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MURRIETA CREEK FLOOD CONTROL, ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION AND RECREATION PROJECT



Wednesday, November 12, 2003
10:00 a.m.



Murrieta Creek Flood Control, Environmental Restoration and Recreation Project

The Murrieta/Temecula area has experienced overflow flooding from Murrieta Creek many times over the past century. In January of 1993 the area suffered its most severe flood damage when the creek banks were again overtopped, inundating large portions of both cities. Estimated damages to businesses, residences and public improvements were far in excess of \$10 million. As a result, the District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in close cooperation with both cities and a coalition of local citizens, community leaders, environmentalists and developers, worked to identify solutions to the flooding problem.

Early on it became apparent that the community saw the creek as more than a means to rid the area of floodwaters; they also wanted to embrace its natural beauty and coveted the recreational opportunities the creek offered. The resulting \$91 million project will do just that.

The Murrieta Flood Control, Environmental Restoration and Recreation Project is seven miles long and will provide 100-year flood protection to the cities of Temecula and Murrieta. The existing earthen channel will be widened over the entire length of the project and will include a wildlife habitat corridor. A 250-acre detention basin, located at the approximate mid point of the project, will allow for a significant reduction in downstream channel sizing requirements. It will also provide over 160 acres of wetlands and wildlife habitat enhancement and a 50-acre sports park. Bridges over the channel will be constructed at key locations, and equestrian, pedestrian and biking trails will be provided over the full length of the project.

The realization of this project is the direct result of the hard work of a large number of people, not the least of which was our local delegation, Congressman Ken Calvert, Congresswoman Mary Bono and Congressman Darrell Issa, who worked tirelessly to gain

AGENDA

WELCOME

Dusty Williams

General Manager-Chief Engineer
Riverside County Flood Control District

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Col. Richard G. Thompson

District Engineer
Los Angeles District, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers

INTRODUCTIONS

COMMENTS

Supervisor Bob Buster

Jeffrey Stone
Mayor of Temecula

Representative
City of Murrieta

Congressman Ken Calvert

Congresswoman Mary Bono

Congressman Darrell Issa (Invited)

The Honorable John P. Woodley
Assistant Secretary of the Army—Civil Works

GROUND BREAKING

Refreshments



Equipment operated by Army Corps of Engineers pushing sand from bottom of Murrieta Creek near the town of Murrieta with an eye toward rebuilding a levee that the flooding creek had washed out.

February 1980

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