

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-004

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
ADOPTING A SUPER BLOOM POLICY**

WHEREAS, the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority (“RCA”) is a public agency of the State of California formed by a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (“JPA”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 19 of the JPA, the RCA has the power to adopt such rules and regulations as the Board may deem necessary for the conduct of the RCA and its members; and

WHEREAS, the open space lands along the Interstate 15 corridor from the City of Lake Elsinore north to the City of Corona can support a California poppy (*Eschscholzia californica*) super bloom of huge proportions; and

WHEREAS, super blooms do not occur every year but when rainfall levels and timing along with temperatures are just right, these open space lands can support a magnificent bloom of California poppies that bring people from all over the country and world to view the amazing orange hills; and

WHEREAS, in the Spring of 2019 this area experienced a Super Bloom event; and

WHEREAS, most of the properties in this area are privately owned but there are several properties that are publicly owned, including by the RCA; and

WHEREAS, the public looks for quick access from the I-15 to the hills of blooming California poppies with the I-15/Lake Street interchange a highly prized access point; and

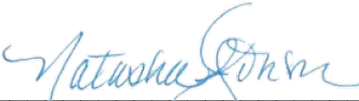
WHEREAS, from this interchange, the public heads east to Walker Canyon Road; and

WHEREAS, the enormous amount of public visitation to these lands as well as others in the area cause road safety hazards and traffic jams on the Interstate and the local roads; and


WHEREAS, the Super Bloom Policy attached to this Resolution in Exhibit “A” is meant to clarify the responsibility of the RCA during super blooms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED by the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Board of Directors to adopt the Super Bloom Policy as described in Exhibit “A” to this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority this 1st day of February 2021.

By: 

Natasha Johnson, Chair
Western Riverside County
Regional Conservation Authority

ATTEST:
By: 

Lisa Mobley, Clerk
Western Riverside County
Regional Conservation Authority