

ACTION ITEMS / DISCUSSION CALENDAR

MINUTES

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 4:00 PM

Truax Building
41923 Second Street, Fourth Floor
Temecula, CA 92590

I. PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS

Call to Order, 4:00 p.m., meeting recorded by Rose Corona

Flag Salute

Roll Call/Establish a Quorum

Directors Present: Rose Corona (President), Lisa Battiato (Vice President), Newt Parkes (Secretary/Treasurer), Teri Biancardi (Director), Randy Feeney (Director)

Directors Absent: None

Associate Directors Present: Rick Neugebauer

Associate Directors Absent: None

Office Manager: Deborah Getty – Present

Natural Resources Conservation District (NRCS): Robert Hewitt – Absent

District Counsel: Melissa Cushman

Guest Speakers: Scott Murray – President of Mission Resource Conservation District.

Public Guests: Andrea Mares – District Supervisor Chuck Washington's office.
David Murray – Member of the public.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Corona called for a motion to approve the agenda, consent calendar, financials and correspondence as presented. Director Parkes moved and Director Battiato seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

III. ACTION ITEMS/ DISCUSSION CALENDAR

Item 1: Bob Hewitt – Report and Update on NRCS activity and ongoing projects. Discussion and potential inclusion of Chipping program on the website.

In Bob Hewitt's absence President Corona reports that in addition to the CropSWAP and RootStock programs, landowners can also put in an application to receive monies for the trees they chip down. The money for the program has been spent for this year, however NRCS will start looking at applications again in September and October of 2021. After a general discussion, Director Battiato makes a motion to include the NRCS Chipping program information as a link and put it on our website. Director Parkes seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

Item 2: Discussion and potential approval of Board Policy norms to be added to the Board Policy Manual.

Director Battiato asks the Board to refer to the Operating Principles of the Board that were included in the packet. Director Battiato made a motion to accept the document as proposed. President Corona seconds. General discussion is opened and Director Biancardi comments that although she feels this type of document could be incredibly useful, she has some concerns. Director Biancardi comments on various items and suggests that an executive committee be set up and go over so that there is an inclusive process. President Corona asks Director Biancardi if she wishes to make a substitute motion. Director Biancardi responds affirmatively and makes a motion that an executive committee be set up to review this document before it moves forward. President Corona explains to the Board how the process of a substitute motion works and how it is always considered and voted upon before a general motion.

President Corona asks for a second to Director Biancardi's motion. There was no second and therefore the motion died for a lack of a second.

Before returning to the original motion, President Corona asks for input from the remaining directors. Director Battiato ask District Counsel Melissa Cushman if there was anything objectionable in the documents. Ms. Cushman did not find anything legally objectionable. She stated that "it is fairly flexible not particularly a formal document. It could be made much more formal, it could have provisions added that are mandatory, rather than more discretionary as it's written now. That's all up to the Board. What the Board's preferences are for a lot of these items. Legally, I don't have any objections to it or the way it is written now. The Board certainly has the ability to change its focus, its specific provisions and this level of formality as the Board sees fit."

Director Biancardi asked if there could be more discussion. The President allowed further discussion. Director Biancardi states that she is concerned that the concept proposed provides a huge concentration of power in the President's hands and felt that it is micro managing. Director Parkes asks for Director Biancardi to elaborate. Director Biancardi states that having to get approval of the President and the Board for setting up a meetings or going to a meeting then nothing will get done since Grant deadlines are so tight. It was her sentiment that the document was both shocking and unprofessional.

Director Parkes noted that he did not have that type of reaction to it and felt with respect to timeframes to respond to grant deadlines that it was his feeling that we take that timeline into account when the kinds of grants we are interested in is decided by the Board and that he did not see it as difficult to accomplish when we need to. Director Battiato asked to be recognized and stated that when she read the document that she felt that the document accurately reflected her minimum expectations in writing and that it was only following a chain of command and following the process. She stated that she felt completely comfortable with it. Director Feeney states that he has nothing to add that he felt would be constructive to the conversation.

Director Battiato restates the motion to accept the Operating Principles of the Board as a document to abide by for future interaction with respect to our work. President Corona seconded. **Motion passed 4 – 1.**

Item 3: Discussion and review of submitted two (2) choices by each Director for potential inclusion on the annual work plan.

President Corona reads the annual work plan submittals as included in the packet. President Corona suggests a sub-committee be formed to include two of the executive directors and our associate director to look at the potential ideas and determine if they are really feasible. After a general discussion, President Corona makes a motion to form a sub-committee to include Director Parks, Associate Director Neugebauer and Director Feeney. Director Parkes seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Item 1: Discussion and potential approval of executive sub-committee to review grants.

President Corona reviews the need for a sub-committee to review potential grants. President Corona volunteers to be on the sub-committee as she already is the liaison with Chris Gray of WRCOG. Director Biancardi nominates herself and Director Battiato second. Both Director Battiato and Director Parkes state that they cannot participate on the sub-committee due to other commitments. After general discussion and clarification by District Counsel Melissa Cushman regarding notice of meeting and quorum restrictions should three (3) executive members be on the sub-committee. Director Biancardi moves to nominate herself, President Corona and Director Feeney to form the sub-committee to review grants. Motion dies for lack of a second. President Corona moves to nominate herself, Director Feeney and Associate Director Neugebauer to form the sub-committee to review grants. Director Parkes seconded. **Motion passed 4 – 1.**

V. OLD BUSINESS

Item 1: Update on Homeless Task Force.

Director Parkes reports upon receiving the April reports from SAWA there are two sites with activity at the San Gertrudis Channel, one near Chaparral High school and another location. Director Parkes reported the activity to Mike Wooten giving them a better sense of what is going on. He will continue to follow up on the progress there. Director Parkes further reports that the Homeless Task Force meeting had been postponed a week and will include any updates at the next Board meeting. Associate Director Neugebauer recommends looking into activity in the creek that is just South of the auto dealerships between the freeway and Ynez. Director Battiato recommends reaching out to Larry Markham as he is involved in this project. President Corona reports that Larry Markham had reached out a few months ago to talk about potentially taking that as a conservation easement in terms of adding it to our monitoring and monitoring through Flood Control. President Corona will call Flood Control and ask if that is something they are particularly interested in as well as contact Larry Markham. No motion necessary.

Item 2: Update and discussion on AEIP and CropSWAP reports.

Director Battiato reports that we billed and received a nice deposit from the CropSwap program from RCWD. The program is slowing down but everyone who is enthusiastic about the Rootstock and have already submitted applications with quite a few from McMillian properties. As noted earlier, Director Battiato will go and retroactively notify all those who have done the CropSWAP about the chipping grant. No motion necessary.

Item 3: Update on Anza/Aguanga area.

Director Biancardi reports she abandoned any work on the cannabis watershed grant because she was told that we wouldn't be discussing it until today, With it being due in two days there wasn't the capacity to put that together in that short period of time, but it did emerge that there is an appetite for the development of a map by the residents of Anza that would show the historic sites of cannabis grows as well as the present ones that they on their own can start to monitor the movement of the toxins through the watershed. Director Biancardi spoke with her CDFW contacts, also Water Master, and they both thought that would be quite an interesting project and have value in and of itself to their own respective agencies. There's the seeds of a potential partnership between the locals and those two agencies to develop this map. No motion necessary.

Item 4: Update and discussion of the TEAM RCD website progress.

