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February 10, 2003

Earl Nelson
Program Manager
Flood Protection Corridor Program
Division of Flood Management
1416 9th Street, Room 1641
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Nelson:

The California Department of Fish and Game (Department) thanks you for the opportunity to comment on the request for grant funds under the Flood Protection Corridor Program (FPCP) of the Costa Machado Water Act of 2000 (Proposition 13). The purpose of this letter is to express our support for the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District's funding request.

The project is located on Murrieta Creek from a point southerly of "Old Town" Temecula upstream to Tenaja Road. The project involves widening the streambed, recontouring and stabilizing the streambanks, establishment of a permanent strip of native riparian vegetation in the project's 8.5 mile length, and establishment of a 220-acre multi-use detention/sedimentation basin featuring 160 acres of wetlands.

Murrieta Creek is important because of its linkages within the Santa Margarita Watershed, including connections north-south and east-west. The Murrieta Creek corridor is an essential component of the County of Riverside Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP). Under the MSHCP, Murrieta Creek will provide linkages for migratory birds and other wildlife, including many threatened and endangered species. The habitat component of the project will increase the quantity and quality of native habitats and its value for wildlife.

The Department endorses the proposal to re-establish native riparian vegetation in the stream channel as a permanent feature as well as the creation of additional wetlands. If you have any questions, please call Robin Maloney-Rames, Environmental Specialist, at (909) 606-2402.

Sincerely,

Jeff Drongesen
Senior Environmental Scientist

Cc: Warren D. Williams, General Manager-Chief Engineer, RCFCWCD

California State Clearinghouse Handbook
Notice of Determination Form C

To: X Office of Planning and Research From: Riverside County Flood Control
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X County Clerk
County of Riverside
2724 Gateway Drive
Riverside, CA 92507

Subject:

Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code

Project Title

Murrieta Creek Flood Control, Environmental Restoration and Recreation Project

2000071051 - Zully Smith 909.955.1233

State Clearinghouse Number Lead Agency Area Code/Telephone/Extension
(If submitted to Clearinghouse) Contact Person

Project Location (include county)

The proposed project area is bounded generally by Front Street and Jefferson Avenue on the east, the city boundaries of Murrieta and Temecula on the west, Temecula Creek on the south and Tenaja Road on the north.

Project Description:

The proposed project consists of the construction, operation and maintenance of a flood control channel and multi-purpose detention basin with the hydraulic capacity to convey the 100-year tributary flow between the U.S.G.S. Stream Gauge south of Old Town Temecula and Tenaja Road in the city of Murrieta. The proposed project also includes the construction of a recreational trail system, a regional sports park, bridge replacements and environmental restoration. The proposed channel section is primarily earthen with gabions or buried riprap/soil cement bank protection placed only where necessary. The construction of the wider channel section will allow for the development of an unmaintained riparian corridor within the channel prism.

This is to advise that the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District has approved the above described

project on January 28, 2003 and has made the following determination regarding the above described project:

(Date)

1. The project will have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report (SCH#2000071051) was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

3. Mitigation Measures were made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A statement of overriding considerations was adopted for this project.
5. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final Environmental Impact Report with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at:

The Office of the Clerk to the Board, County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, CA 92501.

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Signature (Public Agency)	Date	Title

Date received for filing at OPR:

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RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Mr. David Zappe
General Manager-Chief Engineer
Riverside County Flood Control
And Water Conservation District
1995 Market Street
Riverside, CA 92501

RE: Murrieta Creek Flood Control, Environmental Restoration and Recreation Project RCFC Project #7-0-0021

This letter is written to discuss local financing of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Murrieta Creek project. I want to communicate that the City of Murrieta is very supportive of the District's attempts to secure the Federal participation and financing necessary to make flood control a reality for the Murrieta Valley.

As you know, the City of Murrieta is actively pursuing grants through the CalTrans Low Water Crossing Program for the replacement of bridges currently existing at Ivy Street and Washington Avenue. Both of these structures are identified for removal and replacement in the Corps Feasibility Study dated September 2000.

