



# Murrieta Mitigation Property Conservation Easement

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# Background

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- Murrieta Area Sewer Improvement Project constructed during 2008-2010
- Installation of approximately 1.1 miles of 18-inch sewer
  - Trenchless technology: pneumatic pipe bursting
- From Hancock Avenue to Los Alamos Road and then to Shoshone Drive
  - 4,500 feet along creek channel and adjacent upland area
  - Crossing beneath Franklin Ave and Lincoln Avenue
- Pneumatic pipe bursting problems
  - Temporarily stopped construction
  - Required open trench construction within sensitive environmental area
- Additional permitting and conditions required

# Murrieta Area Sewer Improvement Project



# Permitting and Conditions

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- Regulatory permits for open trench and associated environmental impacts
  - Department of Fish and Wildlife (Stream Alteration Agreement)
  - Army Corps of Engineers (404 Permit)
  - San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (401 Certification)
- Conserve, create and enhance two acres of jurisdictional water for wetland/riparian habitat
  - Murrieta Mitigation Property (APN 948-210-007) on Juniper Street
  - Five year habitat restoration and reporting by Tom Dodson and Associates from 2010 to 2015
  - Protect in perpetuity

# Murrieta Mitigation Property

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# Perpetuity Process – Conservation Easement

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- Attempted to gift the property in fee and title to the City of Murrieta and several conservancy agencies
  - Unwilling to accept
  - Required significant funding
- Identified a willing conservancy agency to provide a Conservation Easement in perpetuity
  - Rivers and Lands Conservancy (formerly Riverside Land Conservancy)
  - Manage the mitigation property to fulfill the requirements of the regulatory permits
  - Conservation Easement Cost \$232,609
    - Funding previously appropriated as part of Murrieta Area Sewer Improvement Project
- District will maintain ownership of the land

# Recommendation

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Approve and authorize the General Manager, or his designee, to execute the Murrieta Mitigation Property Conservation Easement with Rivers and Lands Conservancy.



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