

## **12.0 CITY OF TEMECULA**

The services that are provided by the City of Temecula (City) and included within this MSR include:

- Law Enforcement
- Fire Protection
- Solid Waste
- Storm Water Drainage
- Roadways and Circulation
- Parks and Recreation
- Library Services
- Animal Control

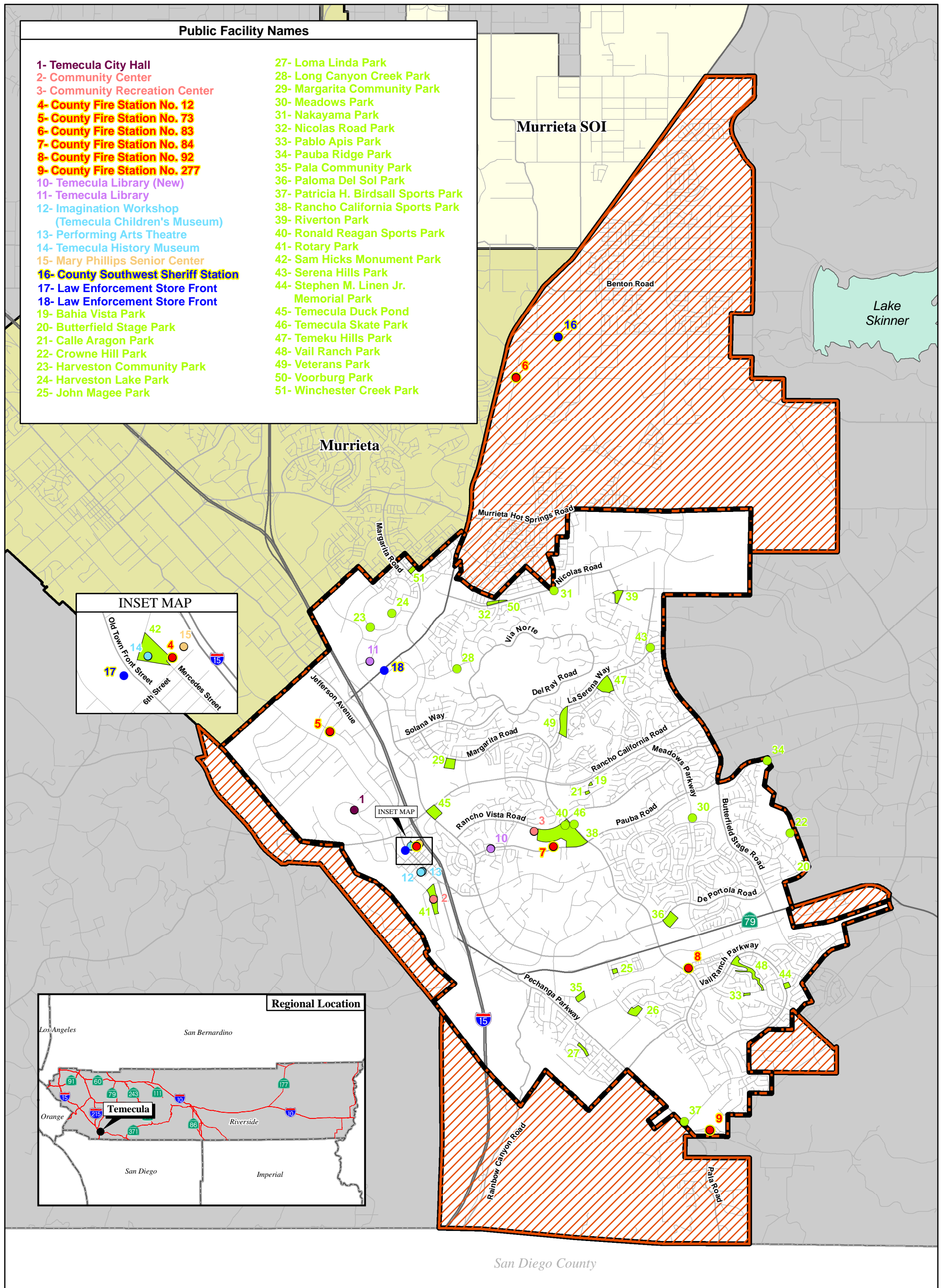
### **12.1 LOCATION AND GOVERNANCE**

The City of Temecula is located in southwest Riverside County. The City is bordered by the unincorporated De Luz area to the west; the City of Murrieta to the north; unincorporated County of Riverside land to the east; and the Pechanga Indian Reservation, Bureau of Land Management lands, and unincorporated portions of San Diego County to the south. I-15 bisects the western portion of Temecula from north to south.

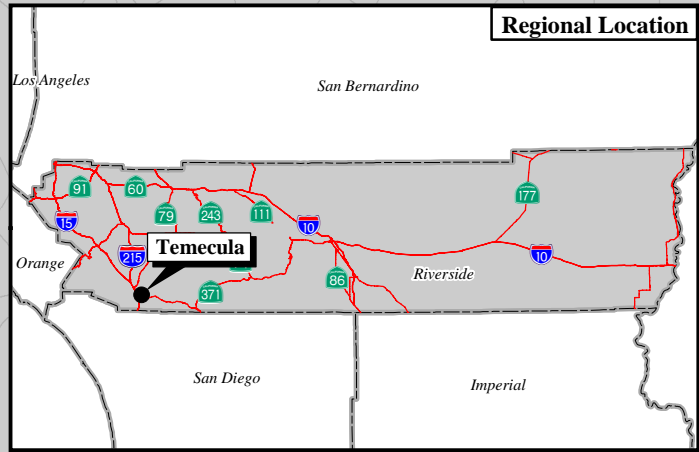
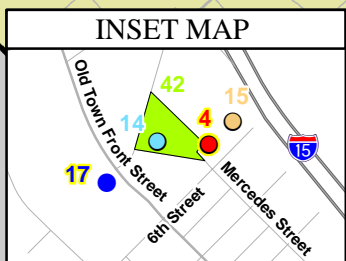
The City encompasses 19,291.71 acres and consists of a mix of residential, commercial, and industrial uses, with single-family residential neighborhoods comprising approximately 31 percent of the land area. The City's SOI comprises 13,914.40 acres and is more rural and agricultural in character.

