

6.0 CITY OF CALIMESA

The services that are provided by the City of Calimesa (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

6.1 LOCATION AND GOVERNANCE

The City of Calimesa is located in the northern portion of Riverside County. The City is bounded by San Bernardino County and the City of Yucaipa to the north, the City of Beaumont to the south, and the unincorporated community of Cherry Valley to the east. The City encompasses 9,544.89 acres, and its SOI encompasses 2,669.14 acres. The City’s boundaries, SOI, and facilities that are discussed within this section are shown in Figure 6.1.

The City was incorporated on December 1, 1990, and is governed by an elected five-member Council and a Council-appointed Mayor. The City Council meets regularly on the first and third Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Norton Younglove Multipurpose Senior Center. Meeting agendas are posted at the latest on the Friday before the meeting at several locations, which include: City Hall, the library, the senior center, and on the City’s web site.

To provide for additional public participation, the City has several citizen advisory commissions and boards. These include: Community Services Commission; Historical Preservation Commission; Library Commission; Public Works and Safety Commission; and Trails, Open Space, and Beautification Commission. Each of these Commissions holds public meetings on a regularly scheduled basis.

6.2 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The City Council adopts a budget annually. As shown in Table 6.A, in the fiscal years ending 2004 and 2005, the City has had expenditures that exceeded revenues. The adopted budget for the fiscal year ending 2006 is expected to result in revenues that exceed expenditures. The City does not have any adopted policies regarding reserves.

Table 6.A: City of Calimesa Summary of Total Revenues and Total Expenses

	2004	2005	2006*
Total Expenses	\$4,292,460	\$5,270,302	\$4,132,512
Total Revenues	\$4,107,729	\$4,728,297	\$4,132,512
Net Revenues (Loss)	(\$184,731)	(\$542,005)	\$0

Source: City of Calimesa Financial Statements fiscal years ending 2004 and 2005; City of Calimesa Adopted Budget FY 2005–06.

* Adopted budget amounts

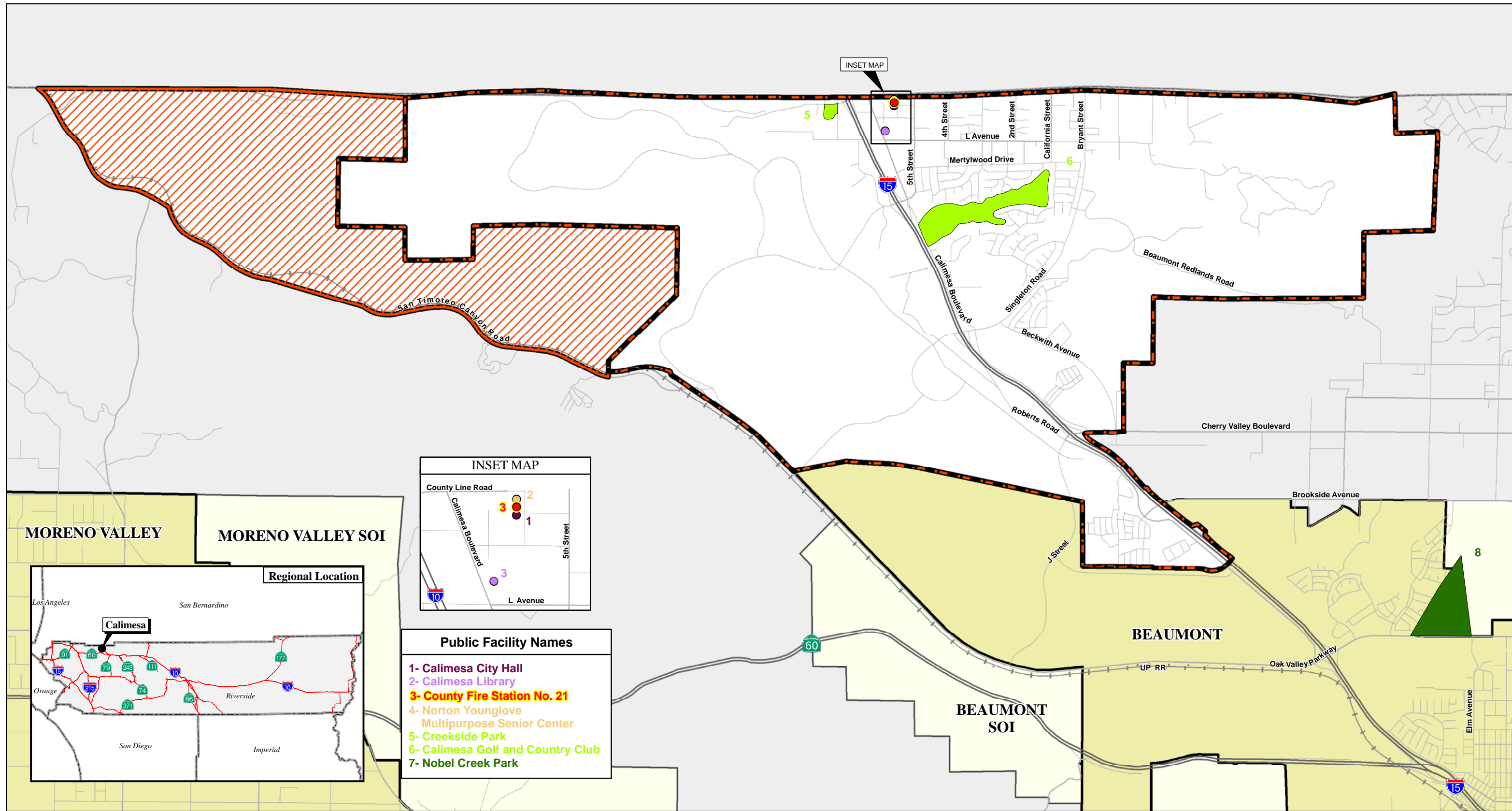
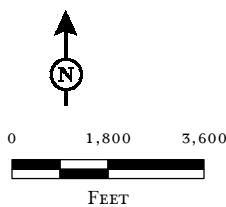


