


# COUNCIL LATE AGENDA ITEMS

Council Meeting  
May 26, 2026

# Memo – Hot File

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Jarad Hildenbrand, City Manager 

Date: May 26, 2026

**Re: Hot File for Item 3.13 (Santiago Creek Strategic Plan Implementation Strategy)**

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The draft Santiago Creek Strategic Plan Implementation Strategy (Implementation Strategy) is on the consent calendar for the City Council's consideration. The Implementation Strategy includes three subcommittees focused on specific topics and projects that encompass the Santiago Creek Strategic Plan (Plan). After the agenda's publication on Thursday, May 21, 2026, staff found that the projects listed for the Historical, Cultural, and Archeological subcommittee were inadvertently the same as the Ecological Preservation and Restoration subcommittee. Additionally, staff found that Plan Projects Nos. 3.1 and 3.11 were not assigned.

Enclosed with this Hot File is a revised Implementation Strategy with:

- The correct projects listed for the Historical, Cultural, and Archeological subcommittee.
- Plan Project No. 3.1 listed under the Ecological Preservation and Restoration subcommittee; and
- Plan Project No. 3.11 listed under the Recreational Enhancement and Safety subcommittee.



# Santiago Creek Commission Santiago Creek Strategic Plan Implementation Strategy

## Background and Purpose:

On February 24, 2026, the Orange City Council adopted the Santiago Creek Strategic Plan (Plan) and directed the Santiago Creek Commission to bring back options to help put the Plan into action. After considering different options, the City Council directed the Commission to work with Townsend Public Affairs (TPA) and community groups to develop an implementation strategy for the City Council's consideration. The purpose of this workplan is to detail the Commission's recommendation to help put the Plan into action.

## Proposed Implementation Strategy:

On April 22, 2026, the Commission voted to create three subcommittees that focus on select topics detailed in the Plan (see Subcommittee Topic column). The topics include the following three categories with the respective project numbers best suited for each category identified under the column "Project Numbers."

<b>Subcommittee Topic</b>	<b>Project Numbers</b>
Ecological Preservation and Restoration	Project Nos. 1.1, 1.4, 1.9, 2.1, 3.1, 3.10
Historical, Cultural, and Archeological	Project Nos. 1.6, 1.7, 1.12, 1.13, 2.4, 2.10, 3.6
Recreational Enhancement and Safety	Project Nos. 1.2, 1.3, 1.5, 1.8, 1.10, 1.11, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, 2.9, 2.11, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.7, 3.8, 3.9, 3.11



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The Commission proposes that the following individuals be appointed to each subcommittee:

<b>Subcommittee Topic</b>	<b>Commissioners</b>
Ecological Preservation and Restoration	Vice Chair Galera and Commissioner Knight
Historical, Cultural, and Archeological	Commissioners Tillou and Baca
Recreational Enhancement and Safety	Chair Moeller and Commissioners Hillman and Adams

These subcommittees will act in an advisory capacity and work with staff, Townsend Public Affairs, and community groups in the implementation of the Plan projects. The subcommittees will dissolve in January 2027 with a progress report issued to the City Council at that time.