The City of Temecula was incorporated on December 1, 1989, and is governed by a Council/Manager form of government. Temecula's City Council consists of the Mayor and four Council members. Members are elected at-large to four-year terms. The City Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. The meetings are televised. The meeting agendas are available on the Friday afternoon prior to the meeting. The agendas are posted at the following locations: City Hall, Temecula Public Library, Temecula Chamber of Commerce, and the Temecula Community Center. The agenda and previous meeting minutes are also available on the City's Web site. In addition, copies of the supporting documentation (agenda reports) for each item are available in the City Clerk's Office for public review.

The City has several citizen advisory committees, which provide for increased public participation. These citizen advisory committees include: Community Services Commission, Public/Traffic Safety Commission, Old Town Local Review Board, and the Old Town Redevelopment Advisory Committee. In addition, the City provides for public participation by publishing a quarterly newsletter. The newsletter includes information on community events, programs, and services.



- Public Facility Names**
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| 1- Temecula City Hall                                    | 27- Loma Linda Park                       |
| 2- Community Center                                      | 28- Long Canyon Creek Park                |
| 3- Community Recreation Center                           | 29- Margarita Community Park              |
| 4- County Fire Station No. 12                            | 30- Meadows Park                          |
| 5- County Fire Station No. 73                            | 31- Nakayama Park                         |
| 6- County Fire Station No. 83                            | 32- Nicolas Road Park                     |
| 7- County Fire Station No. 84                            | 33- Pablo Apis Park                       |
| 8- County Fire Station No. 92                            | 34- Pauba Ridge Park                      |
| 9- County Fire Station No. 277                           | 35- Pala Community Park                   |
| 10- Temecula Library (New)                               | 36- Paloma Del Sol Park                   |
| 11- Temecula Library                                     | 37- Patricia H. Birdsall Sports Park      |
| 12- Imagination Workshop<br>(Temecula Children's Museum) | 38- Rancho California Sports Park         |
| 13- Performing Arts Theatre                              | 39- Riverton Park                         |
| 14- Temecula History Museum                              | 40- Ronald Reagan Sports Park             |
| 15- Mary Phillips Senior Center                          | 41- Rotary Park                           |
| 16- County Southwest Sheriff Station                     | 42- Sam Hicks Monument Park               |
| 17- Law Enforcement Store Front                          | 43- Serena Hills Park                     |
| 18- Law Enforcement Store Front                          | 44- Stephen M. Linen Jr.<br>Memorial Park |
| 19- Bahia Vista Park                                     | 45- Temecula Duck Pond                    |
| 20- Butterfield Stage Park                               | 46- Temecula Skate Park                   |
| 21- Calle Aragon Park                                    | 47- Temeku Hills Park                     |
| 22- Crowne Hill Park                                     | 48- Vail Ranch Park                       |
| 23- Harveston Community Park                             | 49- Veterans Park                         |
| 24- Harveston Lake Park                                  | 50- Voorburg Park                         |
| 25- John Magee Park                                      | 51- Winchester Creek Park                 |



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**Legend**

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|-------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| City of Temecula Limits | Unincorporated Areas                   | Senior Center               |
| City of Temecula        | City Hall                              | Sheriff Station (County)    |
| Sphere of Influence     | Community Center/<br>Recreation Center | Law Enforcement Store Front |
| Surrounding City Limits | Fire Station (County)                  | Parks and Recreation        |
| Surrounding City        | Library                                |                             |
| Sphere of Influence     | Museum/Theater                         |                             |

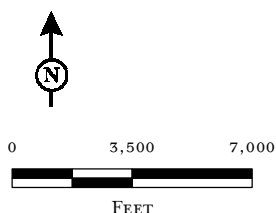


FIGURE 12.1

Riverside LAFCO  
Municipal Service Review  
City of Temecula

SOURCE: Riverside LAFCO, City of Temecula, TBM (2005)  
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## 12.2 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The City adopts an annual budget. This process begins when departmental budget submittals are prepared and reviewed by line item in connection with projected revenues and detailed performance objectives. Five-year revenue and expenditure projections are also developed to identify the future impacts of proposed staffing and program changes, as well as the impact of proposed capital improvement projects.

City Council budget workshops are held to receive public comment prior to formal consideration for adoption. The City Council approves the annual budget prior to the beginning of the new fiscal year. The City Council has the authority to amend the budget at any time during the fiscal year. The City Manager has the authority to make adjustments within departmental budgets. Budgetary controls at the department level are maintained to ensure compliance with the budget as approved by the City Council. City staff who have budgetary responsibilities are provided with biweekly budget-versus-actual expenditure reports. Similarly, quarterly financial statements are prepared for the City Council, which include a budget-to-actual analysis for both revenues and expenditures. As shown in Table 12.A, the City has had revenues that exceeded expenses. Similarly, the budget for FY 2005–06 is expected to result in revenues that exceed expenditures.

