

9.0 CITY OF MURRIETA

The services that are provided by the City of Murrieta (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

9.1 LOCATION AND GOVERNANCE

The City of Murrieta is located in Southwest Riverside County, north of the City of Temecula and southeast of the City of Lake Elsinore. The City encompasses approximately 21,490.39 acres and has a SOI of 5,349.88 acres.

Murrieta was incorporated on July 1, 1991, after voters approved cityhood in November 1990. It is organized as a general law California city and operates under a council/manager form of government. There are five members on the City Council, who are elected at large. Regularly scheduled City Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. The City posts agendas on the Friday before the Tuesday meeting at several locations, including City Hall, Fire Stations 1 and 2, the library, and on the City's Web site. The City also has a service whereby each agenda is e-mailed to approximately 800 people who have requested service and the City faxes agendas to local media per request. Meetings are shown on cable television on both Comcast (shown live) and Adelphia (shown on the Thursday after the meeting). The City's Web site also provides live audio and video feed of meetings and video archives of past meetings.

The City has several citizen advisory committees to provide for public participation. These committees include Murrieta Community Steering Committee, Murrieta Community Services Commission, Murrieta Library Advisory Committee, General Plan Advisory Committee, Murrieta Public Safety and Traffic Commission, and Murrieta Historic Preservation Advisory Commission.

9.2 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The City Council approves each year's budget prior to the beginning of the new fiscal year. The budget process begins in March when a budget preparation workshop is held for City staff to review the City's overall financial condition, revenue projections, and budgetary issues facing the City. Revenue estimates are projected based on historical trends, state legislation, and economic forecasts. Department heads then submit their budget requests. Over a three-month period (March–May) the administrative staff works with department heads to refine the operating budget. By the end of May, a budget is presented to the City Manager for review prior to submittal to the City Council. The City Manager reviews the proposed budget for conformance to established City policies, community needs, Council requests, and the City's financial condition. During this time, the budget is also presented to the Community Steering Committee for its review. By early June, a draft of the budget,