To date, the City of Murrieta has been successful in securing approval from CalTrans to expend \$75,000 on a preliminary engineering analysis of the Ivy Street Bridge. We fully expect that CalTrans will approve our request to quickly proceed into the final engineering design phase this Spring. The initial grant application for the Guava Street Bridge, to replace the existing Washington Street Bridge, is currently under review by CalTrans. Based on recent meetings, we are of the opinion that CalTrans will also fund the engineering analysis required for this bridge structure. Upon completion of all necessary engineering work, the City of Murrieta intends to proceed into the construction of these two bridges.

The Corps' Feasibility Study estimates the construction costs of the Ivy Street and Guava Street bridges at \$3,170,000 and \$4,995,000 respectively. Through the CalTrans Low Water Crossing Program, a local entity is reimbursed 80% of all costs expended toward the engineering and construction of the bridge. Be advised that the City of Murrieta is fully committed to fund all costs (estimated at \$8.2 million) related to these two bridges. We anticipate having both bridges in place by the Fall of 2006.

In addition, the City of Murrieta is cognizant of the fact that the District cannot fund the Local Sponsor share of recreational elements. We understand that the total cost of those features to be estimated at \$7.6 million. The City of Murrieta is willing to share the (50%) Local Sponsor share of those recreation costs with the City of Temecula. Accordingly, we expect to be contributing \$1.8 million toward this effort.

Mr. David Zappe
November 20, 2002
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I would, therefore, fully expect the City of Murrieta's financial contribution to the Murrieta Creek Flood Control, Environmental Restoration, and Recreation project to total at least \$10 million. While the City is unable to guarantee this level of funding at this time, I will commit to you that over the next several months, every effort will be made to fulfill this pledge.

If you should have any further questions, please feel free to contact the City Manager, Steve Mandoki at 909 461-6010.

Sincerely,

Richard D. Ostling
Richard D. Ostling
Mayor

Cc: City Council
Stephen Mandoki, City Manager
Jim Kinley, Public Works Director/City Engineer



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January 28, 2003

Mr. Warren D. Williams
General Manager-Chief Engineer
Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
1995 Market Street
Riverside, CA 92501

Re: Murrieta Creek Flood Control, Environmental Restoration and Recreation Project

Dear Mr. Williams:

This letter is written as a follow up to a meeting held at your office on October 30, 2002 to discuss local financing of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Murrieta Creek project. Let me begin by saying that the City of Temecula is fully supportive of the District's attempts to secure the Federal participation and financing necessary to make flood control a reality for the Temecula Valley.

Based upon past discussions with District staff, we understand that in developing a budget for the \$40 million local share of the Corps project, the District is relying on a \$10 million contribution from the City of Temecula. We also understand that this contribution can be in-kind with project construction such as the Main Street Bridge, land dedications, trail construction, or through cash payment to the District.

The City is evaluating methods to meet our local matching requirement and the following improvements and dedications will be considered in the up-coming Capital Improvement Budget.

The Corps' Feasibility Study estimates the demolition and reconstruction cost of the Main Street Bridge estimated at nearly \$3 million. We have previously discussed assuming responsibility for the design of the new bridge structure. We understand that construction drawings and written specifications would need to be transmitted to the District in advance of the Corps advertising for construction bids on Phase 2 of the Murrieta Creek project which is estimated to be March of 2004. The City of Temecula is looking at funding all costs (engineering design, demolition, construction) associated with the Main Street Bridge reconstruction with Highway Bridge Replacement funds.

Mr. Warren D. Williams
January 23, 2003
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The City of Temecula owns a 4+ acre parcel of land adjacent to First Street that may be needed for the construction of Phase I of the Corps project. The City of Temecula is currently designing this property for active park uses, but we are considering conveying fee-simple title to the District for use on the project. We understand that we would be extended a credit for the value of the property based upon a formal independent appraisal.

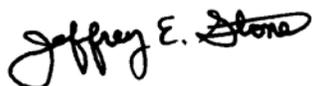
In addition, the City is currently working with a \$1.2 Million Trails Grant with another \$275,000 in local funds that could provide a portion of the trail system proposed between Rancho California Road and Winchester Road. This effort would further reduce the cost of the trail system as proposed in the Murrieta Creek Project and could be counted as part of the City's matching commitment.

