



## Partnership with Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority – Housing First

### Office of Homeless Solutions

Housing Authority

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## IMPACTS OF HOMELESSNESS

1. Economic: Problems for Downtowns
2. Health: HEP "A" in San Diego
3. Safety and Environmental: Fires and pollution in the Santa Ana River (Orange County and Riverside County)



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## POLICY GOALS OVERLAP

1. Reducing existing and growing human impacts
2. Reducing organizational costs
3. Sustaining the human environment



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## PARTNERSHIP

- Identify new funding sources and collaborate on project with shared priorities
- Define new policies that define both the human and environmental impacts of homelessness



SANTA ANA WATERSHED  
PROJECT AUTHORITY



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## OUTCOMES

1. New tools to address a problem that impacts many agencies
  - a) Take advantage of new State homeless funds
2. New policies that create a holistic response
3. New projects that alleviate human environmental impacts



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## RECOMMENDATIONS

**That the Housing Authority Board:**

1. Approve and authorize a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Housing Authority of the City of Riverside and the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority to cooperatively investigate and plan for the alleviation of structural, social, and environmental issues surrounding homeless encampments along, and immediately adjacent to, the Santa Ana River in the City of Riverside; and
2. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, including making minor and non-substantive changes.



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