

Minutes of Public Hearing on the Funding of the Murrieta Creek Project
August 28, 2003

In attendance: Department Of Water Resources
Earl Nelson

Riverside County Flood Control And Water Conservation District
Warren Dusty Williams,
Mark Wills
Ken Consaul
Steve Gale
Shelagh Boggio

Public
Jim Kinley
Erik Kitley
D. Oliver
Lado Penfold
Christine Jones
Laverne Partner
Judith Hancock

Earl Nelson gave a presentation on the Flood Protection Corridor Program. He said the District has qualified for \$1.5 million available through the Flood Protection Corridor Program grant. Projects are evaluated by a team of State personnel and ranked according to flood protection benefits and wildlife habitat protection needs. He also said that State funds cannot be used for any condemnation action.

Dusty Williams gave a Power Point presentation that showed the three-part plan (flood control, restoration and recreation). The project will be built in four phases over a seven-mile stretch of the river. The tentative schedule has Phase 1 commencing in October 2003, Phase 2 in fall 2004, Phase 3 in 2005, and Phase 4 in 2006. He informed the group that an up to date schedule will be posted on the District's website.

Members of the audience had questions for staff.

Judy Hancock asked if the Main Street Bridge would be removed. Dusty explained that it would be removed and the Murrieta Creek Project funds will cover a replacement of the same size and width. FPCP funds will not be used for this aspect. If the City of Temecula desires to increase the size they would be responsible for funding.

Erik Kitley, representing Temecula RV, stated that he is not happy with the amount of compensation he is being offered by the District for the right of way needed.

Christine Jones asked about vegetation in the channel.

Dorry Oliver, who owns property in the Phase 1 portion of the project stated she has received a summons for condemnation. Dusty promised that Morris Reynolds of the District's right of way acquisition staff would call her that afternoon.

There being no other comments, the public hearing was continued until October 16, 2003.