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SOURCE: Riverside LAFCO, City of Calimesa, TBM (2005)
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The City has adopted an investment policy to guide the management of temporary idle or surplus funds. The objectives of the policy are safety, liquidity, and return on investment. The policy details the types of investments that are authorized, responsibilities of City staff regarding investments, and reporting. The City's Finance Director is required to prepare a quarterly investment report to be submitted to the City Council.

The City of Calimesa has a central purchasing system and has adopted procedures for the purchase of supplies, services, and equipment. These procedures are furnished to ensure that products and services are obtained in a timely, efficient, and economical manner. The policy defines purchasing responsibilities and details the following purchasing limits:

- Department Heads can make purchases up to \$5,000
- City Manager can make purchases up to \$10,000
- City Council must authorize purchases over \$10,000

To provide for insurance services in a cost-saving manner, the City of Calimesa is a participant of the Public Agency Risk Sharing Authority of California, which is a consortium of 33 cities that was established to pool resources, share risks, purchase excess insurance, and share costs for professional risk management and claims administration.

To provide funding for infrastructure and services related to new development, the City's policy is that costs associated with specific developments should be borne by the new development. Therefore, the City levies the following development impact fees: City Administration Facility, Traffic Improvement Facilities, Drainage Facilities, Library Facility, Fire Service Facilities, Law Enforcement Facility, Park Facilities, and Street and Trees. The General Plan also includes a policy that the City regularly review its development impact fee program to ensure that new development pays its fair share of the cost to provide public services, infrastructure, and facilities.

6.3 CITY GROWTH

As shown in Table 2.C, SCAG has projected that the City of Calimesa's population will grow approximately 5.10 percent annually and the City's housing will grow approximately 6.85 annually through 2030. Similarly, as of September 2005 the City had 12,357 residential units in the planning and development process.

6.4 LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

The City of Calimesa provides law enforcement services through a service contract with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. The City has contracts with the Sheriff's Department 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 area is located at 50290 Main St. in Cabazon. The Cabazon Station serves the contract City of Calimesa, the unincorporated pass area around the Cities of Beaumont and Banning, and the unincorporated areas of Cabazon, Cherry Valley, Poppet Flats, San Gorgonio, San Timoteo Canyon, Twin Pines, and Whitewater.

