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AGENDA ITEM

DATE: August 7, 2018

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 1367 (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The Otay River, Sweetwater River and Tijuana River are great natural resources of statewide significance that are in need of conservation, restoration, protection of sensitive species, better water quality and improved overall health of the ecosystems of the individual watersheds.

On February 16, 2018, State Senate Pro Tem Toni Atkins introduced California Senate Bill 1367. The bill would require the San Diego River Conservancy to establish the San Diego Rivers Watershed Consortium Program (SDRWCP) to create advisory panels to work cooperatively with local public agencies and other entities to identify potential project funding, including grant funding, to be used to restore the watersheds of the Otay River, the Sweetwater River, and the portions of the Tijuana River that fall within the state, and to improve access to public lands.

There are other watersheds in the region, in addition to the three identified in SB 1367, in dire need of attention and rehabilitation. The 32-mile Chollas Creek is one of San Diego's most neglected watersheds and should be considered for future inclusion in the SDRWCP.

Today's action will support the establishment of the SDRWCP and the improvement of the overall health of the ecosystems in the Otay, Sweetwater and Tijuana Rivers, as well as support future inclusion of Chollas Creek in the SDRWCP.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN JACOB AND SUPERVISOR COX

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to draft a letter expressing this Board of Supervisors' support for State Senate Bill 1367 to San Diego County's legislative representatives in Sacramento.
2. Support legislation that would add Chollas Creek to the list of advisory panels established by the San Diego River Conservancy to administer the San Diego Rivers Watershed Consortium Program.

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FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT

N/A

BACKGROUND

The Otay River, Sweetwater River and Tijuana River are great natural resources of statewide significance that are in need of conservation, restoration, protection of sensitive species, better water quality and improved overall health of the ecosystems of the individual watersheds.

The San Diego River Conservancy (SDRC) was established to preserve, restore and enhance the San Diego River area. Through its 16-year history, the SDRC has advanced its mission by overseeing more than 100 acres of restoration along the river, constructing and renovating approximately 15 miles of public, multi-use trails along the San Diego River and acquiring more than 300 acres of land. The State of California, through the SDRC, has an interest in collaborating with local jurisdictions and stakeholders to protect, enhance and restore the natural, historical, cultural, education and recreational resources in rivers and watersheds in the southern region of San Diego County.

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LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN

N/A

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Respectfully submitted,



DIANNE JACOB
Vice-Chairwoman, District 2



GREG COX
Supervisor, District 1

ATTACHMENT(S)

N/A

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AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

REQUIRES FOUR VOTES: Yes No

WRITTEN DISCLOSURE PER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION 1000.1 REQUIRED

Yes No

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:

N/A

BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:

N/A

BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:

N/A

MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:

N/A

ORACLE AWARD NUMBER(S) AND CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION NUMBER(S):

N/A

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: District 1 and District 2

OTHER CONCURRENCE(S): N/A

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