RESOLUTION NO. 2003-488

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
ADOPTING AND CERTIFYING THE FINAL EIR
FOR THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY INTEGRATED PROJECT ("RCIP") 2002 GENERAL PLAN,
AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATED THERETO

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2002, the Board released a Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report ("Draft EIR") for the RCIP 2002 General Plan ("the Project");

WHEREAS, during the ensuing months, public comments were received regarding the scope of issues to be addressed in the Draft EIR;

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2002, the Board made available to the public a Draft EIR for the Project;

WHEREAS, the Board received written comments on the Draft EIR during the public review period, which began on August 20, 2002, and concluded on October 4, 2002. The Board received comments from private individuals and from private and public entities, and such comments have been inserted into and responded to in the Final EIR heretofore presented to the Board;

WHEREAS, the Final EIR consists of the Draft EIR; comments and recommendations received on the Draft EIR either verbatim or in summary; a list of persons, organizations, and public agencies commenting on the Draft EIR; the responses of the Lead Agency to significant environmental points raised in the review and consultation process; and any other information added by the Lead Agency;

WHEREAS, the Board now determines it appropriate to certify the Final EIR, to approve the findings and other statements provided for herein, to approve the Project and to authorize County staff to take certain additional actions, including the preparation and filing of a Notice of Determination;

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the Final EIR in its entirety, and has determined that the document reflects the independent judgment of the Board;

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

I. SECTION 1: Recitals

The above recitals are true and correct, and Board hereby so finds.
II. SECTION 2: Findings Related to Prior Proceedings

A. The Notice of Preparation for the Draft EIR was duly prepared, noticed and properly circulated in accordance with the provisions of CEQA.

B. The Draft EIR was duly prepared, properly circulated and completed in accordance with the provisions of the CEQA.

C. All comments raising significant environmental points received during the period of public review have been duly considered and incorporated into the Final EIR, and when necessary, replied to all in accordance with the provisions of CEQA.

D. The Board provided written responses to all public agency comments received on the Draft EIR at least ten days before certification of the Final EIR pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

E. The Final EIR has been properly completed and has identified all significant environmental effects of the Project, and there are no known potential environmental effects that are not addressed in the Final EIR.

F. A good faith effort has been made to seek out and incorporate all points of view in the preparation of the Draft EIR and the Final EIR.

G. The Project has been modified with mitigation measures to eliminate significant impacts or to reduce such impacts to a level of insignificance where feasible.

H. The Board has utilized its own independent judgment in adopting this Resolution and in approving the Final EIR.

III. SECTION 3: Certification of the Final EIR

1. It is hereby certified that the Final EIR has been completed in compliance with CEQA;

2. It is hereby certified that the Final EIR has been presented to the Board of Supervisors, which has reviewed and considered the information and analysis contained therein; and

3. It is hereby certified that the Final EIR reflects the independent judgment of the Board of Supervisors.
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:

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Supervisors

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