Deborah Getty reports that after our monthly meeting with RCWD we can finalize the CropSWAP and AIEP pages, we have met all of our transparency items and a few required items for the Board Directors and we should be ready to go live prior to our next Board meeting. Director Battiato reports that we are working with RCWD to make sure they have all of our forms on their website to help automate the process as well. No motion necessary

VI. SPEAKERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Introduction of Scott Murray – President of Mission Resource Conservation District who also has his own organic farming operation and presents on Agri-ecology programs run by MRCD.

Speaker Murray first gave an overview of his District and the work they are doing in their area along with the collaboration that Mission RCD has with TEAM RCD. He then expanded into the Agroecology, Farming and Food Pathways (AFFP) program that they are working on in expanding the knowledge of farming to the average everyday individual as well as the farm community.

They are working with a nonprofit organization based in Berkeley California called the MESA Program. This program concentrated on bringing agricultural interns to study in the US from 57 different foreign countries. There are local programs now to work with stimulating the increase in agriculture in California especially but also the entire U.S. and worldwide. The program is run through the USDA and also includes underserved farmers.

There are two six week sessions for training and it includes three training days on a farm and one farm visit. Some of those training sessions have been live but most have been virtual during the pandemic. Director Battiato asked what was included in these training sessions.

Mr. Murray explained that in the first six weeks, there is a lot of training about the principles of agroecology. The first six weeks is more of the theoretical part of an agroecology and how farm design is an integrated approach from this viewpoint. The second six weeks, according to Murray, is more practical. There are discussions about different systems on the farm such as irrigation, planting crops, planting design, and biodiversity to sites. After a brief discussion on pollinators, Murray notes that the key is to get people a hands-on experience with different types of agriculture. Most training days are half days on three Saturdays a month. Then the program moves to an advanced stage and that is called a fellowship. At that stage, they work on specific projects.

He proceeded to give one example called "Primal Pastures and how they have worked with several different challenges by designing their farm to accommodate for challenges that they are aware of. President Corona asked Mr. Murray to discuss the podcasts and give a general overview of how those work and were working for the program. Mr. Murray stated that at his District he is the person who the

District refers “farm” questions so with this program, he can assist future farmers or the local community by helping them avoid huge financial mistakes or putting in or using products that may be detrimental to a more environmentally friendly approach or cause more damage. He also expanded on collaborating with not only TEAM RCD but other RCD’s and the NRCS and suggested partnering with research institutions. Also working on mulching and compost to farmers in order to reduce water loss and improve the soil.

While giving a larger overview of the water issues in Southern California and discussed a myriad of issues from recharge to the level of water that is being dumped into our oceans. He also discussed the podcasts that he partners with in Phoenix Arizona called “The Urban Farm” where he has had the opportunity to discuss avocado and coffee farming. He also mentioned that he isn’t the only resource that the AFFP program is where we have technicians providing direct support to the students. The teachers are all qualified and offer support during the classes but in the fellowship phase they get access to the mentors who will mentor them. Also, since the program is paid for through a grant, all one needs to start is an internet connection and the desire to learn. Mr. Murray indicated that that Mission RCD is at a point where they want to partner more with TEAM RCD to reach more members of the public.

President Corona asked if there was anything in the program as to education on livestock such as chickens or cattle. Mr. Murray responded that is the next step and once the program has collected enough good data to go back to the Government, it is only logical to include livestock since most every farmer has some animal component to their operations.

Director Battiato asked wanted to know what the water usage was between coffee compared to avocados. Mr. Murray responded that it was relatively the same amount but indicated that they were carefully tracking the difference between a monoculture of avocados and a polyculture of coffee and avocados. Plus including other tropical fruit like bananas and cherimoyas Mr. Murray expanded into the conversation of crossing different varietals of cherries, peaches, nectarines apricots and plum and how there are new varietals out there have created 476 new fruit varieties from just one man alone.

President Corona said she had reached out to the Riverside Farm Bureau and asked if this would be something they would be interested in and they said they would discuss and get back to her. Director Biancardi asked Mr. Murray what his vision of a partnership with TEAM RCD would look like. Mr. Murray responded It is something we’ve been building for 20 years. When we’ve been able to work together on common projects, we’ve done very well. We had a kerfuffle for a number of years where there were a number of years there was a political change on this Board. The Board actually attacked us. We just backed off. Then I got a call from Rose one day and she said “Hey we’d like to start working with Mission again” and I said “That’s absolutely our priority. If we can find a way to collaborate, we are absolutely there.”

AD Nuegebauer shared his meeting with Mr. Murray over a decade ago and shared his admiration of Mr. Murray’s knowledge about soils and all the resources we have in the area. Mr. Murray responded by adding that we have to find ways to expand our collaboration and that agriculture is a primary way to do that through this Agroecology program. He also discussed looking forward in this area to potentially looking at the commercial business and governmental locations and their landscaping processes to see if we can improve the performance of their properties that have common areas with sharing simple techniques from NRCS. Director Battiato said that she works with developers all the time and where do we send them if they need more information.

AD Neugebauer said that the best place to start is with the city and county planners in order begin a change. He mentioned his 32 years of career experience as a landscape general Contractor and how over the years so much of the landscaping has rid itself of trees and other kinds of landscape that might be more effective in caron drawdown. Director Battiato mentioned that if they could get lead credits or

can promote their projects as carbon neutral in their landscaping that might prove very effective to get developers to start looking at other options.

VII. ORAL/WITTEN REPORTS

DIRECTOR REPORTS

None

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR REPORTS

None

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, President Corona made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Batiatto seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 5-0.** Meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Secretary/Treasurer

OLD BUSINESS

CDFW REPORTS: TEAM RCD – RIV FLOOD TRANSIENT MONITORING

HELASH

REPORT AREA I: LIST OF ALL HABITAT CREATION, RESTORATION, ENHANCEMENT, AND CONSERVATION PROJECT AREAS CURRENTLY BEING MANAGED BY PERMITTEE

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REPORT AREA II: DESCRIPTION OF THE HABITAT RESTORATION, ENHANCEMENT, AND CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES PERFORMED WITHIN EACH PROJECT AREA

Site visits conducted on:

Wednesday 7-7-2021: A SAWA Lead Technician inspected Helash. No transients were detected on site on this date.

Wednesday 7-21-2021: A SAWA Lead Technician inspected Helash. No transients were detected on site on this date.

Geographic location: : The Helash mitigation site is located along a Riverside Flood Control drainage in the City of Wildomar near the intersection of Clinton Keith Road & Grand Avenue.

PHOTOS

Photo Points:

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Photo Point 2: 33.58575° -117.25357°

Photo Point 3: 33.58662° -117.25465°

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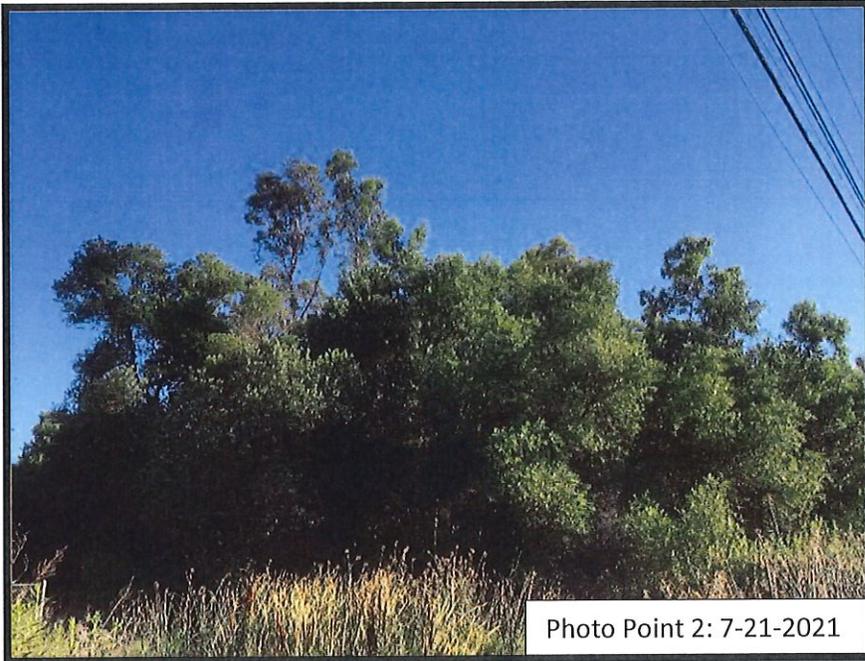


