



## REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**From:** Jason Simpson, City Manager

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**Date:** December 10, 2024

**Subject:** Streambed Alteration Agreement for Murrieta Creek Multi-use Trail Project

### **Recommendation**

Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a Streambed Alteration Agreement with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for the Murrieta Creek Multi-Use Trail project in such final form as approved by the City Attorney.

### **Background**

The Murrieta Creek Multi-Use Trail is a multi-jurisdiction, active transportation trail that is identified in the City's General Plan and Eastlake Specific Plan adopted in 2017. The proposed Murrieta Creek Multi-Use Trail extends Skylark Drive and the Lake Levee Trail.

The City is currently in final design for the Murrieta Creek Multi-Use Trail project. The City's consultant, Chen Ryan Associates, is providing services to complete the final design, permitting, and acquisition of right-of-way and mitigation credits for the project.

### **Discussion**

Streambed Alteration Agreement (SAA) would be entered between the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and the City of Lake Elsinore. CDFW has determined the Murrieta Creek Multi-Use Trail project could substantially adversely affect existing fish or wildlife resources. Necessary mitigation measures to protect the impacted resources are identified in the SAA, and the City must satisfy each measure identified in the SAA to mitigate the impacts of the Murrieta Creek Multi-Use project. Measures included are administrative, general wildlife protection and prevention, compensatory, and reporting.

Execution of the SAA would allow for the project to request ATP grant funding allocation for the construction phase of the project.

**Fiscal Impact**

ATP Cycle 4 grant funding was used to cover the cost of the City's consultant to prepare the final Streambed Alteration Agreement documents for the Murrieta Creek Multi-Use Trail project.

**Attachments**

Attachment 1 - Streambed Alteration Agreement