**Table 12.A: City of Temecula Summary of Total Revenues and Total Expenses**

|                     | 2003         | 2004          | 2005          |
|---------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Total Expenses      | \$66,614,763 | \$75,022,806  | \$80,426,752  |
| Total Revenues      | \$86,150,419 | \$128,021,052 | \$129,432,095 |
| Net Revenues (Loss) | \$19,535,656 | \$52,998,246  | \$49,005,343  |

Source: Comprehensive Annual Finance Reports for the fiscal years ending 2004 and 2005.

To ensure fiscal stability, the City has adopted performance objectives, which include maintaining a \$10 million reserve for economic uncertainty and utilizing a five-year financial plan to determine the future impact of proposed programs and capital improvement projects. The five-year forecast within the FY 2004–05 budget states that the City anticipates that available operating revenues will more than exceed anticipated operating expenditures over the next five years. At the end of FY 2005, the City had a total of \$32,764,910 in reserves and \$80,371,914 in designations, which are funds designated for specific future costs.

The Temecula Community Services District was formed with the incorporation of the City on December 1, 1989. The District was formed to levy and collect special assessments in order to provide public services. The District provides parks; recreation programs; median and slope maintenance; street lighting; and recycling and solid waste collection services. The special assessments are approved by the Board of Directors (City Council) on an annual basis and are included in the annual property tax levy.

The City also annually adopts a five-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget, which serves as a planning tool to coordinate the financing and scheduling of major projects undertaken by the City. The CIP budget is developed based on community comments, workshops, availability of funding, and priority ranking guidelines set by the City Council. The 2005–2009 CIP identifies a total of 111 projects consisting of 38 circulation projects totaling \$284,329,338; 27 infrastructure/other

projects totaling \$98,089,488; and 39 park projects totaling \$45,136,385. Of these projects, \$122,357,869 in expenditures was proposed for FY 2004–05. The CIP includes over \$142 million in projects with unspecified funding sources. These projects have been identified as necessary infrastructure for the City and will require identified funding sources before the projects can commence. Some of the large projects planned for construction in the next few years include two fire stations, a 40-acre sports complex, a community theater, library, gymnasium, maintenance facility expansion, and various park improvements. At times the City utilizes long-term debt to fund capital projects. At the end of FY 2005, the City had a total of \$38,083,866 in long-term debt.

To ensure that fees for services are adequate to cover service expenses and necessary maintenance and upgrades, in 2004 the City of Temecula conducted a cost of services study. This study determined the full cost of services for which user fees are currently being charged or could be charged. This “full cost” includes all direct and indirect costs associated with providing each service, including direct support costs from other departments; program, divisional, and department support; and Citywide overhead.

The study provided recommendations to:

- Structure fees to accurately reflect the processes and organization of the divisions
- Simplify fee schedules to make them easier to implement and easier to understand
- Create a nexus between the fees and the cost of services provided
- Ensure that the fees are reasonable and fair
- Ensure that the fees are rational and defensible
- Build a fee structure that recovers the full cost of providing services in order to ensure continued funding at current service levels

The study identified that generally the City was charging less than the full actual cost of providing the services. The cost analysis included within the study sought to rectify each instance and identify the actual cost to allow the City to align the fees with the costs more accurately. Pursuant to this study, the City revised fees for services.

Similarly, to ensure that new development funds the extension of infrastructure and services that would serve new areas, the City levies development impact fees, which include:

- Street system improvement fees
- Traffic system control fees
- Corporate facilities fees
- Police facilities fees
- Fire facilities fees
- Park and recreation facilities fees
- Open space and trails development fees
- Library fees

The City Council annually adopts an investment policy, which is intended to minimize credit and market risks, while maintaining a competitive yield on its portfolio. Idle funds are invested in accordance with this policy, primarily in a pooled investment account administered by the State. The policy identifies the City Treasurer as the person responsible for daily management of the investment program. In addition, the City Treasurer is required to provide monthly investment reports to the City Manager and City Council.

### **12.3 LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES**

The City of Temecula provides law enforcement services through a service contract with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. The City's contract provides for specific levels of service (e.g., number of patrol hours, number of officers). The County Sheriff's station that provides services to the City is the Southwest Station, which is located at 30755-A Auld Road in Murrieta. This station also serves the unincorporated communities of Aguanga, De Luz, La Cresta, Menifee, Murrieta Hot Springs, Pechanga, and Rancho California. The City also provides two storefront office locations to provide law enforcement services. One facility is located in Old Town Temecula and one in the Promenade Mall.

The City provides several crime prevention and law enforcement programs, which include: Temecula Against Graffiti, a volunteer anti-graffiti program; Trashbusters, a joint Volunteer/ Reserve/Problem-Oriented Policing team program focusing on illegal dumping; Enforce Responsible Alcohol Consumption in Temecula, a program using the traffic unit, Problem-Oriented Policing teams, and reserve officers to target alcohol-related enforcement; and the Off-Road Vehicle Program, which utilizes reserve officers, Problem-Oriented Policing teams, and the mounted posse for off-road vehicle enforcement.

In addition, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department provides the following services as needed: Special Enforcement Bureau, Special Investigations Bureau (drug enforcement task forces, Hazardous Device Team, high tech/computer crime investigations, Central Homicide Unit), County Canine Program, Aviation Program, and Investigative Forensics support.