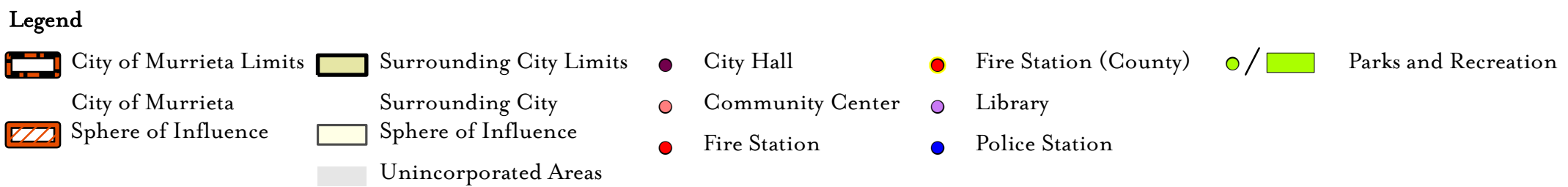
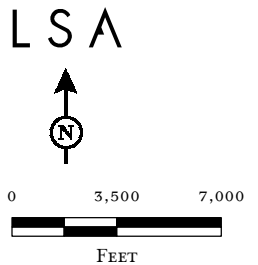
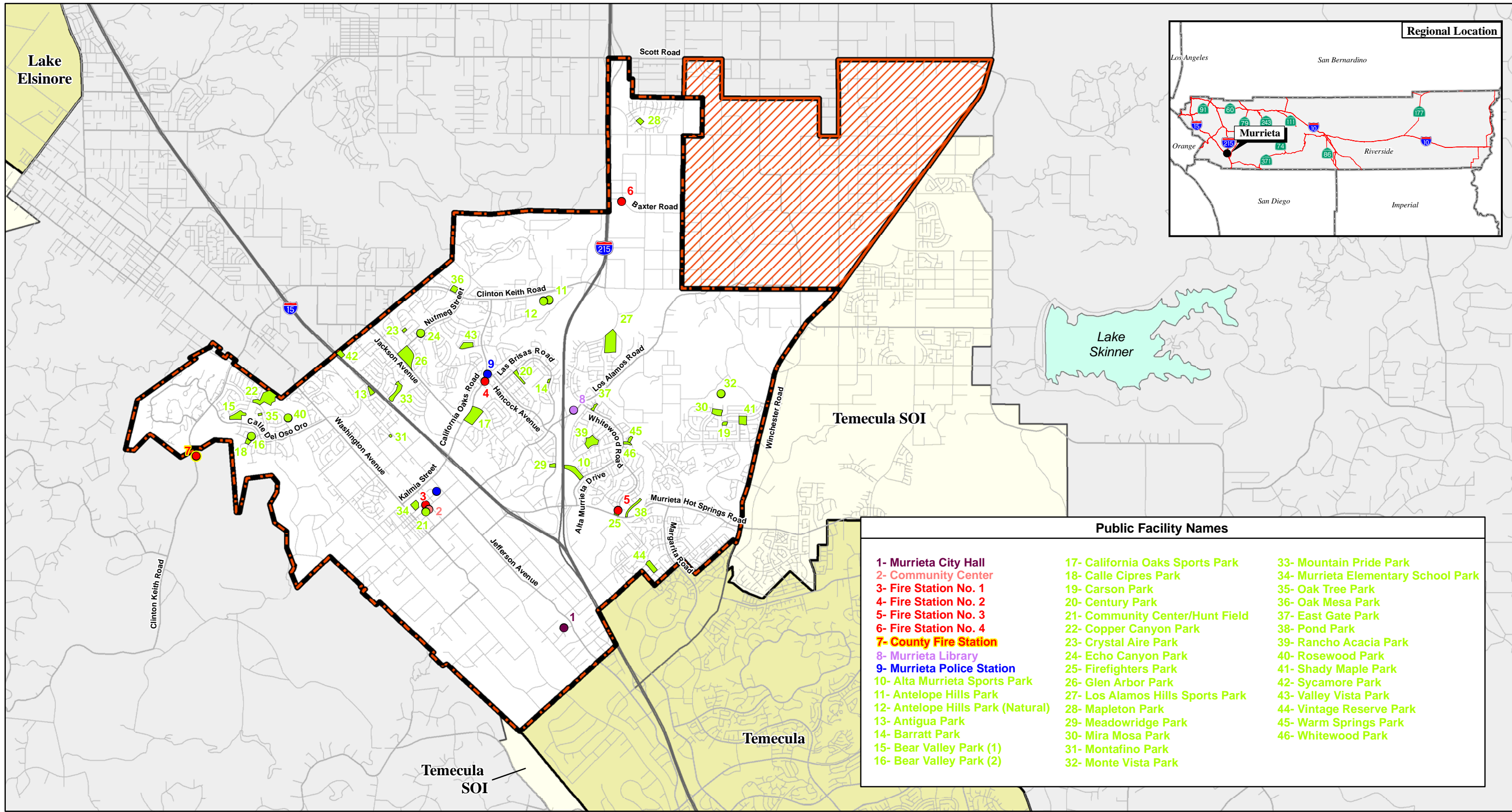


FIGURE 9.1

SOURCE: Riverside LAFCO, City of Murrieta, TBM (2005)
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along with recommendations from the City Manager, is presented to the City Council for its review and comment. At the end of June, before the start of the next fiscal year, the City Council adopts the final budget. Public hearings are conducted prior to its adoption. Supplemental appropriations, when required, are also approved by City Council. Expenditures may not exceed appropriations at the department level. The City Manager is authorized to approve transfers between operations and maintenance accounts within a department up to \$5,000. All other budget adjustments require City Council approval. It is the City's policy to have an audit performed annually by an independent certified public accountant.

As shown in Table 9.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 9.A: City of Murrieta Summary of Total Revenues and Total Expenses

	2003	2004	2005
Total Expenses	\$35,319,331	\$43,092,418	\$50,654,463
Total Revenues	\$60,152,555	\$83,980,423	\$165,139,306
Net Revenues (Loss)	\$24,833,224	\$40,888,005	\$114,484,843

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

To finance some capital improvements, the City has issued debt to provide capital for these improvements. The City's total long-term debt, along with claims/judgments and accrued employee benefits at the end of FY 2005 was \$30,892,591. The City has been rated by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services as an "A-" credit risk.

The City of Murrieta adopted a contingency reserve policy that is reviewed annually. The Contingency Reserve Fund was established to ensure the orderly provision of services to the residents of Murrieta. The policy calls for reserves equal to 25 percent of operating expenditures of the General Fund, Fire District Fund, and Library Fund, which would be sufficient to finance operations for a period of 3-4 months. The FY 2005–06 budget states that the General Fund has approximately \$24 million in reserves, which includes \$8.8 million toward construction of Los Alamos Hills Sports Park, Town Square, and other CIP projects; \$8.9 million reserve contingency for economic uncertainties in accordance with the adopted reserve policy; and \$1.7 million for hazmat, LED lamp replacement, self-insurance, and building and safety reserves. The remaining \$4.6 million of reserves is unreserved and available for future capital projects or other City projects/services.

