City of Corona
Notice of Public Hearing
Stephens' Kangaroo Rat 2026 Mitigation Fee Update

30-Day Public Review Period

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the City Council of the City of Corona on Wednesday, December 2, 2026 at the **Council Chambers, 400 S. Vicentia Avenue, Corona, CA, 92882, at 6:00 p.m.** to consider the adoption of a resolution pertaining to the Stephens' Kangaroo Rat (SKR) Habitat Conservation Mitigation Fee Update.

Overview of Fee And Proposed Action

The City of Corona is considering adoption of a Resolution updating the Stephen's Kangaroo Rat (SKR) Habitat Conservation Plan Mitigation Fee. This update is based on the Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency (RCHCA) 2026 SKR Habitat Conservation Mitigation Fee Nexus Study, which was adopted by the RCHCA Board of Directors on July 9, 2026.

The SKR Habitat Conservation Mitigation Fee provides funding necessary to implement the SKR Habitat Conservation Plan and to maintain incidental take authorizations that allow streamlined development approvals within the SKR Plan Area. Fee revenues support reserve management, biological monitoring, administration, and other Habitat Conservation Plan implementation requirements.

The Nexus Study documents the purpose of the fee, the use of fee revenues, the reasonable relationship ("nexus") between new development and the need for the fee, the proportionality of the fee amount to the impacts of new development, and the methodology used to calculate the proposed updated fee level.

The SKR Plan Area includes 11 member jurisdictions, including the City of Corona. As the City of Corona is a member agency of the SKR Plan Area, the City of Corona is required to adopt and implement the SKR Fee Update before the updated mitigation fee may be collected.

Pursuant to California Government Code sections 66016 and 66016.5, the full Nexus Study and supporting documentation are available for public review on the City of Corona's website at least 30 days prior to the public hearing:

https://www.coronaca.gov/departments/planning-and-development/development-services/development-impact-and-service-fees

On December 2, 2026, if the Corona City Council adopts the proposed Resolution, this action would update the SKR Mitigation Fee schedule as summarized below:

- Individual single-family home construction (single parcel) = $250 flat fee
- Agricultural: $500 per gross acre
- All Other Development: $900 per gross acre

Environmental Determination

The City, as the lead agency, has determined that the adoption of the proposed Resolution is exempted from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which states that a project is exempt from CEQA if the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. The Resolution simply updates the Stephens' Kangaroo Rat (SKR HCP) Habitat Conservation Plan Mitigation Fee to ensure new development in the SKR Plan Area provides sufficient average annual funding to cover the annual HCP implementation costs.

Additional Information/Submittal of Comments

For more information regarding the SKR Habitat Conservation Mitigation Fee update, or to submit comments, you may contact the City's Planning & Development Department and speak to Sandra Vanian, Planning Manager, at (951) 736-2262 or Sandra.Vanian@CoronaCa.gov.