A total of 171 Sheriff's Department personnel are allocated to the Southwest Sheriff's station, including 140 sworn officer positions, of which 32 are vacant. There are also 31 nonsworn positions that are authorized for the station; however, 5 of these positions are currently vacant. The City's contract for services includes 170.7 patrol hours per day, which is the approximate equivalent of 35 sworn officers per day, at 1,780 annual productive hours per position standard. In addition to the patrol officers, the City has contracted for the following dedicated positions:

- 1 Sheriff's Lieutenant
- 2 Sheriff's Sergeant positions
- 2 Deputy Sheriff (fully supported ) positions: Special Enforcement Team
- 10 Deputy Sheriff (fully supported) positions: Community Policing Team
- 18 Deputy Sheriff (fully supported) positions: Traffic/Motorcycle Team
- 1 Deputy Sheriff (fully supported) position: K-9 Deputy

- 1 Deputy Sheriff (fully supported) Southwest Corridor Task Force
- 4 Deputy Sheriff (unsupported) positions-School Resource Officers (year-round)
- 13 Community Service Office II positions
- 1 Community Service Officer position

In total the City’s service contract provides for 76 sworn officers and 12 nonsworn officers. The City’s General Plan objective is to provide a minimum of 1 full-time officer per 1,000 residents. However, the current services contract provides for 0.93 sworn officers per 1,000 residents, which is lower than the objective.

The City has a General Plan policy to evaluate staffing levels to ensure that adequate police protection continues to be provided as changes in population and development occur and on an annual basis as part of the City Council’s budgeting process. For example, to provide adequate services in FY 2005–06, the City budgeted for the addition of seven patrol officers, two motorcycle officers, and one school resource officer.

In FY 2004–05 there were 20,547 calls for service from the City. Calls for services are received at the central dispatch center, where they are prioritized by the information provided by the caller. The highest priority calls are dispatched first. Of these calls, there were 563 (or 2.74 percent) Priority One calls from the City area. Priority One calls are calls for service that involve life-threatening or potentially life-threatening situations and the dispatch of an officer or officers is urgent.

The City and Sheriff’s Department do not have a defined response time goal. Response times are subject to the volume of calls, their priority, and the number of deputies available to respond. Table 12.B provides the average response times for Priority One, Two, and Three calls in FY 2004–05.

**Table 12.B: Average Law Enforcement Response Times (Fiscal Year 2004–2005)**

|                | <b>Temecula City</b> | <b>Southwest Station<br/>Unincorporated Area</b> |
|----------------|----------------------|--|
| Priority One   | 5.36 minutes         | 10.78 minutes                                    |
| Priority Two   | 9.56 minutes         | 16.47 minutes                                    |
| Priority Three | 15.06 minutes        | 22.30 minutes                                    |

Source: Riverside County Sheriff, December 2005.

## 12.4 FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

The City of Temecula provides fire protection services through a contract with the Riverside County Fire Department. There are five stations that serve the City. The City contract provides funding for 55 firefighters, 7 engine companies, 2 paramedic squads, and 1 truck company. The stations are staffed by both paid and volunteer personnel. Table 12.C identifies the fire facilities and equipment serving Temecula.

**Table 12.C: Riverside County Fire Stations Serving the City of Temecula**

| <b>Station/Location</b>                               | <b>Equipment</b>                          |
|---|---|
| Station No. 12<br>28830 Mercedes Street               | 1 City medic engine                       |
| Station No. 73<br>27415 Enterprise Circle West        | 1 City engine<br>1 truck<br>1 medic squad |
| Station No. 83<br>37500 Sky Canyon Drive,<br>Murrieta | 1 City/County engine                      |
| Station No. 84<br>30650 Pauba Road                    | 1 City engine<br>1 medic squad            |
| Station No. 92<br>32364 Overland Trail                | 1 City medic engine                       |

Table 12.D provides FY 2004–05 service calls for the stations that service the City. All fire department service calls, other than miscellaneous, are considered Priority One calls. As shown, the majority of calls were for medical aid services.

**Table 12.D: Riverside County Fire Department Service Calls (Fiscal Year 2004–2005)**

| <b>Station No.</b> | <b>Fires</b> | <b>Medical Aid</b> | <b>Hazmat</b> | <b>Misc.</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| 12                 | 211          | 711                | 8             | 373          | 1,303        |
| 73                 | 417          | 911                | 3             | 410          | 1,741        |
| 83                 | 115          | 631                | 4             | 181          | 931          |
| 84                 | 182          | 1,102              | 3             | 231          | 1,518        |
| 92                 | 219          | 582                | 6             | 219          | 1,026        |

Source: Riverside County Fire Department, December 2005.

The City’s 2005–2006 budget states that the City’s goal is to maintain 5-minute response times and to apply an extinguishing agent in 7–8 minutes for 90 percent of all service calls. Table 12.E provides the response times by station. The response times listed reflect the time from when the call was dispatched to when the department arrived on scene. To provide increased medical aid, the City began the Faster Ambulance Service in Temecula Program on July 27, 1999. The program consists of a paramedic squad vehicle, which responds to calls inside the City limits within 5 minutes.

**Table 12.E: Fire Station Response Time (Fiscal Year 2004–2005)**

| <b>Station No.</b> | <b>Response Time</b> |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| 12                 | 4:27 minutes         |
| 73                 | 3:55 minutes         |
| 83                 | 6:20 minutes         |
| 84                 | 4:57 minutes         |
| 92                 | 5:07 minutes         |

Source: Riverside County Fire Department, June 2006.