The City Council annually adopts an investment policy that is intended to provide the highest investment return with the maximum security while meeting the daily cash flow demands of the City and conforming to all State and local statutes governing the investment of public funds. Idle funds are deposited in accordance with the policy in demand deposits, medium term notes, treasury and agency notes, treasury money market funds, and a pooled investment administered by the State. Approximately twenty-five percent of the City's investments are in the State pool.

The City of Murrieta is a member of the Public Entity Risk Management Authority along with 22 other California cities, a transit agency, and a special district for the purpose of pooling losses and

claims of general liability with those of other member cities and agencies. This membership provides cost savings compared to the costs of insurance outside of the Authority.

9.3 CITY GROWTH

As shown in Table 2.C in Section 2.0, SCAG projects the City's population to grow approximately 2.5 percent and housing to grow approximately 2.78 percent annually through 2030. Based on the State Department of Finance 2005 housing estimate for the City, this would be equal to approximately 800 units annually. However, based on information gathered from the City, this estimate appears to be low.

The City's Fiscal Year Ending 2005 Finance Report states that the City is expecting to develop over 3,000 new housing units per year. Currently, new developments exist on the west side of I-15 in the vicinity of Clinton Keith Road, northeast of I-215, and south of Murrieta Hot Springs Road.

Also developing is a 700-acre mixed-use area along Jefferson Avenue (The Corridor) that has been master-planned for commercial and industrial development. Within FY 2004-05, 1,000,000 square feet of business park space has been or is being built in The Corridor, and plans for more development are being processed.

Throughout the City, more than 2 million square feet of commercial space is being built or is expected to be underway by the end of 2006. Additionally, the City is adding hundreds of thousands of square feet of office space and providing appropriately zoned areas for even more office development.

The City's Land Use Element estimates that the total General Plan build out within the existing City limits is 36,305 occupied units and 62,696,740 square feet of nonresidential development. These figures assume every square foot of every designated parcel in the City and will be developed according to its average density and accounts for existing development that may have been developed at a lower intensity.

The City has also analyzed build out of the City's existing SOI. Development of this area at the residential densities allowed by the City's land use designations would yield a build-out population of approximately 15,474 people. However, the City's build-out population numbers have already nearly been achieved by way of County-approved medium-density residential projects in the SOI. The County has approved 4,369 lots that would account for approximately 13,457 residents. Therefore, the total population estimate with the County-approved tract maps included would be 24,397 compared to 15,474 for the City-approved rezoning population estimate.

9.4 LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

The City of Murrieta Police Department provides law enforcement services within the City. The City's police station is located at 24701 Jefferson Avenue. This 35,134-square-foot facility was developed in 2002. The City is currently planning a 12,000-square-foot expansion of this facility.

In addition to responding to service calls and traffic enforcement, the Department provides a SWAT team and a Special Enforcement team. The Department also has agreements with the Murrieta Valley Unified School District to provide Drug Abuse Resistance Education and School Resource Officers.

The Police Department currently divides the City into five patrol beats that average 6–7 square miles each. The Department assigns a minimum of 1 officer to each beat 24 hours a day. The City's objective is to provide a ratio of 1 police officer per 1,000 residents and support personnel equal to or greater than one-half of the sworn officers. Currently, the department has 74 full-time sworn officers and 36 full-time civilian officers. Therefore, the Department is currently staffed at a ratio of 0.87 sworn officers per 1,000 residents, which is below the City's objective.

In 2005, there were 38,019 annual calls for service. The department's response time goal is 5 minutes, dispatch to arrival. 911 calls are fielded through the Public Safety Answering Point operator, who dispatches the call using computer-aided dispatch software. The department is temporarily experiencing minor difficulties in transitioning 911 cell phone calls, which were previously routed to the California Highway Patrol and are now being routed directly to the police/fire dispatch center. The operations of the Police Department are annually evaluated by an internal review of goals, measurements, and accomplishments. Table 9.B provides the average response times in 2005.

Table 9.B: Murrieta Police Department Average Response Times in 2005

Priority	Call Start to Dispatch	Dispatch to Arrival
Priority One	2:13 minutes	5:00 minutes
Priority Two	12:08 minutes	10:06 minutes
Priority Three	17:26 minutes	20:35 minutes

Source: Murrieta Police Department, 2006.

The Department has mutual aid agreements with the Hemet Police Department for additional SWAT response, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, and the California Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Plan, Office of Emergency Services.