Further, the City of Temecula recognizes that the District cannot fund the Local Sponsor share of recreational elements. We understand that the total cost of those features to be estimated at \$7.6 million. Subject to Council approval, the City of Temecula may be willing to share the (50%) Local Sponsor share of those recreation costs with the City of Murrieta. Accordingly, we expect to be contributing approximately \$1.8 million toward this effort.

As proposed, the City of Temecula's financial contribution to the Murrieta Creek Flood Control, Environmental Restoration, and Recreation project would provide at least \$10 million. While the City is unable to guarantee this level of funding without budget appropriations and receipt of funds from other resources, we will commit to you that through our budgeting process every effort will be made to fulfill the City's local match.

If you should have any further questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact William G. Hughes, Director of Public Works/City Engineer at (909) 694-6411.

Very truly yours,



Jeffrey E. Stone
Mayor



Kiwanis Club of Temecula - Murrieta

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Attention: David P. Zappe

RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Re: Murrieta Creek Flood Control, Environmental Restoration, and Recreation Project
District Project No. 7-0-0021

Dear Mr. Zappe:

The Board of Directors of the Kiwanis Club of Temecula-Murrieta Valley went on record at their regular board meeting today as being in full support of the Murrieta Creek Flood Control, Environmental Restoration, and Recreation Project. We find particularly welcome the environmental sensitivity of the proposal, the potential educational opportunities for area youth (a Kiwanis priority), and the emphasis on equestrian, hiking, and bicycling trails.

We appreciate that you are partnering with the City of Temecula, as we have also worked on several worthwhile projects with the City. It is anticipated that the project as envisioned will offer many opportunities for participation by area non-profit service clubs, such as Kiwanis, and we look forward to the potential for involvement.

Sincerely,

Kenneth G. Ray, Secretary
Kiwanis Club of Temecula-
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Via Fax ((909) 955-1250

March 4, 2002

RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
 AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Mr. David Zappe
 General Manager – Chief Engineer
 Riverside County Flood Control
 and Water Conservation District
 1995 Market Street
 Riverside, CA 92501

**SUBJECT: Murrieta Creek Flood Control Environmental Restoration
 and Recreation District Project No. 7-0-0021 - SUPPORT**

Dear Mr. Zappe:

The Temecula Valley Chamber of Commerce representing over 1,250 members **Supports** Murrieta Creek Flood Control Environmental Restoration and Recreation District Project No. 7-0-0021.

In February of 1993, Temecula was faced with a downfall of severe rainfall and many businesses in Old Town were affected with property damage. Many of the merchants had to close their businesses for duration of time. An estimate \$1 million dollars loss impacted the City of Temecula, including damage to individual properties.

We feel this project will reduce the possibility of future flood events, reduce insurance requirements, reduction of potential economic loss to local businesses, creation of a habitat corridor to interconnect the stream with its tributaries, stabilization of the stream, preventing erosion, recreation opportunities, education opportunities and an overall aesthetic value of Murrieta Creek restoration.

For the above stated reasons, the Temecula Valley Chamber of Commerce **Supports** the Murrieta Creek Flood Control Environment Restoration and Recreation District Project No. 7-0-0021.

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March 22, 2001

Riverside County Flood Control
and Water Conservation District
David A. Zappe, General Mgr. - Chief Engineer
1995 Market Street
Riverside, CA, 92501

RE: Murrieta Creek Flood Control
Environment Restoration and Recreation
Project - District Project No. 7-0-0021

Dear David Zappe:

This letter is written in support of your agency and the Cities of Murrieta and Temecula as it pertains to the Murrieta Creek Flood Control Environment Restoration and Recreation Project.