The City has adopted General Plan policies to provide adequate service levels. The policies provide the following:

- Require new development to address fire service proactively through appropriate design
- Provide facilities, staffing, and equipment necessary to maintain a 5-minute response time for 90 percent of all emergencies
- Coordinate with the County of Riverside to locate and phase new facilities to ensure that adequate service levels are maintained
- Periodically evaluate levels of fire and emergency medical services, based on changes in population and development, and maintain facilities, staffing, and equipment necessary to maintain a 5-minute response time for 90 percent of all emergencies

The California Master Mutual Aid Agreement provides for the rapid, organized deployment of fire service resources to other jurisdictions. All fire service providers in and around the MSR area are signatory to this agreement and would provide available resources to an incident occurring in the MSR area.

## **12.5 SOLID WASTE SERVICES**

Solid waste service in Temecula is provided by the City through a service contract with CR&R Disposal. The solid waste that is collected within the City is hauled to the following Class III landfills that accept construction/demolition waste, dead animals, and mixed municipal refuse. Additional detail regarding these facilities is located in Appendix A.

- Badlands Sanitary Landfill
- Colton Sanitary Landfill
- El Sobrante Landfill
- Frank R. Bowerman Sanitary Landfill
- Lamb Canyon Sanitary Landfill
- Olinda Alpha Sanitary Landfill
- Puente Hills Landfill



The City’s service contract includes a curbside recycling program. CR&R Disposal supplies each single-family home with three 60-gallon, color-coded containers. Yard waste is placed in the green bin; co-mingled recyclables (glass, aluminum, paper, tin, plastics, cardboard, etc.) are placed in the gray or blue container; and everything else is placed in the black can for transport to the landfill.

In 2000, the City of Temecula disposed of 69,509 tons of solid waste in landfills. The CIWMB shows that the solid waste disposal generation factor for the City is 2 pounds per resident per day and 11.4 pounds per employee per day.

Diversion rates are defined as the percentage of total solid waste that a jurisdiction diverted from being disposed in landfills through reduction, reuse, recycling programs, and composting programs. The California Public Resources Code (PRC 41780) requires all jurisdictions to achieve 50 percent solid waste diversion. Per the CIWMB, the City was below this goal with a 47 percent diversion rate in 2003, which is the most recent data posted.

**Solid Waste Rates**

The City’s franchise agreement with CR&R Disposal provides for annual rate adjustments based on specific criteria, which include annual Consumer Price Index adjustments and landfill tipping fee adjustments. Based on this, the City increased rates for solid waste services by 3.3 percent for FY 2005–06. The City has a flat rate for residential solid waste services, which is dependent on the type of pickup. Commercial rates are based on the refuse bin size and by number of pickups per week. Table 12.F provides Temecula’s current solid waste rates.

**Table 12.F: Monthly Solid Waste Rates**

| Service                   | Rate   |
|---------------------------|--|
| Residential               | \$15.45 +<br>\$6.34 per container                                    |
| Commercial and Industrial | From \$73.77 up,<br>depending upon bin size and<br>number of pickups |

**12.6 STORM WATER DRAINAGE**

The City’s Department of Public Works Maintenance Division is responsible for the maintenance of the City’s local storm drains, including pumping stations and catch basins. The City’s storm water drainage infrastructure consists of 52 miles of underground storm drains and 7 miles of improved open channels and is designed to handle a 100-year storm event. In July 2005, the City adopted a Stormwater Management Plan, which describes the City’s drainage management programs and activities.

Regional flood control facilities, including major channels and storm drains, are under the jurisdiction of the RCFCWCD. Within Temecula the RCFCWCD owns and maintains 22 miles of underground storm drains and has developed and implemented the regional Murrieta Creek Area Master Drainage

Plan. The City coordinates the maintenance of all the storm water drainage facilities with RCFCWCD. Typically, storm drain facilities greater than 36 inches in diameter and most open channels are owned and maintained by RCFCWCD. However, each system within the City is subject to a Cooperation and Maintenance Agreement.

Within Temecula, the City’s drainage facilities do not appear to have any existing infrastructure deficiencies. However, Murrieta Creek, which is the major regional drainage course through the City, presents some flood control concerns even though it has been channelized (in part) and improved for flood control since the 1930s. Flooding problems in the Murrieta Creek watershed are common and are related to inadequate capacity of the existing drainage network, particularly in Old Town. Overtopping of the Murrieta Creek channel by floodwaters during major rain storms occurs and causes the flood inundation of structures and automobiles and results in property damage and safety risks. Because of this, RCFCWCD is addressing regional flood control issues within Temecula through infrastructure improvements such as bank enhancements and increasing channel capacity to accommodate a 100-year flood.

To ensure that adequate flood control capacity is available to support new development, all proposed development projects within the City of Temecula and its SOI are reviewed by the RCFCWCD prior to approval by the City of Temecula or Riverside County. Additionally, new development projects are required to provide on-site drainage connecting to the City’s drainage system and to pay area drainage fees of \$2,291 per acre of development. The drainage fee revenues are used to support capacity expansion within the storm water drainage system.

## 12.7 ROADWAYS AND CIRCULATION

The City’s existing roadways are comprised of 201 miles (41,979,157 square feet) of public streets. The pavement network consists of three major classifications: arterial, collector-industrial, and residential. The percentage of each roadway classification is listed in Table 12.G.