Specific law enforcement services and programs provided within the City include:

Patrol and Call Response	Traffic Enforcement and Traffic Collision Reports	Investigations
Laboratory Services	Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE)	Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving (COPPS)
Special Investigations Bureau	Air Support	Canine Units
Hazardous Device Team	Neighborhood Watch	Special Enforcement Bureau (SWAT)
Central Homicide Unit	Hostage Negotiation Team	High Tech/Computer Crime Investigations
Crime Prevention Programs	Search and Rescue	School Programs
Noncriminal public service programs	Investigative Forensics support	

A total of 58 Sheriff’s Department personnel are allocated to the Calimesa Sheriff’s Station, including 50 sworn officer positions, of which 12 are vacant. There are also eight nonsworn positions that are authorized for the station; however, one of these positions is currently vacant.

The City’s contract for services includes 30 fully supported hours per day, which is the approximate equivalent of 6.2 deputy sheriff positions at 1,780 annual productive hours per position. In addition to the patrol hours, the City has contracted for one dedicated community services officer II position. The City’s adopted service standard is 0.921 to 1.0 sworn officers per 1,000 population. Due to the methodology in the City/County contract for services, it is difficult to clearly identify the ratio of full-time officers and number of residents.

In FY 2004–05, there were 2,104 calls for service from the City and 4,772 calls for service from the unincorporated areas surrounding the City. Calls for service 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 56 (2.66 percent) Priority One calls from the City and 139 (2.91 percent) Priority One calls from the unincorporated areas. Priority One calls are those that involve life-threatening or potentially life-threatening situations. 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 6.B provides the average response times for Priority One, Two, and Three calls in FY 2004–05.

Table 6.B: Average Law Enforcement Response Times (Fiscal Year 2004–2005)

	Calimesa City	Unincorporated Calimesa Area
Priority One	3.87 minutes	8.08 minutes
Priority Two	6.66 minutes	11.92 minutes
Priority Three	11.34 minutes	17.34 minutes

Source: Riverside County Sheriff, December 2005.

The City monitors staffing levels to ensure that adequate police protection continues to be provided as individual development projects are proposed and on an annual basis as part of the City Council’s budgeting process. According to the Sherriff’s Department, current facilities within the Calimesa area are meeting the needs of the Department, and no expansion of existing facilities or construction of new facilities are planned. The Sherriff’s Department maintains mutual aid agreements with the Beaumont Police Department and with County and State law enforcement agencies.

6.5 FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

The City provides fire protection services through a contract for services with the Riverside County Fire Department. The City has contracted with Riverside County for fire services since City incorporation in 1990.

The City is serviced primarily by Station No. 21, which is located adjacent to City Hall. The immediate response area of this station extends from County Line Road to Cherry Valley Boulevard. Station No. 22 provides support to Station No. 21 and responds to calls as necessary. Table 6.C. lists the stations that provide services to the City of Calimesa, along with current staffing and equipment.

Table 6.C: Riverside County Fire Stations Serving the City of Calimesa

Station and Location	Equipment	Staff
Station No. 21 906 Park Avenue Calimesa	2 engines	1 full-time employee 1 part-time employee 15 volunteers
Station No. 22 10055 Miravilla Cherry Valley	1 rescue squad 2 engines	3 paid personnel 12 volunteers

Five other stations in the area are also able to provide additional resources, if needed. These are stations in Yucaipa, Crafton Hills, Cherry Valley, and two California Department of Forestry stations in Beaumont.

The City’s contract for services provides for emergency medical services, fire prevention, fire suppression, fire safety inspections, hazardous materials tracing and enforcement, weed abatement inspections, volunteer firefighting training and certification, and Citywide disaster preparedness.

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. In addition, the City’s service contract includes a Regional Fire Protection Program, which allows fire stations to actively support one another regardless of geographic or jurisdictional boundaries. When an emergency call is received, the station that is physically closest to the emergency will respond, even if the emergency is located outside the station’s official jurisdiction.

This provides the community with the most effective and efficient method of emergency response and allows for the shared use of specialized equipment and personnel between neighboring communities.

The Riverside County Fire Department has response time goals that are based on general land use type (urban, rural) and the distance from the fire station to the location of the service call. Table 6.D provides the Department’s response time goals. The City of Calimesa does not have defined response time goals.

