

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE URBAN COMMUNITY DROUGHT RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM

Public Utilities Department

City Council
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BACKGROUND

1. In 2014, the City Council approved the City's participation in the planning efforts for the Upper Santa Ana River Habitat Conservation Plan (SARHCP), led by San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (Valley).
2. The SARHCP will enable the construction of local water supply projects that are less expensive than purchasing imported water, as well as improve tributaries to the Santa Ana River located in the City of Riverside.
3. The City is leading the Riverside Habitat, Parks and Water Project (RHPWP), which is a key component of the SARHCP. It will deliver recycled water critical for the restoration efforts of tributaries.



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URBAN COMMUNITY DROUGHT RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM

1. Provides financial assistance to address drought impacts through the implementation of projects with multiple benefits
2. Requires 25% in matched funding, with in-kind services accepted as a local cost-share
3. Provides reimbursement for up to 75% of total eligible costs with minimum grant award of \$5 million
 - a. RPU requesting funding for up to \$25 million for the first-phase of the RHPWP (West Branch)

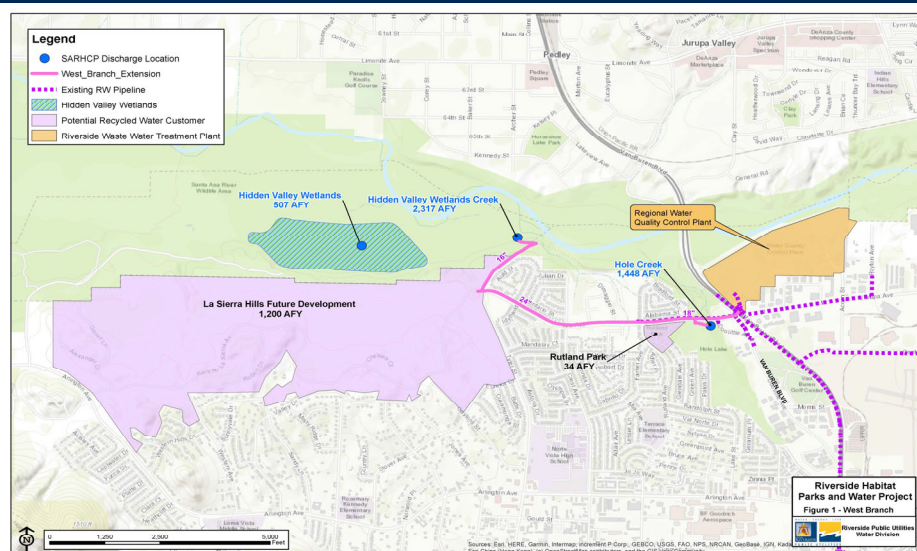


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RIVERSIDE HABITAT, PARKS, AND WATER PROJECT – WEST BRANCH

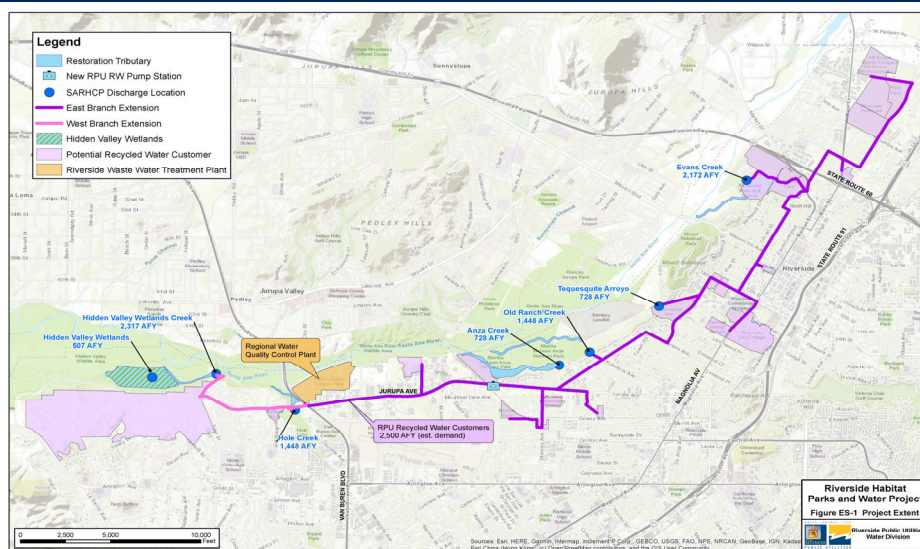


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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT



Strategic Priority 4 – Environmental Stewardship

Goal 4.2 – Sustainably manage local water resources to maximize reliability and advance water reuse to ensure safe, reliable, and affordable water to our community.

Cross-Cutting Threads



Community Trust



Fiscal Responsibility



Sustainability & Resiliency



Equity



Innovation



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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. Adopt a resolution authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Department of Water Resources Urban Community Drought Relief Grant Program for Riverside Public Utilities' Riverside Habitat, Parks, and Water Project in the estimated amount of \$25 million;
2. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to accept the amount awarded and execute all grant documents, including making minor and non-substantive changes to documents associated with the grant;
3. With at least five affirmative votes, upon grant award authorize a supplemental appropriation in the awarded amount to account numbers to be established by the Finance Department; and
4. Upon grant award, authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record an increase in revenues and appropriate expenditures in the estimated grant award amount of \$25 million in account numbers to be established by the Finance Department.



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