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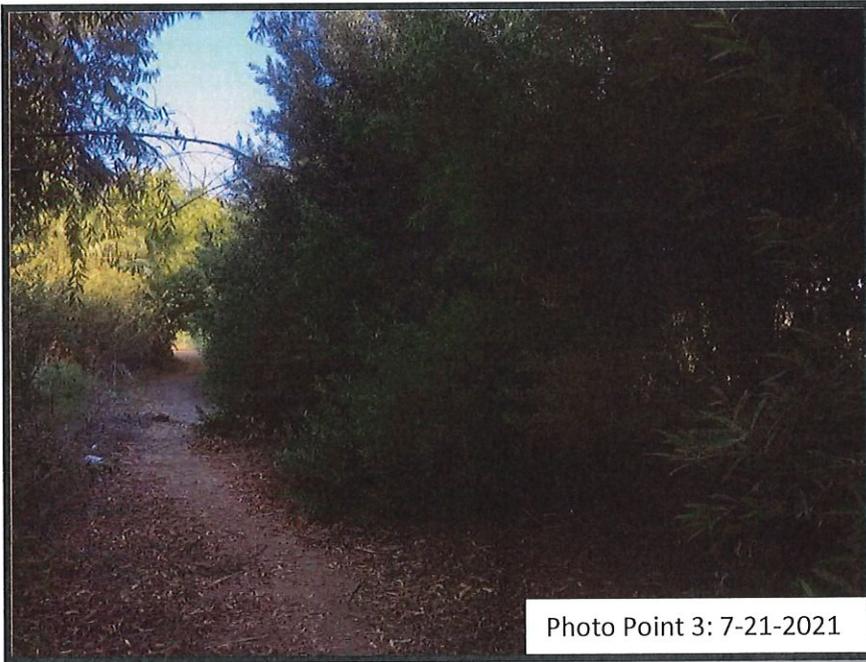


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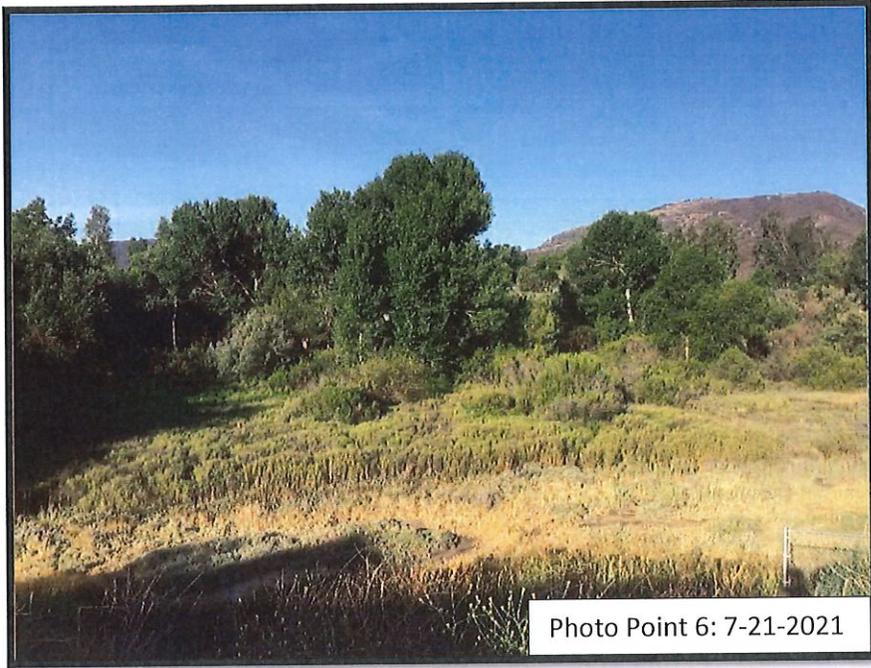


Photo Point 6: 7-21-2021

MAP

Helash Mit Site



125 62.5 0 125 Meters

NAD 83
7-18-18 JL
Helash Mit Site
Map produced by SAWA

CDFW REPORTS: TEAM RCD – RIV FLOOD TRANSIENT MONITORING

MURRIETA CREEK LINE F

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Site visits conducted on:

Wednesday 7-7-2021: A SAWA Lead Technician inspected Murrieta Creek Line F. No transients were detected on site on this date.

Wednesday 7-21-2021: A SAWA Lead Technician inspected Murrieta Creek Line F. No transients were detected on site on this date.

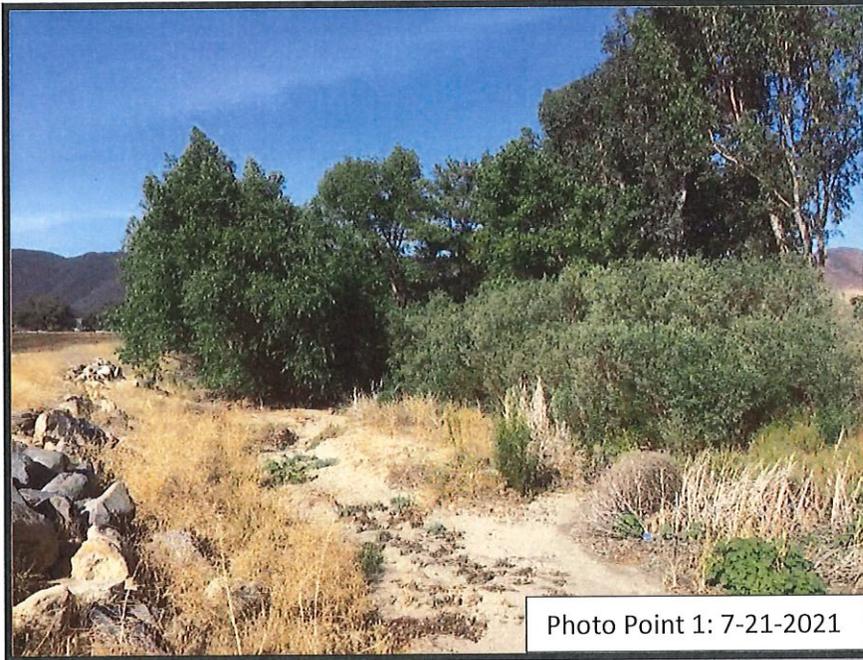
Geographic location: The Murrieta Creek Line F site is located along a Riverside Flood Control drainage in the City of Murrieta near the intersection of Kalmia St & Washington Ave.).

PHOTOS

Photo Points:

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Photo Point 2: 33.55622° -117.21901°



MAP

Murrieta Creek Line F



Legend

- ▲ GPS Photo Points
- Tamarisk - 5% Cover
- Murrieta Creek Line F Boundary - 1.12 Acres

Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User community



NAD 83
8-1-18 JL
Murrieta Creek Line F
Map produced by SAWA

CDFW REPORTS: TEAM RCD – RIV FLOOD TRANSIENT MONITORING

PALOMAR-CORYDON CHANNELS

REPORT AREA I: LIST OF ALL HABITAT CREATION, RESTORATION, ENHANCEMENT, AND CONSERVATION PROJECT AREAS CURRENTLY BEING MANAGED BY PERMITTEE

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Site visits conducted on:

Wednesday 7-7-2021: A SAWA Lead Technician inspected Palomar-Corydon Channels. No transients were detected on site on this date.