The City determines needs for facility expansions by contracting with consulting services that specialize in public safety architecture. In addition to the police department expansion discussed previously, a substation is planned in the northeast area of the City on Antelope Road between Clinton Keith Road and Scott Road, within Fire Station 4. The substation is in the final design stage of development. Funding and construction of the substation is expected to coincide with development of the area and projected to be completed in spring 2008. The substation is being funded by Development Fees. In addition to the new substation, the City plans to utilize all shared facilities. Currently, the Department shares its facility with the City's Emergency Operations Center, and all future substations will be located within future fire stations.

9.5 FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

The City of Murrieta Fire Department provides fire protection services within the City. The Department currently has four fire stations and one administration facility, as listed in Table 9.C.

Table 9.C: City of Murrieta Fire Facilities, Personnel, and Equipment

Fire Facilities and Locations	Equipment	Personnel
Fire Administration and Station No. 1 41825 Juniper Street	(4) 1,700-GPM pumpers (1) 500-GPM brush pumper (1) 2,000-gallon water tender	1 Fire Chief 1 Administrative Secretary 3 Battalion Chiefs
Fire Station No. 2 40060 California Oaks Road	(1) 75-foot quint (2) 1,750-GPM reserve pumpers	1 Emergency Medical Coordinator
Fire Station No. 3 39985 Whitewood Road	(1) 1,500-GPM pumper 1 Model 9 brush truck	12 Station Captains 12 Fire Apparatus Engineers
Fire Station No. 4 28155 Baxter Road	1 mechanic truck 6 staff vehicles	12 Fire Fighters/Paramedics 2 Fire Inspectors 1 Mechanic 1 Executive Secretary 1 Administrative Analyst

In addition to the existing facilities, the City has planned a new \$1.4 million training facility adjacent to Station No. 1. The facility is planned for development in FY 2006–07 and would be funded by development fees.

Each station is staffed with one captain, one engineer, and one firefighter/paramedic per shift. This staffing is augmented by volunteers. Additionally, half of the Department’s firefighters are cross-trained in urban search and rescue, and six are swift-water-rescue certified.

Service (911) calls are received by the Murrieta Police Department at a joint police/fire dispatch center. The center transmits calls directly to engine companies and the contract ambulance company. The Department’s service goal is to provide a firefighter and paramedic response within 5 minutes, 30 seconds of driving time to 90 percent of calls within the City. In 2003 the Department’s average driving response time was 4 minutes, 20 seconds for medical aid calls and 5 minutes, 38 seconds for fire calls. The current ISO ratings for the City are 4 for urban areas and 9 for rural areas.

In 2005, medical aid responses, including injury traffic accidents, represented 56 percent of the total number of calls. Fire activity totaled 377 incidents, with 236 of them false alarms. Actual fires, including structure, vehicle, vegetation, etc., represent 2.5 percent of all Department responses and show a substantial reduction from the previous year. The other life safety category consists of 37 percent of all fire department calls for service and includes investigations, child locked in vehicle, elderly assist, hazardous materials, water salvage, and mutual aid responses. Historically, Fire Station No. 2 has been Murrieta’s busiest station for 911 calls. In 2003, Fire Station No. 3 was the busiest of the fire stations, with an average of 4.6 calls per 24-hour shift. In 2004, Fire Station No. 2 reclaimed its ranking as the busiest station with 1,872 total 911 calls, or 5.1 per shift. In 2005, Fire Station No. 2 continued its ranking as the busiest station with 2,081 total 911 calls or 5.7 per shift. The majority of

calls show clustering in the central portion of the City. With Station No. 4 now in service, response times to the Mapleton area have been reduced significantly. Since opening in October, Station No. 4 has responded to 233 incidents, or an average of three incidents per shift.

The Fire Department responds to emergency medical calls with certified paramedics. Ambulance services for the local area are provided under a contract with American Medical Response. To improve service levels, American Medical Response rents space at Fire Stations No. 2 and No. 3. The American Medical Response ambulance at Station No. 2 is a priority post whereby American Medical Response automatically moves up another ambulance to fill Station No. 2 when that ambulance is out on call. Since ambulances have been located at Fire Stations No. 2 and No. 3, the average response time has improved 20 percent, to less than 10 minutes.

The City and County Fire Departments have an automatic aid agreement. The County provides first-in response to two parts of the City that are outside the City's 5.5-minute response time standard for its stations: (1) the Bear Creek area in the western corner of the City, and (2) between Elm and Cherry streets west of I-15 in the southern corner of the City. Under this same agreement, the City provides first-in response to the south Wildomar area that City engines can reach more quickly than the County's. No funds are exchanged between the two agencies under this agreement.

