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## **Riverside County Approves \$8 Million Agreement for Rancho Water Hydroelectric Facilities & Pump Station**

**Temecula, Calif.** – At today's Riverside County Board of Supervisors (Board) meeting, the Board voted unanimously to approve funding for Rancho California Water District's (Rancho Water/District) proposed infrastructure projects. The agreement for \$8 million will fund the Hydroelectric Facilities Energy Management project and the Carancho Pump Station Expansion and Improvement project, both of which will benefit the District and its community by lessening power demands and increasing safety during high-fire-risk weather events.

The inline hydroelectric facilities will provide permanent reductions to Rancho Water's annual power demands by roughly 5 percent through the installation of equipment utilizing existing water pressure. The facilities will produce an estimated 2.2 million kilowatts of energy under current conditions, increasing to 4.3 million kilowatts in the near future. When complete, this \$3 million project is estimated to provide an annual energy cost savings of \$300,000.

The Carancho Pump Station, located in the rural part of Rancho Water's service area, is an integral part of the community's fire suppression for Tenaja, De Luz, and La Cresta. This \$5 million project will increase the water pressure capacity to 4,200 gallons per minute (up from the current 1,500 gallons per minute rating). In addition, permanent backup power will be installed to guard against power shutoffs during fire events.

“These forward-thinking projects are just a few of the ways Rancho Water is working for our community. By reducing power consumption and increasing our area’s ability to fight fires, this funding is benefiting every member of our community,” said Rancho Water Board President John Rossi. “We thank the Riverside County Board of Supervisors for supporting these innovative projects and other investments in our county’s water infrastructure.”

The funding for these projects stem from the 2021 COVID-19 Stimulus Package or the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) established by President Biden. The intent of the bill is to accelerate the United States recovery from the economic and health impacts of the pandemic including water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure investments.

For more information about Rancho Water and for construction updates as these projects progress, please visit [RanchoWater.com](https://www.ranchowater.com).

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**About Rancho California Water District:** *The mission of Rancho Water is to deliver reliable, high-quality water, wastewater, and reclamation services to its customers and communities in a prudent and sustainable manner. Rancho Water is a local, independent Special District, organized on August 16, 1965, servicing approximately 150 square miles and more than 45,000 service connections in Temecula, Murrieta, and parts of unincorporated Riverside County.*



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