Wednesday 7-21-2021: A SAWA Lead Technician inspected Palomar-Corydon Channels. No transients were detected on site on this date.

Geographic location: The Palomar-Corydon Channels site is located along a Riverside Flood Control drainage in the City of Lake Elsinore near the intersection of Palomar Street & Old Coach Road.

PHOTOS

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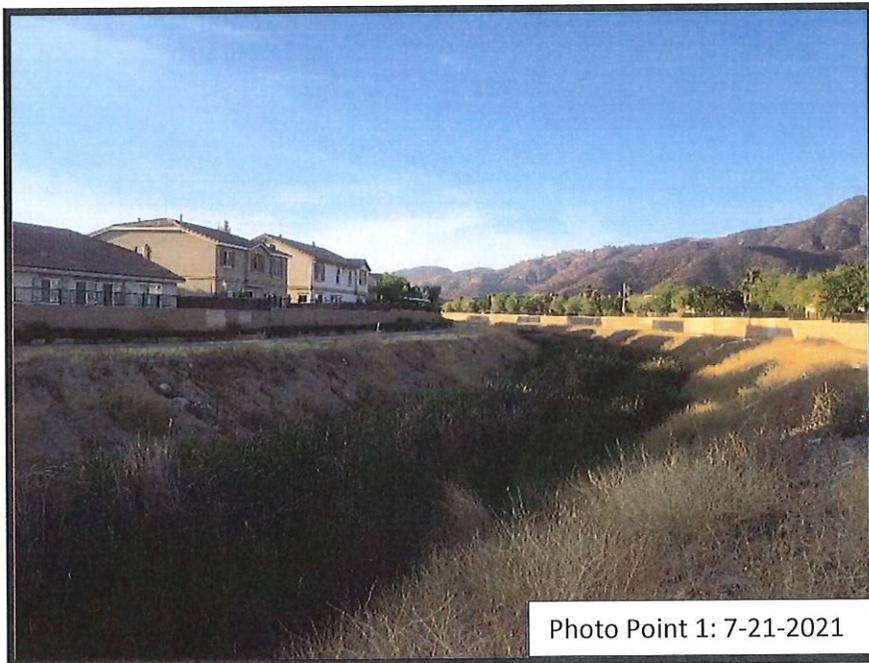
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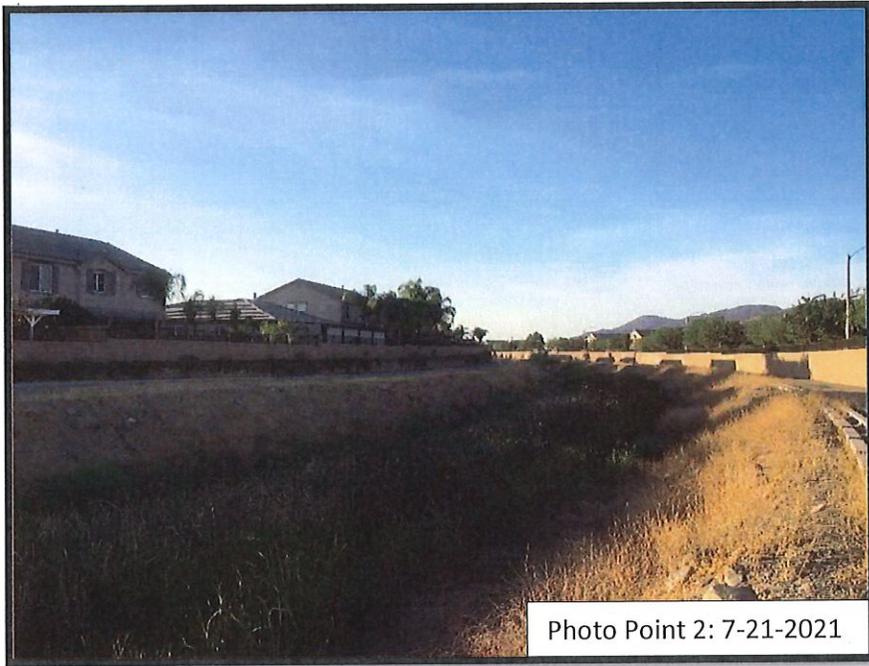


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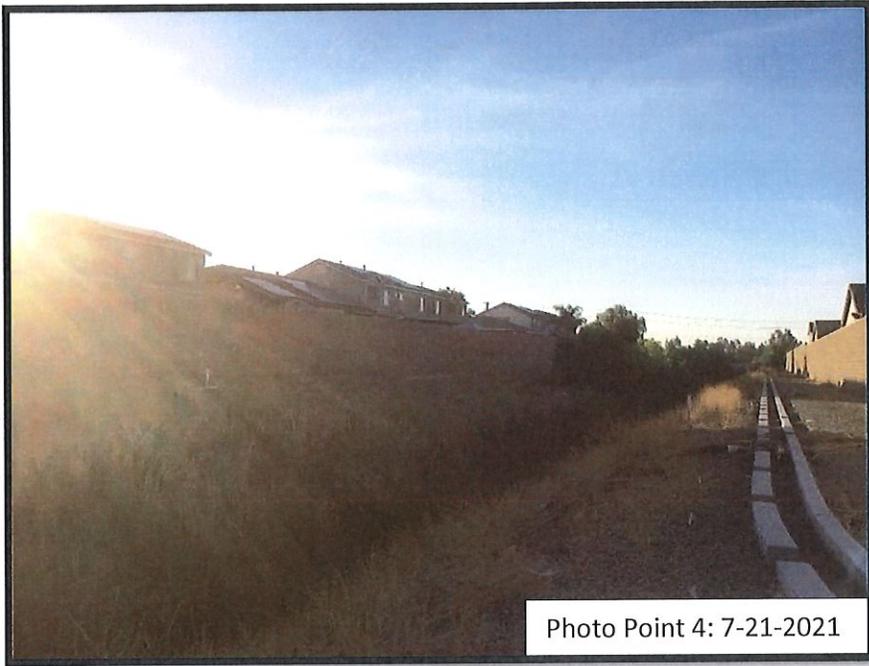


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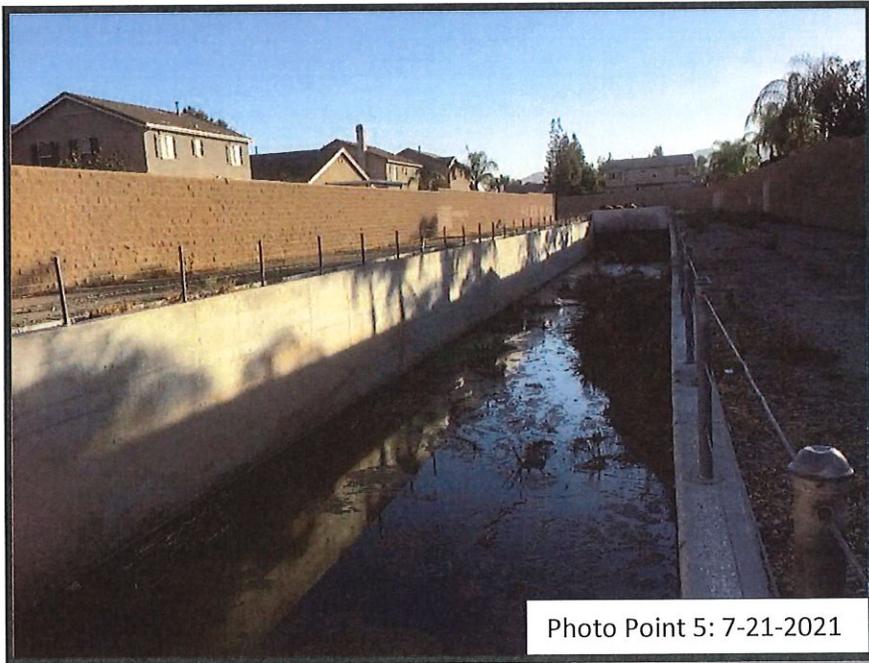