In February 2005, the Fire Department completed a five-year strategic plan, which examined the conditions of the Department, such as fire suppression, emergency medical services, hazardous materials, fire prevention, and emergency preparedness, as well as future needs such as capital improvement projects, personnel, funding, and financial forecasts that are based upon growth projections. This plan will guide development of new facilities, equipment, and personnel as the City grows.

9.6 SOLID WASTE SERVICES

Solid waste service within Murrieta is provided by Waste Management, Inc. via contract with the City. 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
- Lamb Canyon Sanitary Landfill
- Olinda Alpha Sanitary Landfill
- Puente Hills Landfill

In 2000, the City of Murrieta disposed of 37,005 tons of solid waste. The CIWMB shows that the solid waste disposal generation factor for the City is 1 pound per resident per day and 17.8 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. The CIWMB Web site does not provide finalized diversion rates for the City of Murrieta; however, the diversion rate is expected to be below 50 percent.

Solid Waste Rate

The City has a flat rate for residential solid waste services. Commercial rates are based on the larger refuse bin size and by number of pickups per week. Table 9.D provides Murrieta’s current solid waste rates.

Table 9.D: Monthly Solid Waste Rates

Service	Rate
Residential	\$15.31
Commercial and Industrial	From \$75.27, depending on bin size and number of pickups

9.7 STORM WATER DRAINAGE

Storm water drainage infrastructure within Murrieta consists of a network of natural and improved streams, storm channels, storm drains, and catch basins. These facilities and their necessary maintenance are provided by the RCFCWCD and the City. Regional master planned facilities (over 36 inches in diameter) are owned and maintained by the RCFCWCD, and all non-master planned facilities smaller than 36 inches in diameter are maintained by the City.

Storm water from the City of Murrieta drains to two watersheds, the Santa Ana Watershed and the Santa Margarita Watershed. Two major tributaries, Murrieta Creek and Warm Springs Creek, run through the City. Murrieta Creek runs from the northern City limit, along the Rancho Temecula line, to the southern City limit at Cherry Street. In its unimproved state, Murrieta Creek lacks the capacity to convey 100-year storm flows through the City. The majority of the Warm Springs Channel, which runs from Murrieta Creek to Keller Road, remains undeveloped.

Many areas of the City have a history of flooding associated with overflow from Murrieta Creek and its tributaries. This was particularly an issue in the downtown area. However, the City has constructed drainage within Ivy Street and to the north of Kalmia Street, which has minimized flooding impacts to the downtown area. These improvements will not be fully functional until the Army Corp of Engineers (Corps) completes Phase 2, Phase 3, and Phase 4 of the Murrieta Creek improvement project, which is discussed below.

A Master Drainage Plan was prepared by RCFCWCD, which identifies improvements that would provide flood protection for both existing and future development within the City. The improvements, identified as the Murrieta Creek improvement project, include 11 miles of earthen channel of the

Murrieta Creek from Rancho California Road in Temecula to Clinton Keith Road and a network of underground storm drains to provide 100-year flood protection.

Phase 1 of the Murrieta Creek improvement project has been completed. Phase 2 of the project has been designed, but the construction is not yet funded. Phases 3 and 4 of the project has not yet been designed. Phase 4 includes improvements to Murrieta Creek from Cherry Street to Vineyard Parkway.

Additional local facilities will be constructed by developers or the City as they become necessary. During the development approval process, developers are “conditioned” to construct necessary storm drain facilities. In addition, projects in close proximity to master drainage facilities are conditioned to contribute a fair-share cost towards the design and construction of regional drainage facilities. Table 9.E lists the currently proposed capital improvement project names, a brief description, proposed construction time frames, and a total anticipated budget of these proposed projects.

Table 9.E: Planned Storm Water Infrastructure Improvements within Murrieta

Project Name	Description	Construction Time Frame
Line D: Madison Avenue to Adams Avenue	Regional channel improvements that will be designed, constructed, and maintained by RCFCWCD.	2009 +
Line D	Design and/or assist affected properties with the design and permitting of improvement to the Line D drainage course between Murrieta Hot Springs Road and Murrieta Creek. Infrastructure will be maintained by RCFCWCD.	2004–2009
Murrieta Creek Design	Contribution to Corps for local share in preconstruction, engineering, and design; location from Vineyard Parkway to south City limits. Infrastructure will be maintained by RCFCWCD.	2004–2009
Western Historic Murrieta Storm Drain System	Design and construct a storm drain system in the western area of historic Murrieta, the portion west of Washington Avenue.	2005–2006

Source: City of Murrieta CIP, 2006.

