



REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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Date: May 13, 2025

Subject: Cultural Resources Treatment and Tribal Monitoring Agreement with the Pechanga Band of Indians for the Murrieta Creek Multi-Use Trail Project

Recommendation

Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a Cultural Resources Treatment and Tribal Monitoring Agreement with the Pechanga Band of Indians for the Murrieta Creek Multi-Use Trail Project.

Background

In 2019, the City applied for and was awarded Active Transportation Program Cycle 4 grant funding to design and construct the Murrieta Creek Multi-Use Trail extending between Skylark Drive and the Lake Levee Trail. The Murrieta Creek Trail is a multi-jurisdictional, active transportation trail consistent with the City's General Plan and Eastlake Specific Plan adopted in 2017.

The final design of the Murrieta Creek Multi-Use Trail project has been completed, and the project will be in bid for construction. The construction contract is expected to be awarded in late Summer for 2025. Construction of the project is anticipated to be completed in 2026. As part of the project's mitigation monitoring and reporting program, the project is required to mitigate for any cultural resource findings.

Discussion

Cultural Resources Treatment and Tribal Monitoring Agreement (Agreement) between the Pechanga Band and the City formalizes procedures for the treatment of Native American findings, such as human remains, goods, objects, and cultural items, that are found during the construction of the project. The agreement also formalizes procedures for Tribal Monitoring during all ground-disturbing activities in conjunction with the project, including archaeological testing, studies, surveys, and staging activities.

Fiscal Impact

The costs associated with this agreement are programmed within the City's CIP budget.

Attachments

Attachment 1 - Agreement