Photo Point 5: 7-21-2021

MAP

Palomar-Corydon Channels



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NAD 83
7-18-18 JL
Palomar-Corydon Channels
Map produced by SAWA

CDFW REPORTS: TEAM RCD – RIV FLOOD TRANSIENT MONITORING

SANTA GERTRUDIS CHANNEL

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REPORT AREA II: DESCRIPTION OF THE HABITAT RESTORATION, ENHANCEMENT, AND CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES PERFORMED WITHIN EACH PROJECT AREA

Site visits conducted on:

Wednesday 7-7-2021: A SAWA Lead Technician inspected Santa Gertrudis Creek. One transient still active across from Chaparral High School (see homeless point 1).

Wednesday 7-21-2021: A SAWA Lead Technician inspected Santa Gertrudis Creek. One transient still active across from Chaparral High School (see homeless point 1).

Geographic location: The Santa Gertrudis Creek site is located along a Riverside Flood Control drainage in the City of Murrieta starting from the intersection of Joseph Rd and Nicolas Rd and ending at the intersection of Winchester Rd and Enterprise Cir N.

PHOTOS

Photo Points:

Photo point 1: -33.53552° -117.15136°

Photo point 2: -33.52762° -117.15834°

Homeless points:

Homeless Point 1: -33.53420 -117.15238°

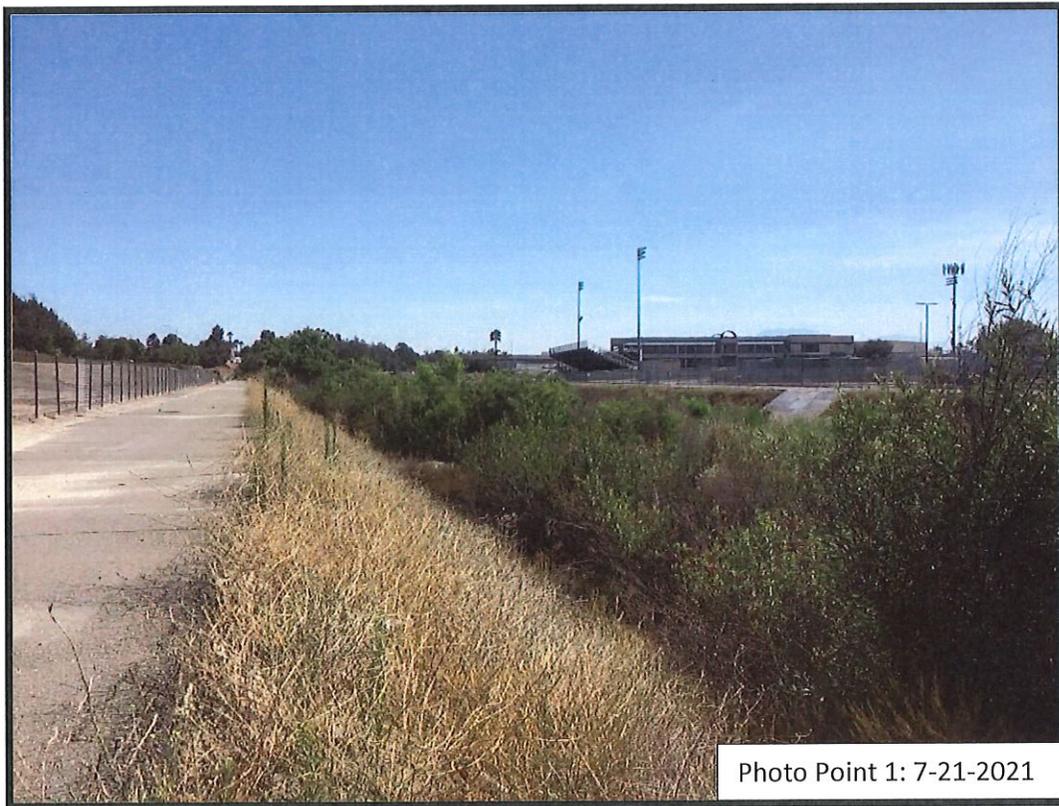


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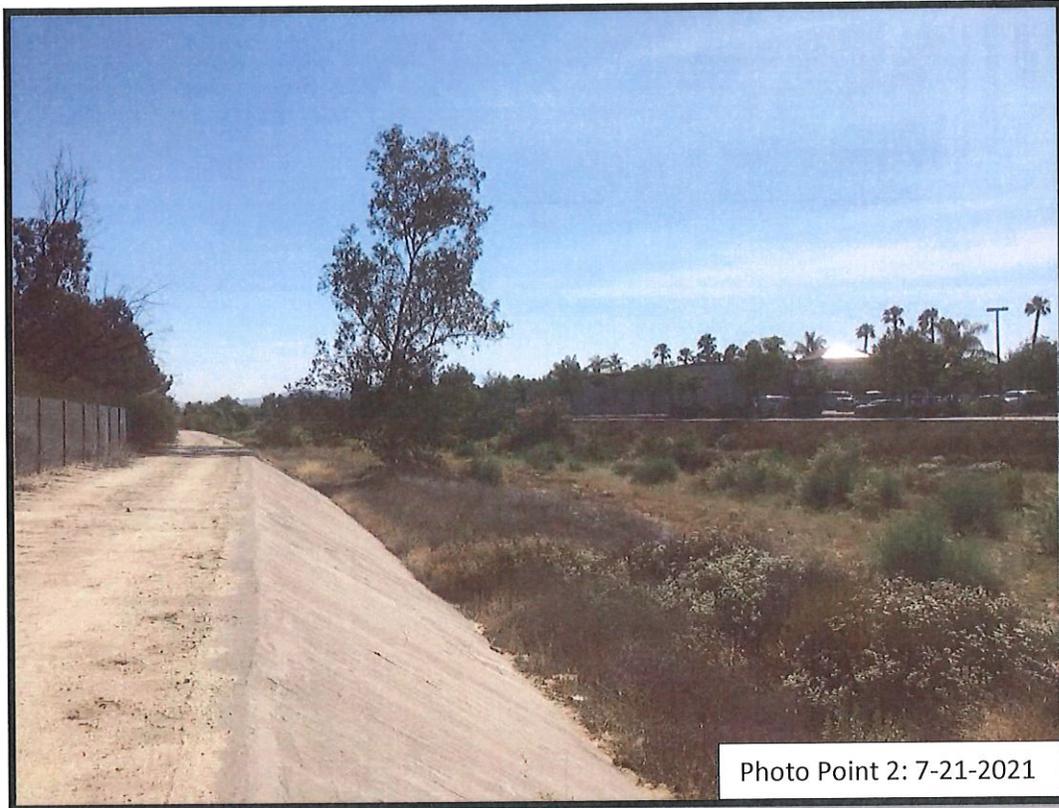