Storm water infrastructure improvements will be funded primarily by development impact fees collected for storm drain facilities by the City. RCFCWCD also contributes toward the design and construction of planned improvements. In certain instances, federal grant projects may include funding of storm drain improvements.

9.8 ROADWAYS AND CIRCULATION

The major roadways within the City generally consist of a grid system running either east-west or north-south and bisected by the I-15 and I-215 Freeways. Existing LOS information within the City was not available. However, the City’s 2006 Circulation Element states that through development of the City, some localized roadway segments will operate slightly above LOS C capacity. However,

improvement in the flow of traffic can be achieved by implementation of capacity augmentation features at intersections within these areas. In many instances, this may require dual left-turn lanes and right-turn deceleration lanes on intersection approaches of the major roadway.

The City's General Plan policy is to maintain no worse than LOS D at all City intersections during peak hours and maintain no worse than LOS E at freeway interchanges during peak hours. Based upon the General Plan information above, it appears that the City will be able to achieve this policy objective.

To assist in the development and expansion of roadways as the City grows, the City's development approval process requires that proposed development submit traffic impact study reports to the City to identify project traffic impacts, service levels, and mitigation measures required to maintain adequate roadway system performance.

The City has a Pavement Management Plan, which evaluates the condition of City streets and plans for maintenance and upgrades. In addition, the Plan lists the costs for each type of recommended improvement. The Plan states that the majority of the City's streets are in very good or good condition. A minority of the streets are in fair condition, and none of the streets have been rated as being in poor condition.

Transit Services

Transit services within the City of Murrieta are provided by the Riverside Transit Agency. There are currently three routes that serve the City. These routes are:

- Route 23: The community center to the Inland Valley Hospital
- Route 202: The Wal-Mart in Murrieta to the Oceanside Transit Center
- Route 206: The Promenade Mall and the Metrolink Station

In addition to local routes, Riverside Transit Agency provides Dial-A-Ride curb-to-curb transportation services to Murrieta residents within a specific service area. 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)

9.9 PARK AND RECREATION SERVICES

The City of Murrieta currently has 38 park facilities that provide 498.4 acres of parkland. In addition, the City has 6 parks (totaling 32.6 acres) currently under construction, 6 parks (totaling 25.5 acres in plan check), and 2 parks (totaling 48 acres) in design. The City's parks facilities are listed in Tables 9.F through 9.I.

Table 9.F: City of Murrieta Existing Parks

Facility and Location	Amenities	Acreage
Alta Murrieta Sports Park 39775 Alta Murrieta Drive	Barbeques; baseball fields; concession stand; football field; parking lot; picnic tables/park benches; restroom/port-lets; tot lot/playground; water fountains	14
Antelope Hills Park (natural) Carlton Oaks Street off Murrieta Oaks Avenue	Bike path/walking trail	60
Antelope Hills Park (active) Carlton Oaks Street off Murrieta Oaks Avenue	Amphitheater; barbeques; picnic tables/park benches; shelters; tot lot/playground	1.5
Antigua Park 41405 Nutmeg Street	Picnic tables/park benches	1.5
Barratt Park 24535 Las Brisas Road South	Bike path/walking trail	2.5
Bear Valley Park 1 23340 Holly Drive	Bike path/walking trail	15
Bear Valley Park 2 23550 Rustic Road	Bike path/walking trail	12.3
California Oaks Sports Park 40600 California Oaks Road	Barbeques; baseball fields; basketball court	20
Calle Cipres Park 38200 Calle Cipres	Picnic tables/park benches; tot lot/playground	1.5
Carson Park 37765 Cresta Del Rey	Tot lot/playground	0.8
Century Park Las Brisas Road North	Barbeques; bike path/walking trail; picnic tables/park benches; tot lot/playground	5
Cole Canyon Park (natural) Copper Canyon Development	Bike path/walking trail	165
Community Center/Hunt Field 41810 Juniper Street	Barbeques; baseball fields; basketball court; picnic tables/park benches; tot lot/playground	5
Copper Canyon Park 23790 Via Alisol	Barbeques; bike path/walking trail; picnic tables/park benches; shelters; soccer field; softball field (unlit); tot lot/playground	8.5
Crystal Aire Park Lincoln Avenue	Barbeques; picnic tables/park benches	0.2
Eastgate Park 25200 Whitewood Road	Picnic tables/park benches; tot lot/playground	1
Echo Canyon Park Nutmeg Street near Jameson Street	Picnic tables/park benches; tot lot/playground	1.5
Falcon's View Park (#35) – (natural) Five Tribes Trail	Bike path/walking trail; mature trees	20