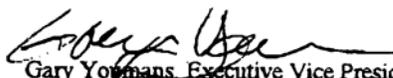
As a nonprofit corporation dedicated to regional economic development, we strongly support the long-term economic and environmental balance in Southwest Riverside County. Both the Cities of Murrieta and Temecula are proactively addressing the prevention of flood damage and economic loss to local businesses and individuals through a partner project with your agency. We are enthusiastic about the restoration and preservation of the Murrieta Creek, which will provide numerous benefits to two rapidly-growing communities that will soon exceed 120,000 residents combined.

In past years, both Cities witnessed extraordinary economic loss caused by flood devastation to businesses and homes. We fully appreciate the task of implementing this aggressive project and believe your agency's stated objectives are both attainable and highly beneficial to our economy and quality of life. Clearly this project would significantly reduce both flood damage and costly flood insurance requirements. Further, it would restore the aesthetic value of Murrieta Creek, create a habitat corridor, and provide recreational use and educational opportunities for wildlife observation.

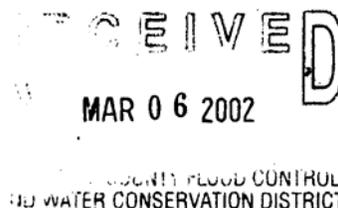
Therefore, the EDCSWRC strongly endorses the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District as the lead agency for the Murrieta Creek Flood Control Project.

Thank you for the opportunity to support your endeavors in this matter. Should you wish to contact me directly, please call my office at (760) 723-5078.

Respectfully,


Gary Youmans, Executive Vice President
Community National Bank
EDCWSRC President

cc: City of Murrieta
City of Temecula





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June 6, 2002

State Water Resources Control Board
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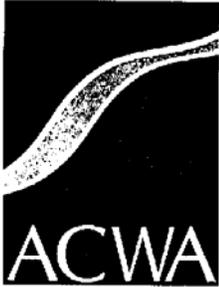
Subject: Application No. 9-01 Letter of Support for Murrieta Creek Flood Control, Environmental Restoration and Recreation Project

To Whom It May Concern:

The County of San Diego would like to take this opportunity to express strong support for the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District initiative to restore and enhance the beneficial uses of water along Murrieta Creek below First Street in Temecula. This project is part of an important watershed restoration program to interconnect wildlife corridors in Murrieta Creek with several tributaries.

The County of San Diego is a major stakeholder in the protection of natural resources of the Santa Margarita Watershed. Three quarters of the watershed surface area extends into Riverside County while the lower areas adjoin the ocean in San Diego County. As a result, in collaboration with the County of Riverside, the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, several cities, water districts, and many other stakeholders, we have initiated a Proposition 13 Watershed Management Plan to protect water quality, habitat and the beneficial uses of the Santa Margarita River.

The Murrieta Creek Project will implement a successful and unique partnership between watershed stakeholders to address a wide range of issues including periodic flooding, habitat and water quality degradation, erosion problems and recreational and educational needs of the community. The proposed efforts, which include development of a habitat corridor, installation of slope protection to reduce sediment and turbidity in the creek, and monitoring and control of invasive species, provide important watershed benefits that are consistent with the goals and objectives of the Watershed Management Plan.



April 11, 2001

Honorable Dean Florez
Chairman, Assembly Water, Parks, & Wildlife Committee
State Capitol, Room 2141
Sacramento, CA 95814

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RE: Assembly Bill No. 1135 – Support

RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Dear Assembly Member Florez:

I am writing to inform you that the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) is in support of AB 1135 (Hollingsworth), relating to flood control.

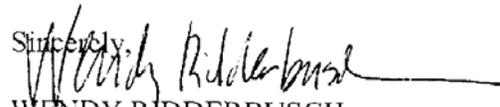
AB 1135 would adopt and authorize, but not fund, the Murrieta Creek Flood Control Project within Riverside County. This project has received federal authorization through the passage of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000.

The multi-purpose Murrieta Creek Flood Control Project when completed will provide 100-year flood protection to the cities of Temecula and Murrieta. The sponsors believe that the project will be eligible for consideration of the increased state cost share, from 50% up to 70% due to the creation of wetlands, riparian habitat enhancement, and recreation in addition to the actual flood control project construction.

California should continue to develop, plan, and construct local flood control projects that protect public safety, regardless of whether the state is in a wet or dry cycle.

