

**CITY OF TEMECULA  
AGENDA REPORT**

**TO:** City Manager/City Council

**FROM:** Patrick Thomas, Director of Public Works/City Engineer

**DATE:** October 25, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Approve the Site Access for Research Agreement with the Center for Natural Lands Management, Riverside Conservation Authority and Riverside County Transportation Commission on City-Owned Properties within Roripaugh Ranch

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**PREPARED BY:** Anissa Sharp, Management Assistant  
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**RECOMMENDATION:** That the City Council approve the Site Access for Research Agreement with the Center for Natural Lands Management, Riverside Conservation Authority, Riverside County Transportation Commission, Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency and City of Temecula on City-Owned Properties within Roripaugh Ranch.

**BACKGROUND:** On August 29, 2022, City of Temecula staff received the Site Access for Research Agreement (“Agreement”) from the Center for Natural Lands Management. The Agreement grants access to multiple properties in Riverside County for the purpose of researching and monitoring the Stephen’s Kangaroo Rat (*Dipodomys stephensi*, SKR). The Agreement requires individual executions, as individual organizations, of the Center for Natural Lands Management (“CNLM”), Riverside Conservation Authority/Riverside County Transportation Commission (“RCA/RCTC”), County of Riverside (“County”), Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency (“RCHCA”) and the City of Temecula (“City”).

CNLM has managed the City-owned Roripaugh Ranch Preserve for over twenty years. This preserve was set aside as mitigation for various federal/state threatened and endangered species under the Assessor's District 161 Habitat Conservation Plan. As the property owner, the City must grant access hence the recommendation. If approved, the Agreement shall remain in effect until November 30, 2023.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is no fiscal impact associated with the approval of this agreement.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Site Access for Research Agreement