**Table 12.G: Roadway Classifications within Temecula**

| Classification       | Square Feet       | Percentage of Total Square Feet |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Arterial             | 16,280,587        | 39%                             |
| Collector-Industrial | 10,745,739        | 26%                             |
| Residential          | 14,952,831        | 36%                             |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>41,979,157</b> | <b>100%</b>                     |

Source: City of Temecula 2002 Pavement Management Program Update.

The City has adopted a Pavement Management Program, which allows the City to assess pavement conditions for each pavement segment in the City and establish accurate and efficient CIP budgets and schedules. The recent 2002 Pavement Management Update provides information regarding the current condition of the pavement within the City and recommended maintenance strategies for the next 5 years. The report found that the pavement condition within the City is considered “very good.” Table 12.H provides a breakdown of the pavement condition by section. As shown, 82 percent of the roadways are rated as good or above and 18 percent are rated fair or below.

**Table 12.H: Pavement Condition by Number of Sections**

| <b>Condition</b> | <b>Arterial</b> | <b>Collector</b> | <b>Residential</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Percentage</b> |
|------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Excellent        | 74              | 112              | 454                | 640          | 60%               |
| Very Good        | 32              | 35               | 98                 | 165          | 16%               |
| Good             | 20              | 16               | 24                 | 60           | 6%                |
| Fair             | 37              | 18               | 32                 | 87           | 8%                |
| Poor             | 22              | 14               | 26                 | 62           | 6%                |
| Very Poor        | 13              | 11               | 11                 | 35           | 3%                |
| Failed           | 0               | 1                | 8                  | 9            | 1%                |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>198</b>      | <b>207</b>       | <b>653</b>         | <b>1,058</b> | <b>100%</b>       |

Source: City of Temecula 2002 Pavement Management Program Update.

The Pavement Management Program includes annual work programs for five years. The roadways with conditions that are rated good or above are targeted for preventive maintenance, which will extend the life cycles of the pavement. Similarly, the City’s General Plan includes a policy to maintain and repair City streets on an ongoing basis to ensure that roadways and intersections continue to function safely and efficiently. With the majority of the pavement within the City in good condition, the cost of maintenance is minimal compared to deferring maintenance until it needs an overlay at \$1.25 per square foot compared to a slurry seal at \$0.12 per square foot.

**Level of Service**

The City’s General Plan policy to is achieve LOS D for peak-hour intersection operations and LOS C for non-peak-hour operations. The City’s General Plan stated that the following three locations currently do not meet this performance standard:

- Jefferson Avenue at Winchester Road: LOS E at p.m. peak hour
- Nicolas Road at Winchester Road: LOS E at a.m. peak hour
- Old Town Front Street at Rancho California Road: LOS E at p.m. peak hour

In addition, some freeway interchanges within the City appear to currently operate below the City LOS standard. It should also be noted that the City’s General Plan states that the Old Town Front Street and Rancho California Road intersection will continue to operate at LOS E in 2025. In addition, it is expected that projected growth will create new deficiencies at the following three intersections:

- Ynez Road & Winchester Road: LOS E at p.m. peak hour
- Ynez Road & Solana Way: LOS E at p.m. peak hour
- Ynez Road & Rancho California Road: LOS E at p.m. peak hour

In order to continue to enhance the City’s roadway system and provide for adequate circulation, the City has adopted a Roadway Plan, which identifies several new roadways and intersection enhancements. Additionally, the City’s General Plan includes policies to monitor the performance of principal intersections on an ongoing basis to ensure that principal intersections approaching LOS D are prioritized for improvement within the City’s five-year CIP.

The City’s General Plan also includes the following procedures and requirements to minimize impacts of proposed development projects on the City’s circulation system and to encourage increased use of alternative transportation:

- Evaluate development proposals for potential impacts to the transportation and infrastructure system
- Require mitigation in the form of physical improvements and/or impact fees for significant impacts prior to or concurrent with project development
- Require dedication of adequate right-of-way along new roadways to permit pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- Require new development to incorporate design features that facilitate transit service and encourage transit ridership
- Require new specific plans and other projects to provide an internal system of pathways and trails

**Transit Services**

Public bus service in Temecula is currently provided by Riverside Transit Agency. Current routes serving Temecula are listed in Table 12.I.

**Table 12.I: Bus Routes Serving Temecula**

| <b>Line</b> | <b>Origin/Destination</b>           |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| 23          | Temecula/Murrieta                   |
| 24          | Temecula/Pechanga Resort/Vail Ranch |
| 79          | Hemet/Temecula                      |
| 202         | Murrieta/Oceanside                  |
| 206         | Temecula/Corona                     |
| 208         | Temecula/Riverside                  |

Source: www.riversidetransit.com.

In addition to local routes, Riverside Transit provides Dial-A-Ride curb-to-curb transportation services to Temecula residents. This service is for seniors and persons with disabilities only and requires an advance reservation. The fares for Dial-A-Ride services are:

- Senior/disabled: \$1.50 per ride
- Children: free (first two, age 5 and under; additional child \$0.50)

## 12.8 PARK AND RECREATION SERVICES

The City of Temecula owns 31 parks and approximately 60,000 square feet of recreational space. These facilities are listed below in Table 12.J and Table 12.K.