We respectfully ask for your “aye” vote when AB 1135 is heard in the Assembly Water, Parks, & Wildlife Committee on Tuesday, April 24, 2001.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

WENDY RIDDERBUSCH
Legislative Advocate

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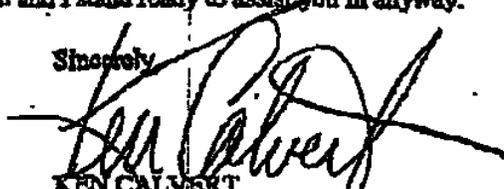
Dear Mr. Daniels:

As you finalize the details of the FY 2002 budget, I am writing to bring to your attention an imminent flood danger in my district.

My highest priority is the Murrieta Creek Flood Management Project, a comprehensive flood management plan, which includes important ecosystem restoration and recreation elements. Over the last number of years, I have worked with the local sponsor, Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, a coalition of community, developer and environmental interests and the Corps of Engineers in developing a multiple-purpose, comprehensive flood management plan which protects both the cities of Murrieta and Temecula from the ravages of the known flood threat. This project is unique in that it also includes important ecosystem restoration and recreation elements which truly fit the needs and special characteristics of my area. This is a model project for the Corps of Engineers and was fully authorized last year by Congress for construction. This is my top priority for the Corps of Engineers. I am strongly requesting that you include \$1,000,000 to complete pre-construction engineering and design, and \$1,500,000 to initiate construction of the Murrieta Creek project in full accordance with last year's authorization at P.L. 106-377. I am concerned there may be attempts to alter the cost-share arrangements that were specifically approved by Congress.

Thank you for your consideration and I stand ready to assist you in anyway.

Sincerely


KEN CALVERT
Member of Congress

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

December 6, 2001

President George W. Bush
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush,

We want to take a moment and thank you for your tremendous leadership. We will continue to stand with you as you wage the war on terrorism.

We are also writing to request your help in working to include \$2 million in the Administration's FY 2003 Budget for a new construction start for the Murrieta Creek Project within the Corps of Engineers Program. We have all worked together to ensure that \$1 million for pre-construction engineering and design for the project was included in the FY 2002 Energy and Water Appropriations Conference Report. We also were successful in having language included which reinforces the project's authorization. We thank you for your support in this endeavor.

The flood threat in our area is real and reoccurring. We have had three Presidentially declared flood disasters in the 1990s, including January of 1993 when Camp Pendleton Marine Base sustained \$88 million in flood damages, while the towns of Murrieta and Temecula suffered \$12 million in damages. These towns have since grown into small cities and, unless this project is completed, more than 600 homes and businesses will be vulnerable and our region could sustain over \$500 million in potential losses to public and private investment.

Mr. President, we have a tremendous amount at stake and need your help in moving this project to construction quickly and as authorized in P.L. 106-377. Your continued support would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your interest and your time.

Sincerely,


Rep. Ken Calvert
Rep. Mary Bono
Rep. Darrell Issa

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The Honorable Michael Parker
Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)
441 G Street, NW
Washington, DC 20314

Dear Assistant Secretary Parker:

Congratulations on your recent confirmation as Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works). I am excited about the opportunity to work with you again, particularly on projects that are important to my constituents and to California. As such, I am respectfully requesting time on your schedule to meet on my highest priority project, the Murrieta Creek Project located in my district.

Mr. Dave Zappe, General Superintendent of Riverside Flood Control and Water Conservation District, will be in Washington on October 23rd and if, at all possible, I would very much like to arrange a meeting with you, Mr. Zappe and myself to brief you on the Murrieta Creek Project, a flood control and environmental protection project that is critically needed to protect the towns of Murrieta and Temecula in my area, and Camp Pendleton, which is downstream of my district. I am anxious to ensure that the project receives critical federal support, including budgeting.

I hope that your schedule will permit you to meet with Mr. Zappe and myself. Please contact Linda Ulrich at 225-1986 to schedule a meeting. Again congratulations on your confirmation. I look forward to working closely with you.

Sincerely,

Ken Calvert
Member of Congress

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