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Wilson III Basin Phase 1B Improvement Project

As part of the Master Plan for Drainage, the City of Yucaipa has undertaken a long-term effort to construct new flood control and groundwater recharge facilities throughout the community. These critical improvements will help mitigate the risk to life and property in a flood event, provide sustainable water solutions, and preserve open spaces in the surrounding habitats and elsewhere in the community.

In February of 2018, the City Council approved the Oak Glen Creek Specific Plan which consisted of three Land Use Districts: Residential, Innovation and Open Space. The Open Space District has been designed to accommodate the realignment of Wilson Creek and channelization of Oak Glen Creek into a retention basin, known as the Wilson III Basin. This site will increase stormwater retention capability, increase groundwater recharge, and improve downstream water quality. As city staff developed the scope of work, it was determined that constructing the Wilson III Basin Improvement Project in separate phases would allow improvements to be made as funding became available from grants, partnerships, and development impact fees, meeting the expectations of the Yucaipa City Council and the community.

Recently, the city accepted the completion of work for the Wilson III Basin Phase 1A Improvements. This work consisted of excavation and grading, stock piling of materials, and constructing an interim spillway to provide enhanced flood protection in the short term.

The city is excited to announce the start of work for the Wilson III Basin Phase 1B Improvements. The \$1.2 million contract was awarded to LB3 Enterprises Inc., of Lakeside, California. This contractor's work will consist of installing rock along the channel for protection, improving driveway access to the channel and future City Yard from Oak Glen Road, as well as upgrading the drainage systems. These improvements in Phase 1B are critical in order to protect the Phase 1A channel upgrades from any flow associated with future storm events, especially since the project area is located downstream of the El Dorado Fire burn area.

“It’s exciting to watch the puzzle pieces fall into place. I can remember when this project was first discussed at City Council. Look how far we’ve come! Before you know it, this project will be complete, and there will be a handful of new recreational opportunities and enhanced flood protection for the community.” Mayor Greg Bogh.

Phase 1B of the Wilson III Basin Improvement Project is anticipated to take 4 months, weather dependent. The contractor is expected to start work in the coming week.

For questions regarding the Project, please contact Shane Massoud, Public Information Officer at (909) 797-2489 Ext. 291.

