



City of Temecula

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April 1, 2022

The Honorable Ken Calvert
2205 Rayburn
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Calvert:

I am writing to thank you for your support of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District's (District) Murrieta Creek Flood Protection, Environmental Restoration and Recreation Project (Project) and to request your assistance in supporting the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) FY 2023 Investigation funding request for \$500,000 to continue the Corps' General Re-Evaluation Report (GRR) work. In addition, we are requesting \$10,200,000 in Corps FY 2023 Construction funding to update the previously completed Phase 2B construction drawings to reflect as-built Phase IIA conditions and support Phase 2B construction initiation. We are asking for these funds to be included in the Corps of Engineers' portion of the FY 2023 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill.

The District has been working closely with the Corps Los Angeles District to prepare the Project for Phase 2B construction. As a result of these efforts, Phases I and IIA sediment removal was completed in December 2021 and Phase IIA of the Project was completed in January 2022. The District now excitedly awaits the final Phase I and IIA Operation and Maintenance Manual, which is expected shortly. In summary, the Project is now ready for Phase IIB construction funding.

This funding request also benefits census tracts that are defined as being moderate to high socially vulnerable based on the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) analysis of the following four criterion: Socioeconomics, Household Composition & Disability, Minority Status & Language, and Housing Type & Transportation. These vulnerable communities remain at risk to flood hazards until this important project is completed. The Project will also benefit these communities by providing enhanced environmental habitat, recreational trails, and parks.

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I greatly appreciate your past and ongoing support of the Project and appreciate your support of our funding request to advance the Project.

Please feel free to contact Jason Uhley if you have any questions at 951.955.1250 or JUhley@rivco.org.

Sincerely,



Matt Rahn
Mayor

Attachments:

1. Excerpts of Legislative Platforms for Riverside County and Temecula
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c: Richie O'Connell, Richie.O'Connell@mail.house.gov

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2021-22 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

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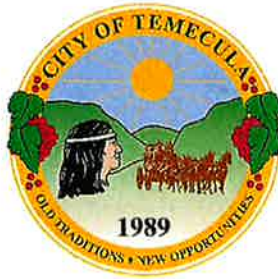
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- ❖ Support for efforts through the Corps, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) and the Office of Management and Budget to include funding on a project basis for the District's projects in the Corps' annual Work Plans.

ENSURE EFFECTIVE AND APPROPRIATE ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS (FEDERAL)

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District operations can be impacted by changes to the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act, and other federal laws, rules and regulations. For example, proposed changes to the federal definition of "Waters of the United States" under the Clean Water Act could have significant impacts on District Clean Water Act Section 404 permitting needs and costs. Additionally, District maintenance projects are also subject to renewable environmental permits that may require new mitigation expenditures for each permit renewal – even in cases where the maintenance regimen does not change. The imposition of new mitigation requirements as part of each permit renewal significantly increases maintenance costs and is an unnecessary byproduct of federal agency interpretation of regulations. Riverside County Flood Control operations are impacted by the Clean Water Act, the Endangered



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ACT OF 1998**

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WHEREAS, millions of dollars in property damage has been sustained in the several recent incidents of flooding due to lack of adequate flood protection; and

WHEREAS, funding of these necessary improvements on these streams to provide the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of this community is beyond the means of the local agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Temecula support the passage of SB 312.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Temecula on the 10th day of June, 1997.


Patricia H. Birdsall, Mayor

ATTEST:


June S. Greek, CMC/AAE
City Clerk

[SEAL]

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) SS
CITY OF TEMECULA)

I, June S. Greek, City Clerk of the City of Temecula, do hereby certify that the Resolution No. 97-59 was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Temecula at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 10th day of June, 1997, by the following vote:

AYES: 5 COUNCILMEMBERS: Ford, Lindemans, Roberts, Stone, Birdsall

NOES: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None


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| AYES: | 4 | COUNCIL MEMBERS: | Birdsall, Ford, Roberts, Stone |
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| ABSENT: | 1 | COUNCIL MEMBERS: | Lindemans |

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RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
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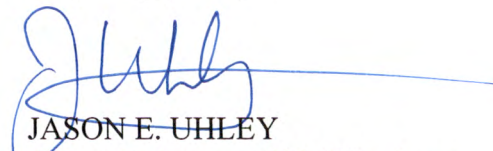
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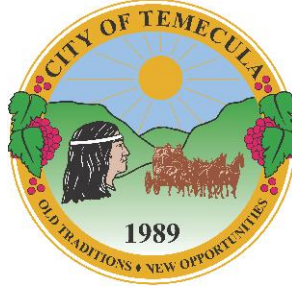
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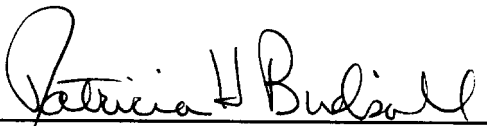
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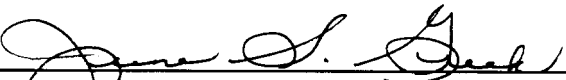
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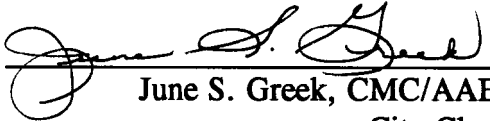
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