Table 6.D: Riverside County Fire Department Response Time Goals

Fire Station Distance from Service Call	Response Time Goal
Within 1.5 miles	5-minute response
Within 3 miles	7-minute response
Within 5 miles	11-minute response
Within 8 miles	17-minute response

Table 6.E. lists the service calls from stations serving Calimesa in FY 2004–05. All fire service calls, other than miscellaneous, are considered Priority One calls. In total, there were 1,799 calls for service to Station No. 21. Approximately 10 percent of the calls responded to by Station No. 21 were for fire and 74 percent of the calls responded to were for medical aid. In regard to Station No. 22, approximately 12 percent of calls were regarding fire and 71 percent were for medical aid. Table 6.F lists the response times for each of the stations serving the City. The response times listed reflect the time from when the call was dispatched to when the department arrived on scene.

Table 6.E: Fire Department Service Calls for Stations Serving Calimesa (Fiscal Year 2004–2005)

Station No.	Fires	Medical Aid	Hazmat	Misc.	Total
21	168	1,327	5	299	1,799
22	90	520	2	120	732

Source: Riverside County Fire Department, December 2005.

Table 6.F: Fire Department Response Times (Fiscal Year 2004–2005)

Fire Station No.	Response Time
21	4:53 minutes
22	5:47 minutes

Source: Riverside County Fire Department, June 2006.

6.6 SOLID WASTE SERVICES

The City provides solid waste collection and disposal services through a 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
- El Sobrante Landfill
- Lamb Canyon Sanitary Landfill
- Olinda Alpha Sanitary Landfill
- San Timoteo Sanitary Landfill

In 2000, the City of Calimesa disposed of 5,681 tons of solid waste. The CIWMB shows that the solid waste disposal generation factor for the City is 2 pounds per resident per day and 9.9 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. Unfortunately the CIWMB Web site does not provide finalized diversion rates for the City of Calimesa; however, the diversion rate is expected to be below 50 percent.

Solid Waste Rates

The City has a flat rate for residential solid waste services. Residents are provided with a choice of a 30-, 60-, or 90-gallon automated cart for trash and a 60-gallon automated cart for recyclable material. Customers provide their own cans (not to exceed 32 gallons) for yard waste. Customers are allowed five cans of yard waste per weekly collection. Commercial rates are based on the refuse bin size and by number of pickups per week. Table 6.G provides Calimesa’s current solid waste rates.

Table 6.G: Monthly Solid Waste Rates

Service	Rate
Residential	30-gallon bin: \$17.66 60-gallon bin: \$19.95 90-gallon bin: \$22.77
Commercial and Industrial	\$73.41–627.25, depending on size of bin and number of pickups

6.7 STORM WATER DRAINAGE

The Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District maintains the storm drain system in the City of Calimesa. The City has authority over other unimproved stream courses and storm drain facilities. These include: (1) the Garden Air Wash, which drains the central portion of the City; and, (2) intermittent stream channels draining the San Bernardino Mountains and the Calimesa Hills.

Storm water within the City is primarily carried within the natural streams, roadways, and the Calimesa Flood Control Channel, which is owned and maintained the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. The Calimesa Flood Channel weaves between County Line Road and Avenue L West. The Channel was constructed to provide protection to adjacent properties from flood runoff resulting from a 100-year flood event.

In 1992 the City adopted a Master Flood Control and Drainage Plan to address flooding and storm water drainage in the City. The City's master flood control and drainage plan stipulates that 100-year floods shall be contained within street right-of-way limits and that 10-year flood runoff shall be contained within the tops of curbs. If either condition is exceeded, a storm drain or channel is required. Sheet flow along small, local, or private roads in the City is conveyed to storm drains or catch basins.

The 1992 Master Plan noted that the City has storm water drainage deficiencies, which are related to the inadequacy of the existing drainage devices. From discussion with the City, it appears that these deficiencies still exist. The following are the identified drainage problems:

- The existing improved Calimesa Channel has a limited capacity to divert runoff in the northern portions of the City of Calimesa. The channel could overtop during a large-scale flooding event.
- The unimproved portions of Calimesa Channel, between Fifth Street and I-10, pose a flooding threat to the residential and commercial facilities located near the intersection of County Line Road and Calimesa Boulevard.
- The existing 24-inch and 30-inch-diameter culverts through I-10, at the lower end of Avenue L, are inadequate to channel flows from a 100-year storm and larger events. The entire area along Avenue L, between Calimesa Boulevard and I-10, could be inundated as a result of the inadequate capacity of these culverts and associated inlets.
- The inlet capacity of the culverts through I-10 at the lower ends of the Calimesa Channel, Garden Air, Singleton Road, and Cherry Valley drainage areas is inadequate.