Facility and Location	Amenities	Acreage
Firefighters Park Murrieta Hot Springs Road	Barbeques; basketball court; picnic tables/park benches. restroom/port-lets; shelters; spray turtles; tot lot/playground; volleyball court	2.5
Glen Arbor Park Jackson Avenue	Barbeques; picnic tables/park benches	16.8
Los Alamos Hills Sports Park Hunter/Whitewood/Los Alamos (Phase I)	Barbeques; baseball fields; basketball court; bike path/walking trail; concession stand; football field; parking lot; picnic tables/park benches; restroom/port-lets; shelters; soccer field; softball field (lit); softball field (unlit); tennis court; tot lot/playground; volleyball court	46
Mapleton Park Poinsettia Drive off Antelope Road	Barbeques; bike path/walking trail; parking lot; picnic tables/park benches, restroom/port-lets, shelters; soccer field; softball field (unlit); tot lot/playground; volleyball court	10.6
Meadowridge Park Hancock Avenue	Barbeques; picnic tables/park benches; tot lot/playground	3.7
Mira Mosa Park 29486 Calle Andras	Barbeques; bike path/walking trail; picnic tables/park benches; restroom/port-lets; softball field (unlit); tot lot/playground	7.5
Montafino Park 24146 Huntridge Road	Picnic tables/park benches; tot lot/playground	0.3
Monte Vista Park Andromeda Street south of Via Mira Mosa	Basketball court; picnic tables/park benches	0.5
Mountain Pride Park Mountain Pride Drive	Parking lot; picnic tables/park benches; restroom/port-lets; softball field (unlit)	14.8
Murrieta Elementary School Park B Street off Adams Avenue	Basketball court; parking lot; picnic tables/park benches; restroom/port-lets; shelters; softball field (unlit); tot lot/playground	4.5
Oak Mesa Park (#28b) (natural) Clinton Keith Road near Nutmeg Street	Mature trees	5.0
Oak Tree Park 37710 Oxford Road	Picnic tables/park benches	0.3
Pond Park Murrieta Hot Springs Road	Bike path/walking trail; catch and release pond; picnic tables/park benches; restroom/port-lets	7
Rancho Acacia Park 39785 Avenida Palizada	Barbeques; bike path/walking trail; par exercise course; picnic tables/park benches; shelters; softball field (unlit); tot lot/playground	15.3
Rosewood Park Mark Way and Via Alisol	N/A	0.8
Shady Maple Park 29785 Calle Andras	Barbeques; parking lot; picnic tables/park benches; shelters; soccer field; softball field (unlit); tot lot/playground	4

Facility and Location	Amenities	Acreage
Sycamore Park Madison Avenue and Breckin Court	Basketball court; picnic tables/park benches; shelters; tot lot/playground	3
Valley Vista Park Morning Dove	Barbeques; picnic tables/park benches; shelters; tot lot/playground	5.5
Vintage Reserve Park Vintage Reserve Drive	Barbeques; parking lot; picnic tables/park benches; tot lot/playground	4
Warm Springs Park Via Temprano (Park E)	Bike path/walking trail; horse shoe pits; parking lot; picnic tables/park benches	10
Whitewood Park (Park F) 39333 Whitewood Road	Picnic tables/park benches; shelters	1
Total		498.4

Table 9.G: City of Murrieta Parks under Construction

Facility and Location	Amenities	Acreage
Copper Canyon Park (Phase 2) 23790 Via Alisol	Barbeques; basketball court; bike path/walking trail; picnic tables/park benches; restroom/port-lets; shelters; soccer field; softball field (unlit); tot lot/playground	8
Mira Mosa Park (Phase 2) Via Mira Mosa and Calle Andras	Barbeques; basketball court; parking lot; picnic tables/park benches; shelters	2.5
Murrieta Oaks Park Sweetspire Terrace near Laurelwood Avenue	Picnic tables/park benches; tot lot/playground	0.1
Northstar Park Pictor Avenue east of Gemina Avenue	Barbeques; picnic tables/park benches; shelters; soccer field; softball field (unlit); tot lot/playground	14
Palomar Park Via Mira Mosa near La Alba Drive	Picnic tables/park benches; shelters; tot lot/playground	4
Town Square Park Kalmia/Jefferson/Adams/Juniper (entire block)	Amphitheater; bike path/walking trail; parking lot; restroom/port-lets	4
Total		32.6

Table 9.H: City of Murrieta Parks in Plan Check

Facility and Location	Amenities	Acreage
Blackmore Ranch Nutmeg Street just north of Clinton Keith Road	Barbeques; bike path/walking trail	1.5
Sykes Ranch Park	Barbeques; bike path/walking trail	5