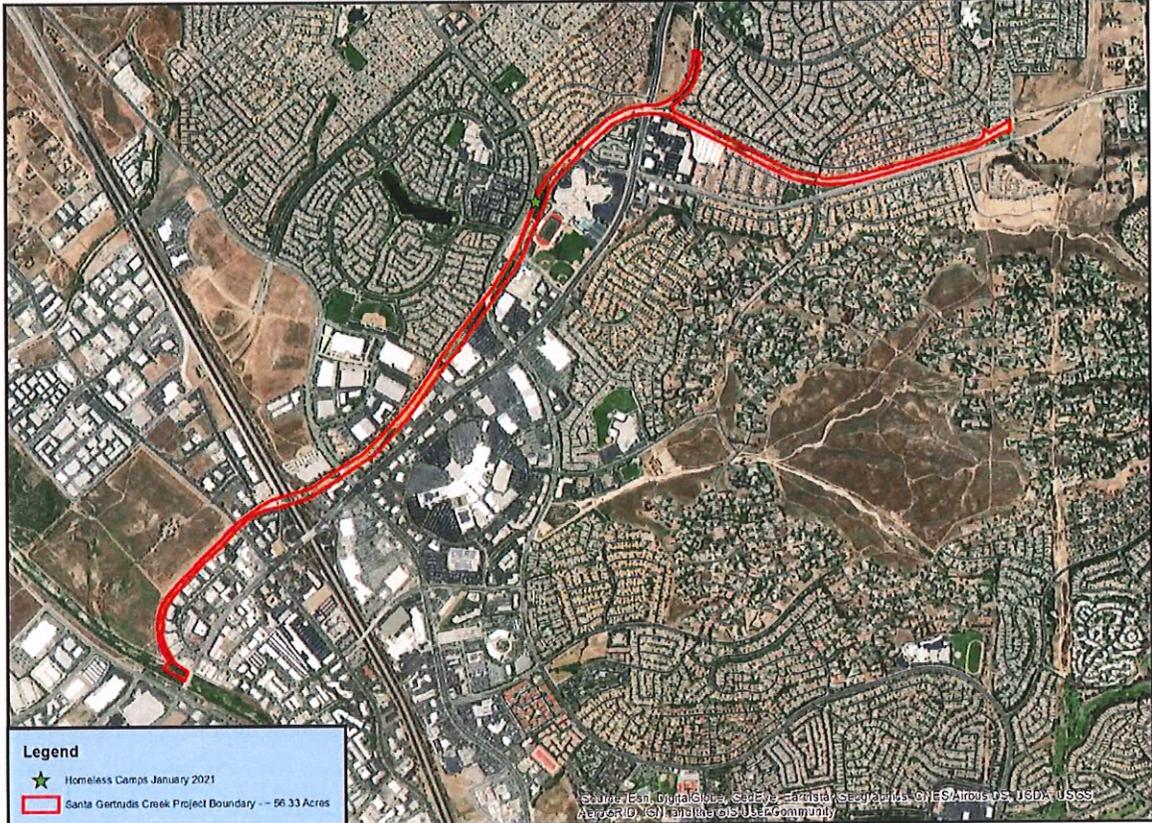
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Homeless Point 1: 7-21-2021

MAP

Santa Gertrudis Creek



500 250 0 500 Meters

NAD 83
2-9-21 JL
Santa Gertrudis Creek - Homeless
Map produced by SAWA

CDFW REPORTS: TEAM RCD – RIV FLOOD TRANSIENT MONITORING

TEMECULA CREEK CHANNEL AD 159

REPORT AREA I: LIST OF ALL HABITAT CREATION, RESTORATION, ENHANCEMENT, AND CONSERVATION PROJECT AREAS CURRENTLY BEING MANAGED BY PERMITTEE

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REPORT AREA II: DESCRIPTION OF THE HABITAT RESTORATION, ENHANCEMENT, AND CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES PERFORMED WITHIN EACH PROJECT AREA

Site visits conducted on:

Wednesday 7-7-2021: A SAWA Lead Technician inspected Temecula Creek AD 159. Two transients were detected in the same camp near Pechanga Pkwy. (see Homeless Point 1).

Wednesday 7-21-2021: A SAWA Lead Technician inspected Temecula Creek AD 159. Two transients were detected in the same camp near Pechanga Pkwy. (see Homeless Point 1).

Geographic location: The Temecula Creek AD 159 site is located along a Riverside Flood Control drainage in the City of Temecula near the intersection of Wolf Store Rd and Butterfield Stage Rd.

PHOTOS

Photo Points:

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Photo Point 2: -3347732° -117.10051°

Homeless Points:

