

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Supervisor Jeff Stone

SUBMITTAL DATE: May 1, 2012

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 2012-129
Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside Creating a Murrieta Creek Joint Powers Authority

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board of Supervisors join me in approving the attached resolution to move forward for the creation of a joint powers authority.

BACKGROUND:

In January of 1993 the Cities of Murrieta and Temecula experienced a national flooding disaster as a result of the Murrieta Creek overtopping its banks. The next flood will likely be even more devastating. For decades Riverside County flood Control and Water Conservation District has been diligently working with United State Arm Corp of Engineers to design and ultimately fund the improvements to the Murrieta Creek. With the lack of sufficient federal funding the design and construction of this necessary infrastructure has resulted in continuing risk to the public and their property. Taxpayers have contributed more than \$30 million to Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District to pay for the eventual improvements of Murrieta Creek. We have received authorization from Congress on the overall project and stated that the Federal government would be responsible for funding 65%. Our local members of Congress have yet to be successful in obtaining the appropriations of these Federal monies to complete construction of Phases 2, 3 and 4.

JEFF STONE
Supervisor – Third District

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3 RESOLUTION NO. 2012-129

4 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE

5 COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE TO CREATE

6 A MURRIETA CREEK JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

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8 WHEREAS, the Cities of Temecula and Murrieta experienced a National flooding disaster as a
9 result of Murrieta Creek overtopping its banks in January 1993 causing millions of dollars in damage; and

10 WHEREAS, the results of the next large flood in the area could be even more devastating; and

11 WHEREAS, the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District has been
12 working diligently with the United States Army Corp of Engineers to design and ultimately fund the
13 improvements to Murrieta Creek for decades; and

14 WHEREAS, with the exception of Phase 1, a half-mile long reach at the downstream end of the
15 planned project, sufficient federal funding has yet been allocated to construct the seven miles of needed
16 improvements; and

17 WHEREAS, the lack of sufficient federal funding for the design and construction of this necessary
18 infrastructure has resulted in the continuing risk to the public and their property; and

19 WHEREAS, the taxpayers of Riverside County have contributed more than \$30 million to the
20 Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District to pay for the ultimate improvements of
21 Murrieta Creek; and

22 WHEREAS, Congress has authorized the overall project and declared that the Federal
23 Government would be responsible for funding 65% of the overall project; and

24 WHEREAS, our local members of Congress have yet to be successful in gaining the
25 appropriations of sufficient federal monies to complete construction of Phases 2, 3 and 4; and

26 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Riverside, the Cities of Temecula
27 and Murrieta, along with the Riverside Flood Control and Water Conservation District, form a Joint
28 Powers Authority (JPA) with the expressed goal of moving forward with the design and construction of
Murrieta Creek. The JPA will consist of members appointed by the respective Councils and Boards and
will be guided by the following basic tenets:

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- 2 • That the Joint Powers agree that moving ahead with the project design and construction, as
 - 3 quickly as possible, is the best way to ensure the safety of local citizens and their properties. This
 - 4 action will reduce the risks of morbidity and mortality associated with a catastrophic flooding
 - 5 event, as well as create many jobs for local residents seeking employment.
 - 6 • That the funds held by the Flood Control District for the Project (currently estimated to be over
 - 7 \$30 million), be used to design and construct as much of the project as possible.
 - 8 • That the Joint Powers act together to secure any other sources of funding needed to complete the
 - 9 project.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of

11 Riverside, State of California, in regular session assembled on May 8, 2012 as follows:

12 The Board hereby directs that following approval of resolutions by the cities of Murrieta and

13 Temecula to create a JPA, County Counsel to prepare a draft a joint powers agreement between the four

14 government agencies; Riverside County, the cities of Temecula and Murrieta, and the Riverside County

15 Flood Control and Water Conservation District; to move forward with the intent of this resolution.

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