporated by reference herein, the
Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside certified that the Final Environmental Impact
Report ("Final EIR") prepared for the RCIP 2002 General Plan ("the Project") has been
completed in compliance with CEQA; that the Board has reviewed and considered the
information and analysis contained in the Final EIR; and that the Final EIR reflects the Board’s
independent judgment;

WHEREAS, the Board is satisfied that the RCIP 2002 General Plan will provide residents
of the County with a "blueprint" for public and private development; that the RCIP 2002 General
Plan will act as the foundation upon which County leaders will make growth and land use-related
decisions; that the RCIP 2002 General Plan expresses the community’s goals with respect to
human-made and natural environments and sets forth the policies and implementation measures to
achieve them; and that the RCIP 2002 General Plan will achieve the Vision Statement of the
County residents in conformance with State planning law;

WHEREAS, the Final EIR identified certain significant effects on the environment that,
absent the adoption of mitigation measures, would be caused by the implementation of the
Project;

WHEREAS, the Board is required, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act
(“CEQA”) (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.), to adopt all feasible mitigation measures or
feasible project alternatives that can substantially lessen or avoid any significant effects on the
environment associated with a project to be approved, such as the Project;

WHEREAS, as the Findings of Fact, adopted as Exhibit A to this Resolution, demonstrate
many of the significant effects on the environment associated with the Project can be either
substantially lessened or avoided through the adoption of feasible mitigation measures, although
some of these effects will remain significant and unavoidable despite the adoption of all feasible
mitigation measures;

WHEREAS, because the adoption of all feasible mitigation measures cannot substantially
lessen or avoid all significant effects on the environment associated with the Project, the Board
must consider the feasibility of alternatives, as set forth in the Final EIR, that will be less
environmentally damaging than the Project with respect to the unavoidable significant effects
associated with the Project;
WHEREAS, the Board has determined, for reasons set forth in Exhibit A hereto, that the
Alternatives described in the Final EIR either are not environmentally preferable, are infeasible,
fail to meet the Board's objectives, or some combination of these factors;

WHEREAS, the Board is required by Public Resources Code section 21081.6, subdivision
(a), to adopt a mitigation monitoring and reporting program to ensure that the mitigation measures
adopted by the District are actually carried out;

WHEREAS, a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan for the Project has been
prepared, and is found in Section 4.0 of the Final EIR, which is incorporated by reference into this
resolution; and

WHEREAS, because the adopted mitigation measures have not fully mitigated or avoided
all identified significant effects on the environment associated with the Project, CEQA requires
the Board to adopt a Statement of Overriding Considerations, which is included as Section XVI
of Exhibit A attached hereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of
Riverside as follows:

1. The Board hereby approves the Riverside County Integrated Project 2002 General
   Plan;

2. By adopting this resolution, including Exhibit A attached hereto, the Board has
   satisfied its obligations pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21081 and
   CEQA Guidelines section 15091, in that Exhibit A (i) identifies all feasible
   mitigation measures that can substantially lessen or avoid the significant effects on
   the environment associated with the Project, (ii) explains why certain proposed
   mitigation measures are rejected as infeasible, and (iii) explains why the alternatives
   described in the Final EIR cannot feasibly and adequately satisfy the purposes and
   needs of the proposed project;

3. Through this Resolution, which incorporates by reference and adopts the Mitigation
   Monitoring and Reporting Plan included in Section 4.0 of the Final EIR, the Board
   has satisfied its obligations pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21081.6,
   subdivision (a);

4. By adopting this resolution, including Section XVI of Exhibit A attached hereto, the
   Board has satisfied its obligation pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21081,
   subdivision (b), which requires the issuance of a Statement of Overriding
   Considerations whenever a project's environmental effects cannot be mitigated or
   avoided by the adoption of all feasible mitigation measures;
5. The Board further authorizes County staff to prepare and file a Notice of Determination within five working days following the date of adoption of this Resolution with the County Clerk of the County of Riverside and with the State of California and directs that copies of the Final EIR be retained at the administrative offices of the County for review.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside this 7th day of October 2003, by the following vote on roll call:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Secretary, Board of Supervisors

Attachment: Exhibit A

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