

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
CALIFORNIA**

For the Agenda of:  
September 11, 2009

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Office of Budget and Debt Management

Subject: Report Back – \$720,400 Budgeted for Rancho Murieta Tree Removal Mitigation

Supervisorial  
District: All

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**BACKGROUND**

During the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Final Budget hearings on September 10, 2009, the Board requested that the Office of Budget and Debt Management report back on the \$720,400 budgeted for the Rancho Murieta Tree Removal Mitigation.

**DISCUSSION**

Just over a year ago, Sacramento County, per court order, removed more than 10 acres of riparian habitat along the Cosumnes River near Rancho Murieta Airport. The property is assigned to Regional Parks, and known as the Rancho Murieta Recreation Area. In order to meet National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, the County needed to mitigate the loss of federal and state protected species. Mitigation projects should take place in a timely manner, and generally take place 1-2 years after a project has been completed.

The \$720,400 is budgeted in the Non-Departmental Costs/General Fund budget unit. Of this amount, \$359,150 has already been spent. The balance is has not been committed but the mitigations efforts need to be completed in a timely manner. The County needs to demonstrate to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and CA Fish and Game that County is meeting it's requirements for mitigation. Regional Parks believes \$50,000 to initiate design and plans for elderberry mitigation would satisfy that purpose, leaving a balance of \$311,250 available for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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