**Table 12.J: City of Temecula Park Facilities**

| <b>Facility and Location</b>                           | <b>Amenities</b>  | <b>Acreage</b> |
|--|---|----------------|
| Bahia Vista Park<br>41566 Avenida de la Reina          | Basketball  | 0.46           |
| Butterfield Stage Park<br>33654 De Portola Road        | Barbeques; picnic tables; tot lot   | 3.13           |
| Calle Aragon Park<br>41621 Calle Aragon                | Picnic tables; tot lot  | 0.50           |
| Crowne Hill Park<br>33203 Old Kent Road                | Basketball, barbeques; picnic tables; tot lot   | 3.56           |
| Harveston Community Park<br>28582 Harveston Drive      | Lighted baseball and soccer fields; restrooms; community room; tot lot; large picnic area | 19.50          |
| Harveston Lake Park<br>29005 Lake House Road           | Lake; gazebo; restrooms; tot lot  | 17.10          |
| John Magee Park<br>44656 Corte Veranos                 | Barbeques; picnic tables; tot lot   | 1.00           |
| Kent Hintergardt Memorial Park<br>31465 Via Cordoba    | Barbeques; picnic tables; restrooms; tot lot  | 10.61          |
| Loma Linda Park<br>30877 Loma Linda Road               | Barbeques; picnic tables; tot lot   | 2.64           |
| Long Canyon Creek Park<br>40356 N. General Kearny Road | Barbeques; picnic tables; tot lot   | 3.15           |
| Margarita Community Park<br>29119 Margarita Road       | Ball fields; football/soccer; tennis; roller hockey                                       | 12.16          |
| Meadows Park<br>43110 Meadows Parkway                  | Basketball; barbeques; picnic tables; restrooms; tot lot                                  | 5.00           |
| Nakayama Park<br>30592 Nicolas Road                    | Barbeques; picnic tables; tot lot   | 0.28           |
| Nicolas Road Park<br>39955 Nicolas Road                | Basketball; barbeques; picnic tables; tot lot   | 2.93           |
| Pablo Apis Park<br>33005 Regina Drive                  | Barbeques; picnic tables; tot lot   | 2.29           |
| Pala Community Park<br>44900 Temecula Lane             | Basketball; football/soccer; tennis; volleyball   | 10.00          |
| Paloma Del Sol Park<br>32099 De Portola Road           | Barbeques; football/soccer; picnic tables   | 9.50           |

| <b>Facility and Location</b>                                  | <b>Amenities</b>  | <b>Acreage</b> |
|---|---|----------------|
| Pauba Ridge Park<br>33407 Pauba Road                          | Basketball; picnic tables; tot lot                        | 5.20           |
| Riverton Park<br>30950 Riverton Lane                          | Barbeques; picnic tables; tot lot                         | 4.94           |
| Ronald Reagan Sports Park<br>30875 Rancho Vista Road          | Football/soccer; volleyball                               | 73.00          |
| Rotary Park<br>28816 Pujol Street                             | Barbeques; picnic tables                                  | 1.09           |
| Sam Hicks Monument Park<br>41970 Moreno Road                  | Picnic tables; tot lot; other uses                        | 1.80           |
| Serena Hills Park<br>40747 Walcott Road                       | Barbeques; picnic tables; tot lot                         | 3.15           |
| Stephen M. Linen Jr.<br>Memorial Park<br>44935 Nighthawk Pass | Barbeques; tot lot  | 2.13           |
| Temecula Duck Pond<br>28250 Ynez Road                         | Veterans memorial   | 7.51           |
| Temecula Skate Park<br>42569 Margarita Road                   | Skate park  | 1.00           |
| Temeku Hills Park<br>31367 La Serena Way                      | Basketball; barbeques; picnic tables; tot lot             | 11.41          |
| Vail Ranch Park<br>32965 Harmony Lane                         | Barbeques; picnic tables; tot lot                         | 16.43          |
| Veterans Park<br>30965 La Serena Way                          | Barbeques; picnic tables; tot lot                         | 3.50           |
| Voorburg Park<br>39960 Nicolas Road                           | Barbeques; picnic tables                                  | 0.75           |
| Winchester Creek Park<br>39950 Margarita Road                 | Basketball; barbeques; volleyball; picnic tables; tot lot | 4.49           |
| <b>Total</b>  |   | <b>240.21</b>  |

**Table 12.K: City of Temecula Recreational Facilities**

| <b>Facility and Location</b>  | <b>Amenities</b>   | <b>Square Feet</b> |
|---|--|--------------------|
| Chapel of Memories<br>28300 Mercedes Street                               | Chapel   | 3,484              |
| Community Recreation Center<br>30875 Rancho Vista Road                    | Basketball; swimming pool; amphitheater; meeting rooms; kitchen; teen room     | 26,480             |
| Imagination Workshop<br>(Temecula Children's Museum)<br>42081 Main Street | Science based children's museum  | 7,600              |
| Mary Phillips Senior Center<br>41845 6th Street                           | Multipurpose room; kitchen; rafts room; billiards room; library; meeting rooms | 9,248              |
| Temecula Community Center   | Kitchen; meeting rooms   | 5,900              |

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|--|------------------------------|---------------|
| 28816 Pujol Street                               |                              |               |
| Temecula History Museum<br>28314 Mercedes Street | 2-story local history museum | 7,500         |
| <b>Total</b>                                     |                              | <b>60,212</b> |

In addition to the facilities listed above, the City is currently developing the Patricia H. Birdsall Sports Park on a 44-acre site at Pechanga Parkway and Deer Hollow Road. The facility is currently under construction and is expected to be completed in late 2006. The park will include four lighted synthetic turf soccer fields, four lighted ball fields, four lighted basketball courts, concession, restrooms, maintenance building, tot lot/playground, picnic areas, barbeques, drinking fountains, and approximately 460 parking spaces.