Homeless Point 1: -33.47315° -117.12879°



Photo Point 1: 7-21-2021

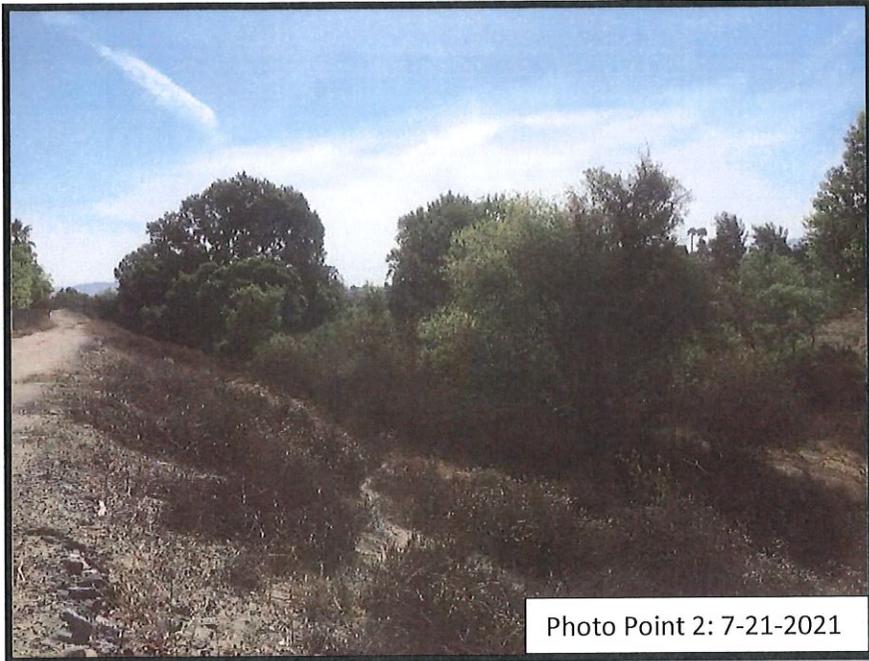


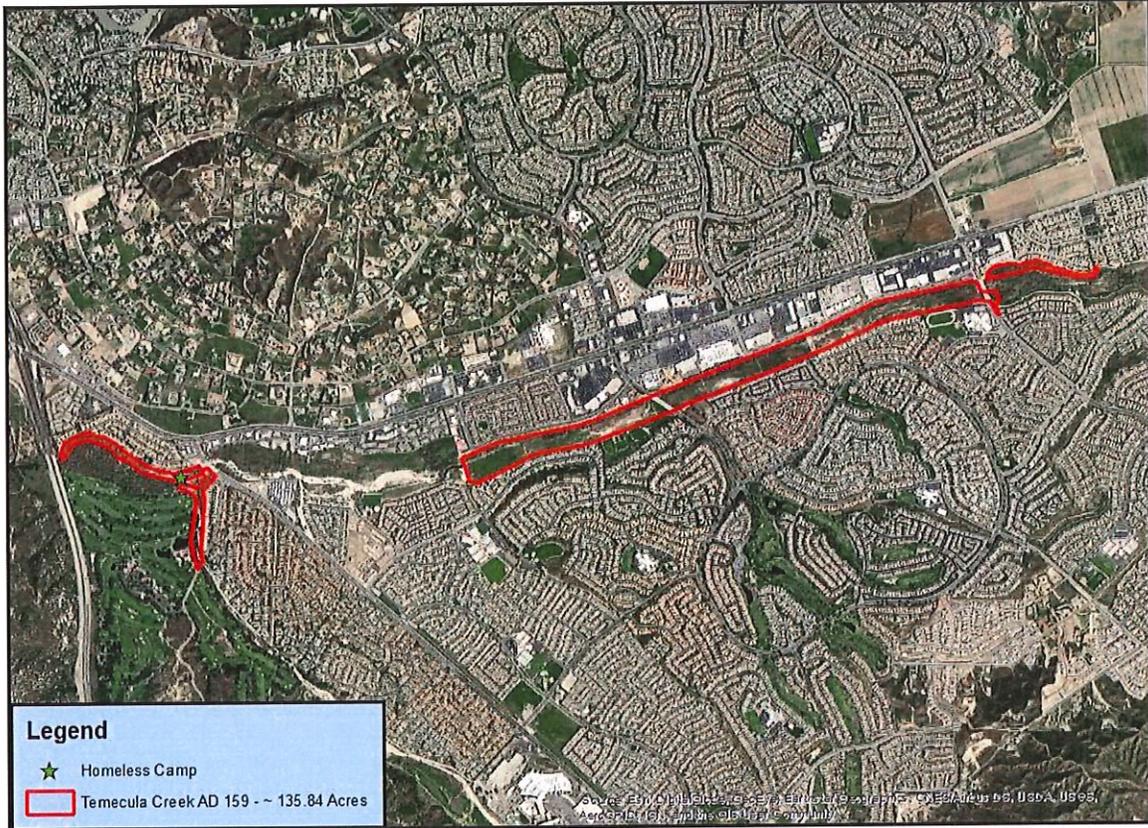
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Homeless Point 1: 7-21-2021

MAP

Temecula Creek AD 159



Legend

- ★ Homeless Camp
- Temecula Creek AD 159 - ~ 135.84 Acres



NAD 83
2-2-21 JL
Temecula Creek AD 159
Map produced by SAWA

CDFW REPORTS: TEAM RCD – RIV FLOOD TRANSIENT MONITORING

TUCALOTA CREEK I & II

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Site visits conducted on:

Wednesday 7-7-2021: A SAWA Lead Technician inspected Tucalota Creek 1 & 2. No transients were detected on site on this date.

Wednesday 7-21-2021: A SAWA Lead Technician inspected Tucalota Creek 1 & 2. No transients were detected on site on this date.

Geographic location: The Tucalota Creek 1 & 2 site is located along a Riverside Flood Control drainage in the City of Murrieta near the intersection of Murrieta Hot Springs Road & Winchester Road.

PHOTOS

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Photo Point 3: 33.55075° -117.13722°

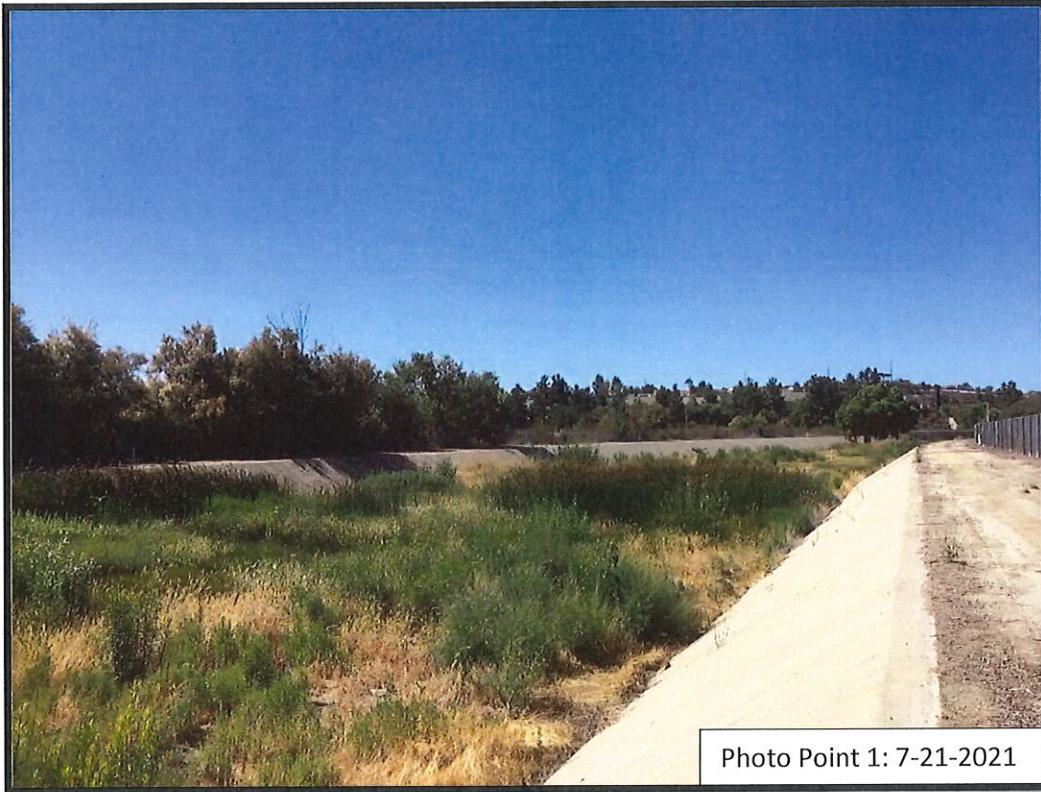


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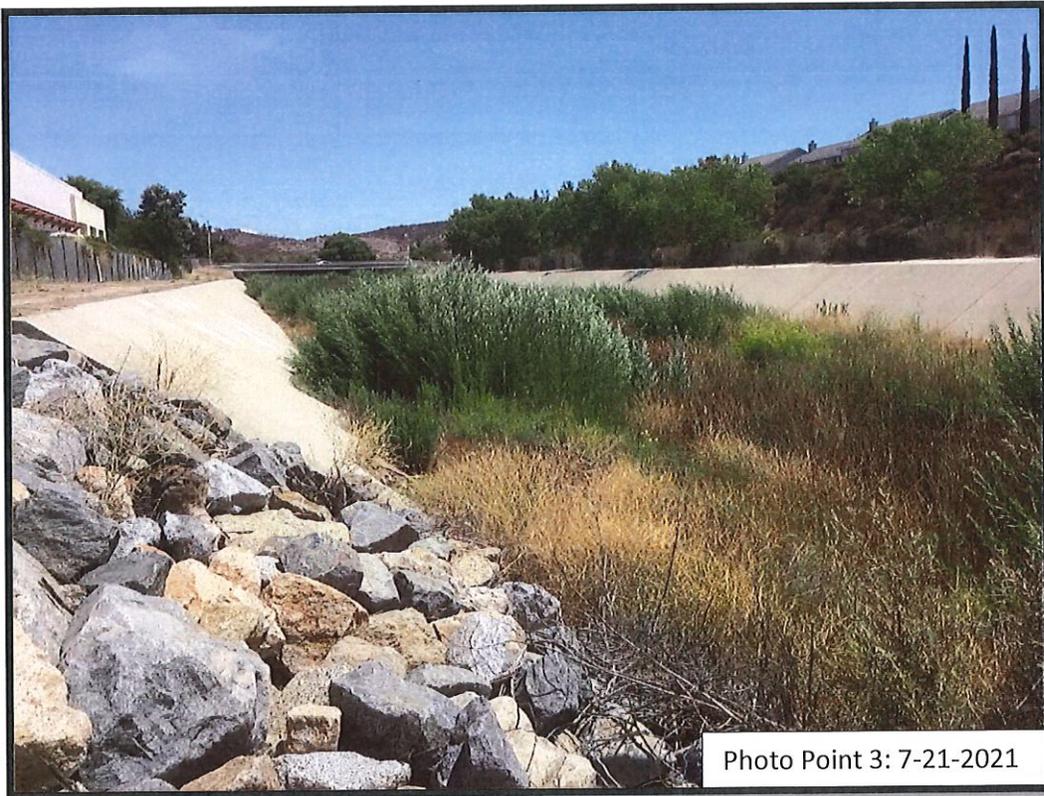


