

Regional Conservation Authority

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-01 IN SUPPORT OF THE
CITY OF TEMECULA AND ITS REQUEST FOR AN ADDITIONAL
APPROPRIATION OF \$13 MILLION TO COMPLETE PHASE II OF
MURRIETA CREEK IMPROVEMENTS**

Staff Contact:

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Background:

At the February 4, 2008 RCA Board meeting, it was requested that the Board consider adopting a resolution in support of the City of Temecula's efforts to obtain an additional appropriation of \$13 million to complete Phase II of the Murrieta Creek improvements. The improvements will provide a natural riparian corridor throughout the length of the project which will promote species movement and provide connectivity to existing wildlife preserves. The completion of the project will contribute to reserve assembly and Constrained Linkage 13 under the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan.

Temecula's Mayor Pro-Tem will travel to Washington, D.C., in March to meet with federal legislators to emphasize the importance of this project and lobby for full funding in the upcoming fiscal year appropriations. Approval of this item has no financial impact on the Authority.

Staff Recommendation:

That the Board adopt Resolution No. 08-01, Resolution of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Board of Directors in Support of the City of Temecula and Its Request for an Additional \$13 million to Complete Murrieta Creek Improvements.

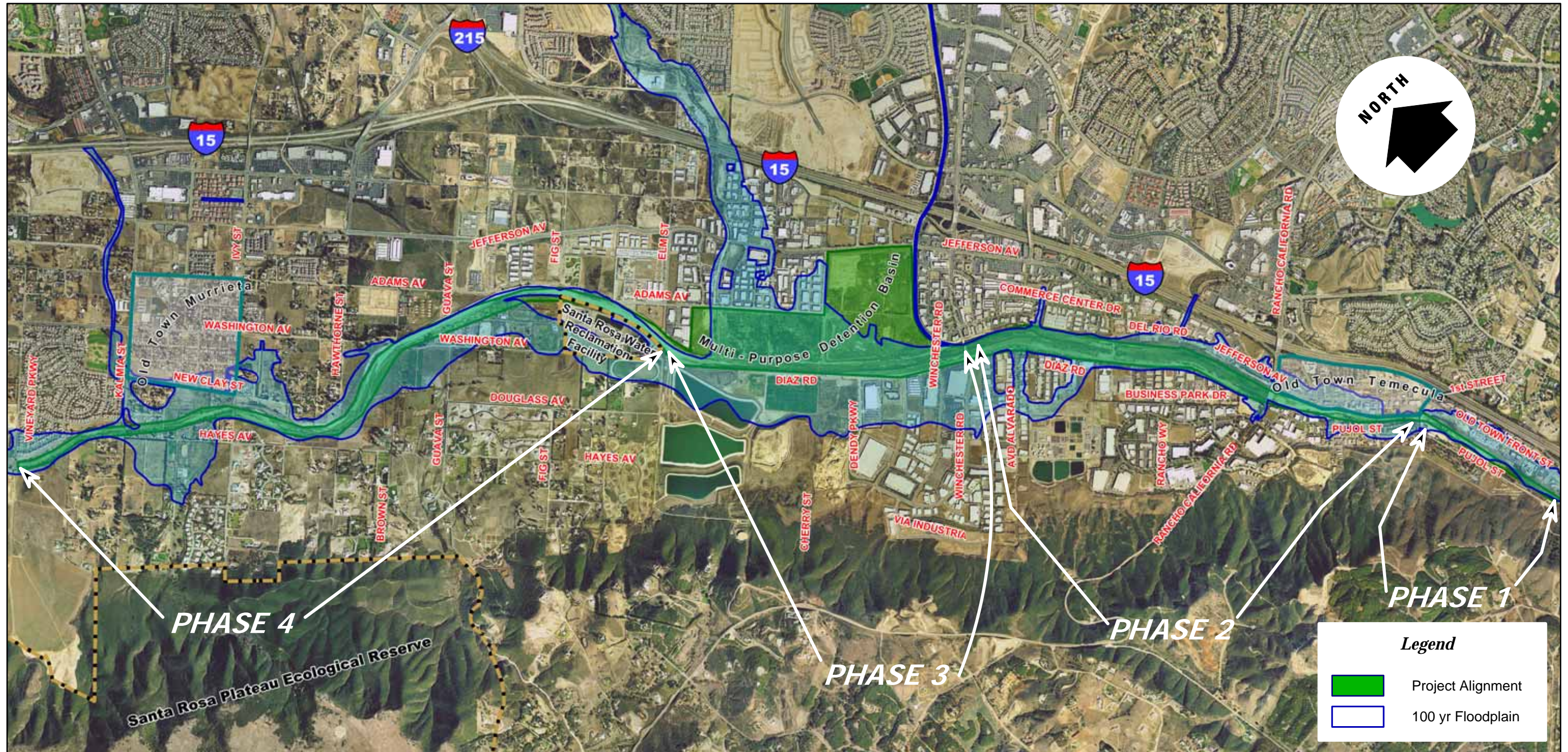
Attachments:

Map of Murrieta Creek
Resolution No. 08-01

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7.2

Attachment 1 Map of Murrieta Creek

Murrieta Creek Flood Control Environmental Restoration and Recreation Project



AGENDA ITEM NO. 7.2

Attachment 2 Resolution No. 08-01

RESOLUTION NO. 08-01

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY IN SUPPORT OF THE
CITY OF TEMECULA AND ITS REQUEST FOR AN
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF \$13 MILLION TO
COMPLETE PHASE II OF MURRIETA CREEK
IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Board of Directors does hereby resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Temecula is a Permittee under the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan; and

WHEREAS, during rainstorms of January through March 1993, Old Town Temecula suffered closed streets, loss of east/west access, flooding of homes and commercial entities, damage to properties at a cost of nearly \$20 million, as well as, a need for emergency personnel around the clock to establish both an Emergency Operating Center and Disaster Shelter; and

WHEREAS, the flooding of Murrieta Creek has caused extensive damage to the City of Temecula, particularly in Old Town Temecula, as well as the City of Murrieta; and

WHEREAS, rainstorms have historically caused extreme flooding of Murrieta Creek; and

WHEREAS, flood protection will promote economic development and multi-purpose recreational amenities along Murrieta Creek's 11.5 mile corridor; and

WHEREAS, the improvements will provide a natural riparian corridor throughout the length of the project which will promote species movement and provide connectivity to existing wildlife preserves; and

WHEREAS, the completion of this project will contribute to reserve assembly and Constrained Linkage 13 under the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Board of Directors hereby supports the City of Temecula's request for an additional appropriation of \$13 million to complete Phase II of Murrieta Creek Improvements.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority held this 3rd day of March, 2008.

By: _____
Eugene Montanez, Chairman
Western Riverside County Regional
Conservation Authority

ATTEST:

By: _____
Honey Bernas, Clerk
Western Riverside County Regional
Conservation Authority