



COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

TRANSPORTATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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Transportation Department NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

September 11, 2023

PROJECT TITLE: Buck Road/Warren Road Resurfacing
Work Order # ZD10063C Task Code # Z1530

PROJECT SPONSOR: County of Riverside Transportation Department

PROJECT LOCATION: Communities of Rancho California and
French Valley

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The County of Riverside Transportation Department is proposing to resurface approximately 6,300 feet of Buck Rd/Warren Rd. The project starts on the southern end at the intersection of Buck Rd. and Rancho California Rd., as the road bends to the north it changes to Warren Rd. The project ends on the north end at the intersection of Warren Rd. and Borel Rd. Buck Rd./Warren Rd. is a two-lane, 26 foot wide road, classified as a Mountain Arterial in the County of Riverside's General Plan. The proposed work will consist of grinding in place the existing Asphalt Concrete (AC) pavement, perform moisture conditioning and recompacting of existing material, and pave with Hot Mix Asphalt.

The proposed project will also include:

- Reconstruction of AC dike
- Partial pavement resurfacing of abutting streets
- Construction of AC driveways
- Placement of safety edge and shoulder backing
- Utility valve can adjustments
- Re-striping of roadway, including pavement markers/reflectors
- Salvage/removal of existing signs and installation of new signs

The project improvements will be within the existing footprint of the roadway and will not raise the roadway profile. No additional right-of-way or Temporary Construction Easements will be required to construct the proposed improvements.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

Safety and maintenance improvements on Buck/Warren Road will be conducted by the County of Riverside Transportation Department who is a permittee as defined by the Western Riverside Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan (WRMSHCP). The proposed improvements occur within the WRMSHCP Criteria Area and Section 7.3.4 (Existing Roads within Criteria Cells) states that

necessary operation and maintenance activities such as grading existing dirt roadways, curbs/gutters/sidewalks, roadway widening and resurfacing conducted for safety purposes are considered covered road maintenance activities and do not require compliance with other WRMSHCP plan requirements, such as riparian/riverine (Section 6.1.2) and species survey requirements (Sections 6.1.3 and 6.3.2). These covered activities are subject to compliance with Appendix C – Best Management Practices of the WRMSHCP.”

If tree and/or vegetation removal takes place during the migratory bird breeding season (February 1 – September 1), a preconstruction nesting survey will be conducted pursuant to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 and California Fish and Game Codes Section 3503, 3503.5, 3513, and 3800.

The County of Riverside Transportation Department has found that the above-described project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, based on the following:

Section 15301 (c) – Existing Facilities – The proposed project of grinding existing pavement and repaving with asphalt concrete is consistent with Categorical Exemption 15301 (c) which exempts existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trail, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety). Furthermore, the project does not create additional automobile lanes and involves minimal to no expansion of use of the existing roadway and associated facilities.

By: Don Copeland, Senior Transportation Planner

Signed: Jan Bulinski
Jan Bulinski, Environmental Project Manager



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DATE: September 11, 2023

TO: Josefina Castillo-Avila, ACR Technician III

FROM: Jan Bulinski, Environmental Project Manager

RE: **Project Name: Buck/Warren Road Resurfacing Project**
W.O.#ZD10063C Task Code # Z1530

The County of Riverside Transportation Department is requesting that you post the attached Notice of Exemption per County Implementing Resolution No. 82-213, Division 11, Section 205C. Attached you will find an authorization to bill by journal voucher in the amount of \$50.00 for your posting fee.

After posting, please return the document to Mail Stop #2136, Attention: _Don Copeland. If you have any questions, please contact Don at dcopelan@rivco.org.

Attachment

cc: file

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE CLERK & RECORDER

**AUTHORIZATION
TO BILL
BY JOURNAL VOUCHER**

-TO BE FILLED IN BY SUBMITTING AGENCY-
537280-20000-3130500000 ZD10063C Z1530

AUTHORIZATION NUMBER: W.O.#ZD10063C, Task Code Z1530

AMOUNT: \$50.00

DATE: September 11, 2023

AGENCY: County of Riverside Transportation Department

THIS AUTHORIZES THE COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER TO ISSUE A VOUCHER FOR PAYMENT OF ALL FILING AND HANDLING FEES FOR THE ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENT(S).

NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS INCLUDED: One (1)

AUTHORIZED BY: Jan Bulinski, Environmental Project Manager

Signature: *Jan Bulinski*

PRESENTED BY: Don Copeland, Senior Transportation Planner

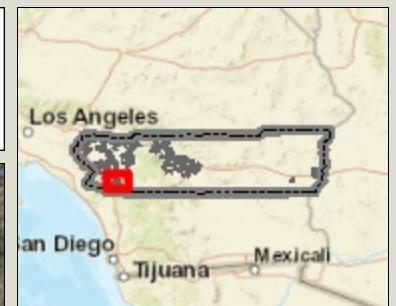
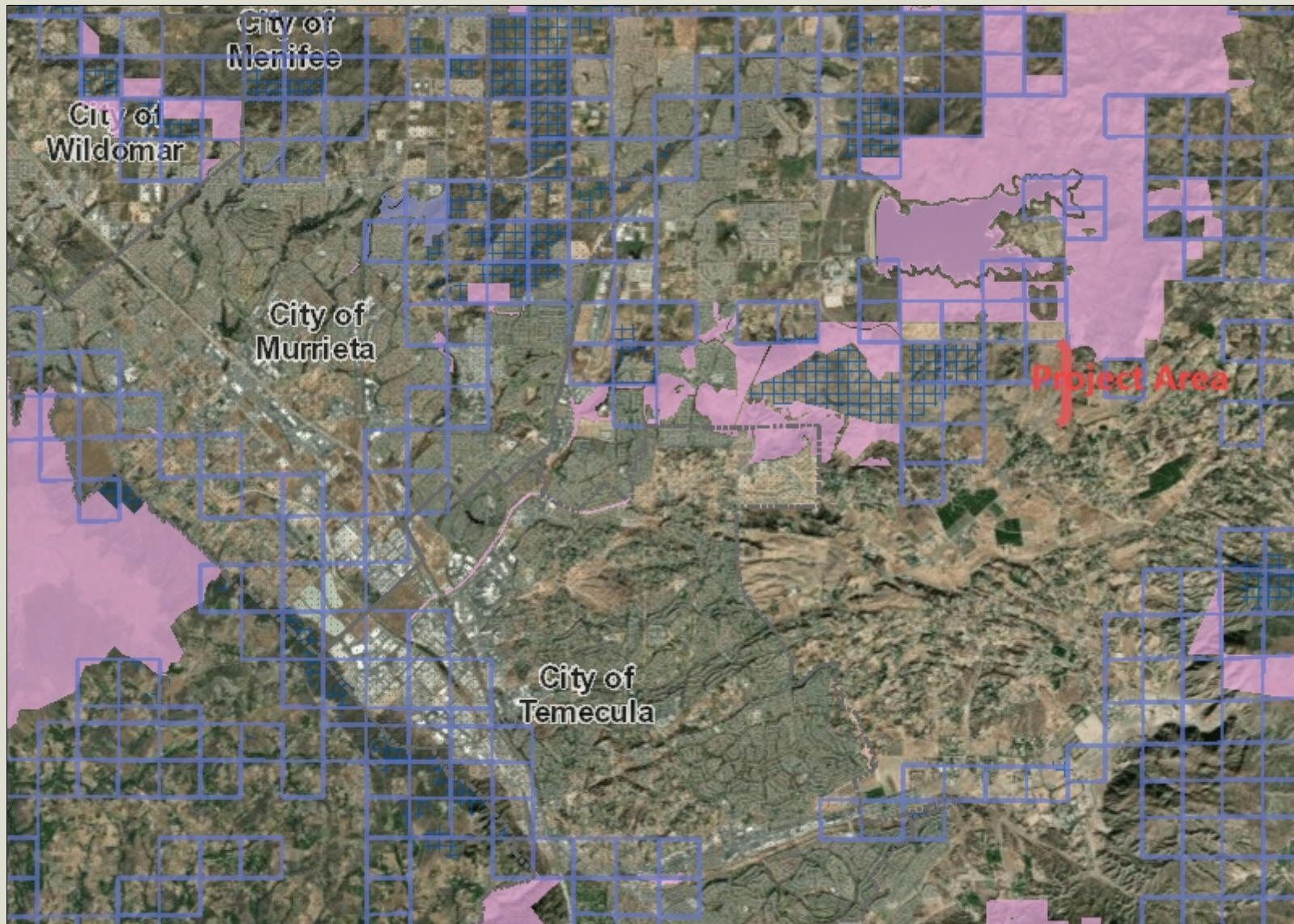
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