Facility and Location	Amenities	Acreage
Calle Estancia Park 24535 Call Estancia	Barbeques; open grass areas; picnic tables; shelters; tot lot/playground; water fountains	5.0
Creekside Villages	Barbeques; basketball court; picnic tables/park benches; shelters; tot lot/playground	4
Second Avenue Park - Historic	Barbeques; open grass areas; parking lot; picnic tables; shelters; tot lot/playground; water fountains	
Vineyards	Barbeques; parking lot; picnic tables/park benches; restroom/port-lets; soccer field; tot lot/playground	10
Total		25.5

Table 9.I: City of Murrieta Parks in Design

Facility and Location	Acreage
Los Alamos Sport Park Hunter, Whitewood, Los Alamos (Phase 2)	40
Torrey Pines Park Torrey Pines Road at Warm Springs Middle School	8
Total	48

In addition to the City facilities listed above, there are two existing County Parks that are considered regional facilities located in proximity to the City. The County facilities are listed in Table 9.J.

Table 9.J: County of Riverside Park Facilities in Proximity to Murrieta

Facility and Location	Amenities
Lake Skinner Park 37701 Warren Road, Winchester	158 camping sites with full hook-ups, 16 with water & electric, 39 with water only. Shade structures, barbecues, picnic tables, restrooms, an on-site caterer, swimming, picnicking, hiking and equestrian trails.
Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve 39400 Clinton Keith Road, Murrieta	7,000-acre natural area, extensive system of hiking trails, group tours, interpretive programs, picnic area

In addition to the facilities above, the City has a Joint Use Agreement with Murrieta Valley Unified School District that allows for use of school facilities by the recreation and senior services divisions during off-school times. This agreement expands the facilities that are available to the community.

The City has a per capita acreage standard of 5 acres of local parkland per 1,000 population. Based upon the City's existing parks and the State Department of Finance 2005 population estimate for the

City (85,102), the City is currently providing 5.85 acres of parkland per 1,000 population. As noted previously, the City also has several facilities being planned and constructed.

To provide for additional facilities as new development occurs, the City requires all new residential development to provide for local park and recreation facilities at a rate equivalent to the City's standard of 5 acres per 1,000 population. This can be done through the dedication of park acreage or the payment of fees, or some combination of both.

Funding for park and recreation services comes primarily from citywide assessments that are imposed by the Murrieta Community Services District, a dependent district governed by the City Council. Current assessments are \$45.00 per dwelling unit citywide. The City reviews and re-engineers the assessment to ensure compliance with Proposition 218. The District also receives contributions from the City's general fund for park and related facility maintenance.

Recreation

The City offers a wide variety of recreation classes for all ages and operates a community center with a kitchen, restrooms, stage with lighting and sound, and 3,500 square feet of open floor space. The types of classes provided by the City are listed in Table 9.L.

Table 9.L: Types of Recreation Programs Offered by the City of Murrieta

Art and Music	Dance	Gymnastics
CPR	Tai Chi	Yoga
Spanish	Horsemanship	Sports
Toddler Programs	Teen Activities	Holiday Activities
Senior Classes	Senior Excursions	Talent Showcase

9.10 LIBRARY SERVICES

The City of Murrieta provides library services within the City. The library is currently housed in a 4,000 sq. ft. leased temporary facility at 39589 Los Alamos Road. The City contracts with the County to utilize the County's computer system and to allow for the return of County items to the City facility.

The library is open to the public 39 hours each week. The City provides a full range of services similar to those provided by the Riverside County Library. The library currently has a collection of 35,000 items owned by the City. In FY 2004–05 the library circulated 146,727 items.

The City is developing a new library facility at the Town Square at 24700 Adams Avenue. The facility will initially be 25,000 sq. ft., sufficient to serve the City for the next 10 to 15 years. The \$11.5 million facility is funded by the California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction & Renovation Bond Act of 2000. Specifically, the Bond Act provided \$6,373,676 of grant funds, \$550,000 was raised from local donations, and the City is providing the remainder of the funding. Build out of the facility would increase its size to 40,000 square feet. The facility is scheduled to be completed in February 2007.

At this time the City does not have any adopted library service standards. Levels and types of library services, programs, and resources are determined through the California State Library supported formal Needs Assessment process in which the City participates.

9.11 ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

The City provides animal control services through a contract with Animal Friends of the Valley. The contract provides for all animal control services, including sheltering and one animal control officer for the City. The Animal Friends of the Valley shelter is located at 29001 Bastron Street in Lake Elsinore.