

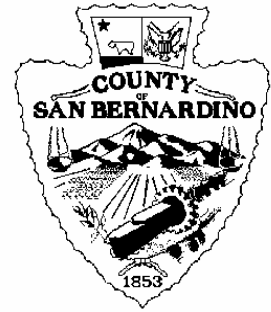
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County Sponsors Grant to Clean Up Lytle and Mill Creeks

SAN BERNARDINO – The County of San Bernardino will serve as the local sponsor of a grant application the Foundation for California State University San Bernardino will submit to secure State funds to beautify and clean up Lytle Creek, according to a resolution approved by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday.

The Foundation plans to seek about \$1.1 million from the State of California Urban Streams Program to conduct cleanup and other efforts to remove trash and pollutants from the creek. The creek is heavily used for recreational purposes, such as hiking and swimming, especially during weekends in the summer. According to the grant application, Lytle Creek attracts about 70,000 day-use visitors annually.

The Foundation will work with the Urban Youth Conservation Corp, a group made up of disadvantaged San Bernardino youth, to conduct trash pickups and other environmentally beneficial projects at the creek. Proposed projects include building new restrooms to accommodate visitors, and removing invasive plant species from the stream.

“The Foundation’s proposal will serve a dual purpose,” said Second District Supervisor Paul Biane, whose district includes Lytle Creek. “First, it will help clean up one of the most frequently used streams in our County, and, second, it will teach young people to respect and protect the environment.”

The Foundation will also partner with the Lytle Creek Fire Safe Council in order to involve residents in the creek restoration and cleanup projects. The plans also include cleanup and other improvements at Mill Creek, which is also heavily used. Both creeks are located in the San Bernardino National Forest.

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