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Project Title: Norco College Veterans Resource Center
 Lead Agency: Riverside Community College District Contact Person: Bart Doering
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 City: Riverside Zip: 92501 County: Riverside

Project Location: County: Riverside City/Nearest Community: Norco
 Cross Streets: Third Street and Windy Way Zip Code: 92860
 Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 33 ° 54 ' 55.89 " N / 117 ° 33 ' 55.56 " W Acres: 3
 Assessor's Parcel No.: 126020002 Section: 28 Twp: 3S Range: 7W Base: _____
 Within 2 Miles: State Hwy#: I-15 Waterways: Lake Norconian
 Airports: Corona Municipal Airport Railways: N/A Schools: John F. Kennedy Middle School

Document Type:

CEQA: ☐ NOP ☐ Draft EIR NEPA: ☐ NOI Other: ☐ Joint Document
☐ Early Cons ☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR ☐ EA ☐ Final Document
☐ Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) ☐ Draft EIS ☐ Other: _____
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Local Action Type:

☐ General Plan Update ☐ Specific Plan ☐ Rezone ☐ Annexation
☐ General Plan Amendment ☐ Master Plan ☐ Prezone ☐ Redevelopment
☐ General Plan Element ☐ Planned Unit Development ☐ Use Permit ☐ Coastal Permit
☐ Community Plan ☒ Site Plan ☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) ☐ Other: _____

Development Type:

☐ Residential: Units _____ Acres _____
☐ Office: Sq. ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
☐ Commercial: Sq. ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
☐ Industrial: Sq. ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
☒ Educational: Construction of Veterans Resource Center
☐ Recreational _____
☐ Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____
☐ Transportation: Type _____
☐ Mining: Mineral _____
☐ Power: Type _____
☐ Waste Treatment: Type _____
☐ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
☐ Other: _____

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

☒ Aesthetic/Visual ☐ Fiscal ☒ Recreation/Parks ☒ Vegetation
☒ Agricultural Land ☒ Flood Plain/Flooding ☒ Schools/Universities ☒ Water Quality
☒ Air Quality ☒ Forest Land/Fire Hazard ☒ Septic Systems ☒ Water Supply/Groundwater
☒ Archeological/Historical ☒ Geologic/Seismic ☒ Sewer Capacity ☒ Wetland/Riparian
☒ Biological Resources ☒ Minerals ☒ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading ☒ Growth Inducement
☐ Coastal Zone ☒ Noise ☒ Solid Waste ☒ Land Use
☒ Drainage/Absorption ☒ Population/Housing Balance ☒ Toxic/Hazardous ☒ Cumulative Effects
☐ Economic/Jobs ☒ Public Services/Facilities ☒ Traffic/Circulation ☐ Other: _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Norco College Campus/Public Lands/Open Space

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The proposed project site is located at 2001 Third Street in the City of Norco (City), in the northwestern portion of Riverside County, near a tri-county meeting point with Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties. The proposed project site is 3 acres and is located on the existing Norco College campus. More specifically, the proposed project site is located on the southeastern portion of the campus, south of Third Street and east of the existing Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Center. While the project site is currently undeveloped, several landscape features exist throughout, including young planted ornamental trees, decomposed-granite walkways, and a stand of flags located at the northern end of the project site.

The proposed project would involve the construction of an approximately 2,500-square-foot, 19-foot-high Veterans Resource Center building on the southeastern portion of the Norco College campus. Construction of the Center would necessitate removal of the existing landscaped area currently consisting of walkways and ornamental plants. The Center would include five office spaces, open work stations/study area and laptop space, a restroom for employees and students, lounge seating, and a utility room. The project would also include a 1,000-square-foot outdoor covered deck and BBQ area. The Veterans Resource Center building would feature simulated stone, a standing seam metal roof, and tan and white stucco.

The project would also include exterior site improvements, such as landscaping, a retention pond, a monument plaza, a vehicle drop off area, and associated parking. Landscaping would be designed consistent with the surrounding parts of campus and would feature a mix of native and drought-tolerant plants. The proposed deck would be constructed of concrete and would provide the center with an outdoor event space. The monument plaza located at northern end of the site would connect to the existing Norco Horse Trail, and would feature a stand of flags. The existing stand of flags on site would remain in place during project construction and would be incorporated into the plaza.

Vehicular access to the project site would be via the existing STEM Center would be provided by an expansion of the existing 45-space STEM Center parking lot, located east of the project site. The expanded parking lot would include 20 new parking stalls for a total of 65 parking stalls in the expanded STEM Center parking lot. The Center and associated site work would be Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant and include accessible restrooms and drinking fountains.

Once operational, the new Veterans Resource Center building would provide a centralized location where the College's student veterans can access a variety of services oriented at assisting them with transitioning from military to civilian life. These services would include mental health services, financial aid, academic counseling, tutoring, study spaces, and other support services. The proposed center would operate year-round and would typically be open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday. Similar to many other student resource centers on campus, the Center may occasionally be open after hours throughout the year (e.g., providing study spaces during finals week or hosting weekend events at the beginning of the school year).

The Veterans Resource Center would host approximately six events per year with approximately 100 to 150 attendees. However, additional events may be held for the College's community partners. These events would be held during weekday or weekend evenings from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The following events would be held at the Veterans Resource Center:

- Veterans Social to celebrate student veteran achievements throughout the year.
- Veterans BBQ to celebrate Veterans Day and Memorial Day.
- Student Veterans of America fundraising events such as a chili cook off, salsa competition, and ticket sales for a veterans benefit concert.

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Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date December 10, 2019 Ending Date January 8, 2020

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