

Chapter IV – RMP REVIEW AND REVISION PROCESS

The RMP is designed to serve as an active, evolving tool that implements the County’s river management goals. The intent of this portion of the RMP is to provide ongoing refinement of the RMP to ensure public safety, environmental protection, and the most efficient use of County resources. RMP update procedures are defined to provide for plan refinements in response to results of annual operations reviews.

The RMP revision processes described below also include a periodic review of the RMP to ensure that the adopted and implemented management actions and impact mitigation measures remain, in total, meaningful and responsive to current guidance provided by the Board, the public, advisory committees, and other county departments.

Annual Operations

After completion of each rafting season County Parks and Trails Division will present a summary of the year’s river management activities to the County Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) in a public session.

If substantive issues or suggestions are identified in these sessions, the County Parks and Trails Division Manager will direct staff to conduct a focused study of these subjects for consideration at the next PRC meeting:

- Where it is likely no EIR would be required, the PRC will annually propose RMP updates for immediate implementation, using an adaptive management protocol.
- Where it is likely an EIR would be required, the PRC will aggregate proposed RMP updates for recommendation in a 5 year update cycle.

Five-Year Periodic Review

The five-year RMP review process is the heart of the intent to refine and improve the County’s ongoing management of the River. This five-year cycle will provide the interested parties with current information, use trends and the results of public involvement opportunities from each season. Each group’s role, described below, is advisory. Unless otherwise stated, all decision-making authority and responsibility for updating the RMP rest with the Board of Supervisors.

RMP annual reports will be compiled by County Parks and Trails Division by December 30 of every fifth year. This report summary, along with County staff recommendations will be submitted to the PRC to solicit input and comments. County staff recommendations, including input and comments from the PRC, will then be presented to the Planning Commission for review. All comments and recommendations generated by the PRC and Planning Commission are advisory and will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for review and consideration. Staff will incorporate comments and recommendations from the PRC and the Planning Commission to the maximum extent possible. If staff is unable to incorporate any advice and recommendations, an explanation will be provided to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors has the authority to determine whether to continue implementation of the existing RMP as prescribed, continue implementation of the RMP with minor modifications, or to update the RMP.