Photo Point 3: 7-21-2021

MAP

Tucalota Creek 1 & 2



CDFW REPORTS: TEAM RCD – RIV FLOOD TRANSIENT MONITORING

TUCALOCA CREEK III

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Site visits conducted on:

Wednesday 7-7-2021: A SAWA Lead Technician inspected Tucalota Creek Phase III. No transients were detected on site on this date.

Wednesday 7-21-2021: A SAWA Lead Technician inspected Tucalota Creek Phase III. No transients were detected on site on this date.

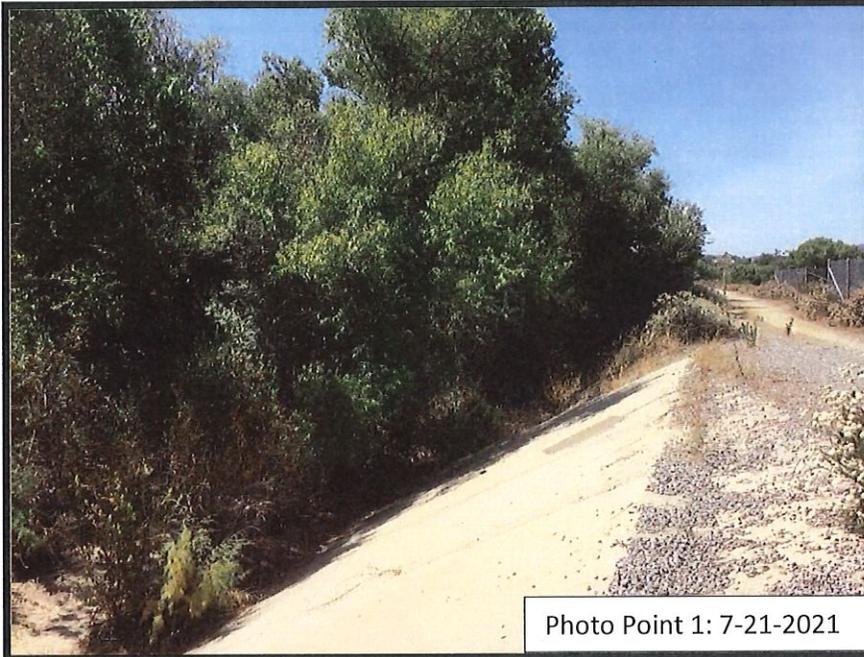
Geographic location: The Tucalota Creek Phase III site is located along a Riverside Flood Control drainage in the City of Murrieta near the intersection of Murrieta Hot Springs Road & Winchester Road.

PHOTOS

Photo Points:

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Photo Point 2: 33.54275° -117.14258°



MAP

Tucalota Creek - Phase III



140 70 0 140 Meters

NAD 83
12-8-20 JL
Tucalota Creek Phase III
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Subject **Re: Anza liaison work**
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Thanks Rose, for the clarifications. Please understand that I would not undertake any role on behalf of TEAM without the approval of the Board. My intent here is to keep you informed at a very preliminary level, which this is. While the Anza group was enthusiastic at Thursday's Zoom about seeking the support of the Supervisor around the raft of issues in the area, I sensed that a lot of work would have to go into preparing for any meeting.

I'm happy to provide more information about the RCAC/Anza group at the next board meeting, but suggest it is best kept to the report and not agendized, as there is no proposed project. If that changes, I will be in touch.

Teri

On 2021-07-19 11:48, Rose Corona wrote:

Teri,

Thank you for contacting me. As a reminder, as liaison, your role with TEAM RCD is to gather information regarding the Anza/Aguanga area as it relates to the TEAM RCD mission of conservation and habitat restoration and report back to the Board what is happening there. You may attend as many HOA or group meetings whose interests or concerns may intersect with our mission in order to obtain pertinent information that will keep our Board informed so that the Board can discuss the viability of involvement with potential projects in Anza/Aguanga.

At this time, since the Board is not aware as to who the Anza group is, who they represent, what the organization structure is, or what their concerns or goals are, it would be inappropriate for a Board Director of TEAM RCD to be brokering meetings with or for any group until the Board has knowledge of who the group is and more information on what they are trying to achieve, unless given the authority of the Board to do so, which at this time has not be authorized. It would be best to gather as much information as possible to present to the Board for them to review at the next meeting in order for the Directors to decide what direction and what kind of involvement they want TEAM RCD to have with this group and if there is a role for TEAM RCD to play in the conservation or habitat restoration arena of this area. Once more information is gathered, the Board will then decide whether they wish to have one of our Directors be performing the duties as a facilitator or broker on behalf of TEAM RCD and discuss with legal counsel as to whether this could present any kinds of conflicts.

The Board will also determine if what the Anza group wants to achieve is within our mission or whether their needs are best served by other County agencies. You may certainly give this group names of contacts that you have at Supervisor Washington's office in order for them to reach out to the Supervisor and let your contacts know the group members or leaders may be contacting them as a courtesy to the Supervisor's office. Or they are welcome to call directly to Supervisor Washington's Chief of Staff, Michelle DeArmond or one of her staff to get the ball rolling.

As to the Board weighing in on the content of the meeting, or any meeting, the Board Directors have every right to have discussion, ask questions and weigh in on any subject that potentially involves TEAM RCD. So, to ask that the Board accept a process with no information or discussion that might affect TEAM RCD now or in the future, could be perceived as an unreasonable request. Please forward any pertinent information to the office manager and we will put this on the next meeting's agenda.

Regards,

Rose Corona

On 2021-07-14 10:00, teri.biancardi@teamrcd.org wrote:

Rose,

I am in the very early stages of brokering a meeting between the Anza group I have been working with and Supervisor Washington's office. Both parties have indicated an interest in meeting but more details need to be worked out before that can happen.

Tomorrow the Anza group will meet and they will decide if they want to pursue a meeting. If so I will suggest we set up a working group to define a focus and develop a draft agenda. The goal of the meeting will be to identify a set of issues and potential solutions, and begin working on those. I see my role as facilitator, timekeeper, and to connect the parties to resources I may have, not a provider of solutions.

I'm writing to let you know of these very preliminary actions because, as you know, I don't understand the Norms policy which was just approved, and I don't want to find myself having transgressed somehow. So I will keep you apprised and you can steer the Norms part.

However I don't recommend that the Board weigh in on the content of the meeting should it happen, as that will be determined by the affected parties, and interjection from TEAM would likely be perceived as interference, which would jeopardize the trust that is being established. I also think the Board should support the process on the timeline that emerges, and not intervene in any way which will delay action.

I'll let you know if the Anza group decides to move forward.

Teri