Improvements to the City's drainage system are provided by new development, as developers are required to maintain storm flows on site and provide underground storm drains as part of individual development projects.

6.8 ROADWAYS AND CIRCULATION

In 1994 there were approximately 26 miles of roadways in Calimesa. The existing roadway system consists of a grid pattern, with streets running generally north-south and east-west. The City's General Plan provides for a LOS standard of LOS C or better. There have been several recent traffic studies related to proposed development projects within the City. However, there have not been any citywide traffic studies prepared since preparation of the General Plan in 1994. Therefore, the existing length of roadways and the current levels of service throughout the City are unknown. However, review of three recent development project EIRs within the City show that some existing roadways and intersections are currently operating below the standard. These include the following:

- The I-10 southbound ramps at County Line Road operate at LOS F in the PM peak hour (Summerwind DEIR, January 2005).
- The intersection of County Line Road and I-10 eastbound operates at LOS F because there is no signal (Tentative Tract Nos. 30386 and 30387, February 2003).
- The intersection of Sandalwood and I-10 eastbound ramps operates at an LOS D during the PM peak hour (Tentative Tract No. 30545, January 2005).

The City has a Pavement Management Plan to provide data on the City's street network and to plan for ongoing maintenance of the City's roadways. A copy of the Pavement Management Plan was requested for review for this MSR. However, the document was not made available. Therefore, the MSR cannot detail the existing condition of the pavement within the City.

Transit Services

Transit service in Calimesa is currently provided by Riverside Transit Agency. There is currently one route within the City, which travels between the Banning K-mart shopping center and the Redlands Mall. The Riverside Transit Agency also provides Dial-A-Ride curb-to-curb transportation services to Calimesa 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, ages 5 and under; additional child \$0.50)

6.9 PARK AND RECREATION SERVICES

The City has two recreational facilities, the Norton Younglove Multipurpose Senior Center and the Calimesa Golf and Country Club. Combined, these two facilities occupy approximately 109.3 acres.

The Senior Center is located at 908 Park Avenue and provides a conference room, arts and crafts room, and a recreation room and kitchen. The Calimesa Library Station is also located within the Senior Center. The Calimesa Golf and Country Club is a 108-acre semiprivate facility, located on Third Street between the Sandalwood and Buena Mesa residential neighborhoods.

The City's standard is to provide a ratio of 5 acres per 1,000 population of dedicated parkland. The City is currently not meeting this standard, as no parks are being provided. If considering the two existing recreational facilities, the City would be currently providing 1.5 acres per 1,000 population.

According to the City's General Plan, three park sites have been approved for development in the City, and three additional sites are being considered. Those park sites and their proposed features are provided in Table 6.H.

Table 6.H: City of Calimesa Approved and Considered Park Sites

Site Name and Location	Amenities	Acreage
Approved Sites		
Oak Valley Specific Plan Oak Valley, West of I-10	199 acres of developed parkland; 837 acres of golf courses	1,036
Hansberger Country Club Ridge Southeast of Avenue L and 2nd Avenue	Developed parkland including picnic areas; play areas; equestrian and hiking trails	39.8
Hansberger Country Club Estates Southeast of Avenue L and 2nd Avenue	N/A	40
Considered Sites		
Poon Project Southeast corner of Avenue L and 2nd Avenue	Open space	3.68
Perisits Project South of Avenue L, between 2nd and Douglas Street	N/A	10
ABS Development	N/A	N/A

There are several regional parks in Yucaipa (San Bernardino County) and Riverside County that are in proximity to the City of Calimesa. These include:

- Yucaipa Regional Park is located along Oak Glen Road in the northwest portion of Yucaipa, 2 miles northwest of Calimesa. Features of the 400-acre park include three large lakes, a swimming complex, snack bar, and an administrative office. Summer activities include use of two 350-foot water slides, paddle boats, and aqua cycle. Freshwater rainbow trout fishing is also available, and the San Bernardino County Regional Parks Department stocks the lakes every 2 weeks. Winter activities include tent and RV camping. Yucaipa Regional Park is also the site of July 4th and Cinco de Mayo festivities and the Bluegrass Festival over Labor Day weekend. The park is operated and maintained by the County of San Bernardino.
- Bogart Part in the community of Cherry Valley is approximately 1.75 miles east of Calimesa. The park covers 600 acres and consists of hilly land with live oak trees, and a lake fed by Noble Creek. Available recreational activities include hiking, picnicking, and group camping. The park is operated by the County of Riverside.
- De Anza Cycle Park in Riverside County is a 640-acre concessionaire, off-road vehicle facility located adjacent to the City's southwest boundaries.
- Calimesa Park is an 11.29-acre park located at 5th Street and Avenue I in Yucaipa, approximately 0.25 mile north of the City boundaries. Facilities at the park include a softball diamond, basketball court, and two tennis courts.
- Noble Creek Park in the community of Cherry Valley is approximately 1.5 miles southeast of Calimesa. The park's 63 acres are developed with softball fields, baseball diamonds, tennis

