



# Agenda Item

## Santiago Creek Commission

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**TO: Chair and Members of the Santiago Creek Commission**

**FROM: Tom Kisela, City Manager**

### **1. SUBJECT**

Review and discuss the Santiago Creek Strategic Plan - Segment Two vision statement.

### **2. SUMMARY**

On January 22, 2025, the Santiago Creek Commission discussed the property ownership and area map as well as the overall theme for the Santiago Creek Strategic Plan - Segment Two. By establishing themes for a vision statement first, the Santiago Creek Commission created a focus to guide project recommendations that will be included in the final Santiago Creek Strategic Plan. The purpose of this item is to finalize the vision statement that will accompany project recommendations for the Santiago Creek Strategic Plan - Segment Two.

### **3. RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Review, discuss, and establish the vision statement for the Santiago Creek Strategic Plan - Segment Two.

### **4. FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

### **5. STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**

Goal 4: Improve Infrastructure, Mobility, and Technology.

### **6. DISCUSSION AND BACKGROUND**

The Santiago Creek Commission (SCC) is working towards establishing a Santiago Creek Strategic Plan (Plan) that will 1) coalesce previous planning records into one document; and 2) establish a vision and set of projects delineated by segment for the City Council's consideration.

The purpose of this item is to review, discuss, and establish the vision statement for the Santiago Creek Strategic Plan - Segment Two (Segment Two). In taking the different themes identified at the January 22, 2025, SCC meeting, staff drafted the following vision statement for the SCC's consideration.

**Proposed Segment Two Vision Statement**

Segment Two extends from Villa Park Road near the Santiago Creek Recharge Basin to the 55 Freeway. This segment comprises a small portion of east Orange but quickly pivots to central Orange's more urbanized areas. Segment 2 transitions from a natural creek bed to a concrete channel that begins at East Collins Avenue, and shifts back to a wider and more natural setting near Grijalva Park which continues to the 55 Freeway. Segment Two projects promote this highly traveled Segment while bolstering its recreational amenities through an eclectic series of projects that when combined, will thoroughly improve Segment 2. Projects within Segment 2 celebrate and educate the public about Segment 2's historical significance while fostering an active, multi-modal, yet safe recreational environment surrounded by natural vegetation. Finally, the projects recommended for Segment 2 recognize this is a highly accessible trail that should be publicized to attract Orange and non-Orange residents alike, underscoring collective efforts to make the Creek an inclusive asset for all to enjoy.

Should the SCC approve the Segment Two vision statement, this statement will accompany the recommended projects for this stretch of the Santiago Creek Strategic Plan.

## 7. ATTACHMENTS

- Draft Vision Statement