In addition to the City parks listed above, the 600-acre Lake Skinner Park, which is owned and operated by Riverside County, is located approximately 10 miles north of Temecula. The park offers overnight camping, fishing, swimming, sailing, picnicking, and other activities.

The City is currently developing a 22,330-square-foot Performing Arts Theatre at 42051 Main Street. The facility is currently under construction and once completed will include: art gallery, dance studio, performing theater, and rehearsal rooms.

To assist in the provision of park and recreational facilities, the City has a joint-use agreement with the Temecula Valley Unified School District, which allows the City to utilize school facilities. These facilities are also generally open to the public during nonschool hours, weekends, and vacations. The following school sites are presently joint-use facilities:

- Temecula Middle School (baseball and soccer fields)
- Vail Ranch Middle School (basketball courts)
- Temecula Elementary School (pool)
- Temecula Valley High (tennis courts)
- Chaparral High School (pool)

Similarly, the City’s General Plan includes a policy to pursue the joint use of public lands available and suitable for recreation purposes, including lands under the jurisdiction of the Riverside County Flood Control District, Southern California Edison, water districts, school districts, and other public agencies.

The City’s adopted park acreage standard is 5.0 acres of usable city-owned parkland per 1,000 residents. This standard does not include special use facilities, natural open space, or trails. Based on the City’s 2005 population (81,397), the City is currently providing 2.95 acres per 1,000 residents. In order for the City to meet the existing standard of the 2005 population, it would need to provide a total of 407 acres of usable city-owned parkland. The City’s General Plan states that sufficient acreage to meet the needs of residents is anticipated by 2013 through the acquisition and dedication of park facilities within specific plan areas.

The City has prepared a Master Plan of Parks and Recreation to comprehensively address the long-term park and recreation needs of residents. The Master Plan contains: (1) current and projected recreational needs; (2) park development and design standards; (3) a park and trails classification system; (4) parks, trails and recreation facilities improvements; (5) target locations for acquisition of future parkland; (6) future trail connections to the regional trail system; (7) a citywide bicycle route and recreation trails system; (8) timing and phasing of parks, recreation facilities and trails; and (9) cost estimates for park acquisition and development costs.

The City has also completed a separate trail master plan to address local trail and bikeway needs. The plan establishes a trail network and sets facility standards for pedestrian, bicycle, and equestrian users. The Master Plan also addresses potential trail connections to the countywide trail network.

Funding for park and recreational services is primarily obtained through the City’s development impact fees and use of the Temecula Community Services District, which levies assessments that are included on property tax bills. Additional funding for capital improvements comes from park in lieu (Quimby) fees and community facilities district bonds. Likewise, the City’s General Plan includes the policy that the City shall (1) require the dedication of parkland or the payment of in-lieu fees and the development of recreation facilities for all new development; and (2) require developers of residential projects greater than 200 units to dedicate land based on the park acre standard of 5 acres of usable parkland to 1,000 residents.

**Recreation Programs**

The City also provides numerous recreational activities; these include special events, such as 4th of July festivities, excursions, winter holiday celebrations, and family fun nights, in addition to various programs and classes. Table 12.L provides a list of the types of recreational programs that are provided by the City.

**Table 12.L: Types of Recreational Programs Provided by the City of Temecula**

|                    |                  |                   |
|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Fitness            | Language Classes | Personal Finance  |
| Music              | Dance            | Animal Training   |
| Cooking and Baking | Various Sports   | CPR and First Aid |
| Theater and Drama  | Art              | Aquatics          |

**12.9 LIBRARY SERVICES**

The City of Temecula is a participant in the Riverside County Library System. The existing Temecula Library is located at 41000 County Center Drive and is a full-service library offering a wide range of materials, programs, and services for all ages. The facility is 15,380 sq. ft. and has a collection of 111,967 volumes and an annual circulation of 440,809.

The City is currently in the process of developing an additional library facility to serve residents. The facility is scheduled for completion in October 2006. The new facility is located at 30620 Pauba Road, adjacent to Fire Station 84. The facility will be 36,000 sq. ft., which will include a 2,000 sq. ft. community room to accommodate up to 200 people and will be equipped with video conferencing.



The library will also have a computer center that will be equipped with 96 computers. The facility is expected to hold 80,000 volumes; however, 30,000 of the volumes will be from the old facility. The new facility was partially funded through a State grant of \$12 million.

Within Temecula, the City owns the library facilities and equipment, and the City and County jointly own the collection. The library operation and collection are funded by a library district tax, which is levied throughout all unincorporated areas and the cities, such as Temecula, that contract with the County Library System.

The County Library System administrator has stated that there are no County-adopted library service standards. Needs for additional services, facilities, and equipment are driven by the local demand for services. Similarly, as growth within the County Library service area occurs, the County Library coordinates with local jurisdictions to add facilities.

## **12.10 ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES**

The City provides animal control services through a service contract with Animal Friends of the Valleys. Animal Friends of the Valleys provides 1.5 full-time animal control officers, a fully equipped vehicle, and shelter for the animals. The animal shelter is located at 29001 Bastron Avenue in Lake Elsinore. Services are provided 12 hours a day, 5 days per week, as well as after hours, weekends, and emergency calls. In addition, the service contract provides for hearings related to animal control problems.

To provide additional facilities for adequate services the City is a participant in the Southwest Community Financing Authority. The Authority is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) that includes the County of Riverside and the cities of Canyon Lake, Lake Elsinore, Murrieta, and Temecula. The purpose of the Authority is to fund the construction and operation of an animal shelter to serve the residents of the area.