

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-01**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY IN SUPPORT OF THE CITIES OF TEMECULA AND MURRIETA AND THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND THEIR 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 Cities of Temecula and Murrieta and the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District are Permittees 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

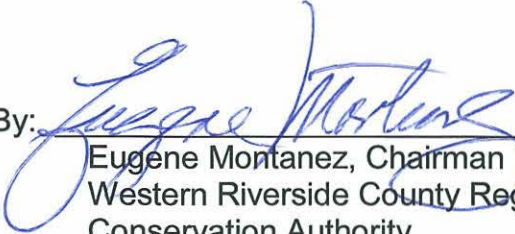
**WHEREAS**, flood protection will promote economic development and multi-purpose recreational amenities along Murrieta Creek's 11.5 mile corridor; and

**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 Cities of Temecula and Murrieta and the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District'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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2008.

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

ATTEST:

By:   
Honey Bernas, Clerk of the Board  
Western Riverside County Regional  
Conservation Authority