courts, picnic and playground facilities, a recreation center for receptions, and an administrative office. Noble Creek Park is part of the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation and Park District.

To provide for future parkland, the City has adopted a Quimby Act Park In-Lieu Ordinance for the payment of fees in lieu of park land dedication. The dedicated land and/or fees may only be used for providing park or recreational facilities.

Trails

The City of Calimesa maintains a connecting walking trail system, multi-purpose trails, and equestrian trails. There are three east-west connecting trails: along County Line Road connecting the Calimesa Hills with San Timoteo Canyon; along Avenue L linking the Calimesa Golf and Country Club with the San Timoteo Canyon area; and along Singleton Road connecting Calimesa with the community of Cherry Valley and Bogart Park. These provide access to the San Gorgonio Wilderness and the Pacific Crest Trail.

There are 3 north-south walking trails in the City. The first is a multipurpose trail along Fremont Street, with its main artery extending south from Yucaipa; the second winds behind Country Village and proceeds south from Whitewater Canyon Wash; and the third links Whitewater Canyon with the Calimesa Hills trails. There are two alternate walking trails along Bryant Street and California Street that join within horse property and provide access to Singleton and Stage Coach Roads.

Horses, mountain bikes, and hiking activities are permitted on Calimesa's multipurpose trail. The loop trail, connecting with the main Yucaipa artery, winds through the Calimesa Hills to Stage Coach Road and Cherry Valley. The City's horse trail borders Holmes Way on the north, winding through the canyons of the Calimesa Hills and south to the Oak Hills area.

Three trails are proposed as part of the Oak Valley Specific Plan: (1) a U-shaped trail following San Timoteo Canyon Road through Cherry Valley; (2) an east-west trail extending between Cherry Valley and San Timoteo Canyon Road alongside the Southern California Edison easement; and (3) an east-west trail passing through the San Timoteo Canyon area, connecting with existing trails along County Line Road and Avenue L West.

Recreation Programs

The senior center provides programs for seniors, which include: support groups, computer classes, exercise classes, health information, entertainment, lunch programs, and trips. However, the City does not provide any other recreation programs for other residents.

6.10 LIBRARY SERVICES

Library services within Calimesa are provided by the City's participation in the Riverside County Library System. The Calimesa Library is located at 974 Calimesa Boulevard. The facility is 2,400 square feet and houses approximately 9,300 volumes. The library's annual circulation is 27,181. The City owns the library facility and the City and County jointly own the collection and equipment

within the library. The library is funded through a property tax assessment within unincorporated Riverside County areas and the 15 cities participating in 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 need. Similarly, as growth within the County Library service area occurs, the County Library coordinates with local jurisdictions to add facilities. Within Calimesa this is partly determined by the City's Library Commission that meets every first Tuesday of the month (4:30 p.m. at Norton Younglove Senior Center).

6.11 ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

The City of Calimesa contracts with Riverside County Animal Control for animal control services. The County provides field and shelter services from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. The County contracts with Ramona Humane Society for animal sheltering services. The shelter is located at 690 Humane Way in San Jacinto.

The City's contract with the County provides the following services:

- Clinic Services: spaying and neutering; vaccinations; low-cost rabies clinics; microchipping; quarantine of animals; euthanizing
- Field Services: stray, injured, and dead animal complaints; animal turn-in; cruelty investigations; barking dog complaints; leash law violations; rabies reports; bite reports and quarantines; potentially dangerous, dangerous, and vicious dog hearings; dog license inspection/collect fees; kennel license requests/inspections; emergency response and investigations; subpoenas for records
- Shelter Services: adoptions; animal turn-in; animal behavior classes; upkeep of impounded animals; and animal records