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### **Oak Glen Creek Basin Update**

Over the last 15 years, the City of Yucaipa has been successful in our efforts to design and construct several basin projects in key locations throughout the community. These projects have not only been instrumental in providing a greater level of flood protection but also have had a significant benefit to recharging our community's groundwater supply. The Oak Glen Creek Basin has been a key contributor in our success since its completion.



In recently weeks, the Oak Glen Creek Basin has shown to be successful in controlling and mitigating downstream flooding from the El Dorado Fire Burn Scar. The Oak Glen Creek Basin is made up of three separate basins, each one having a storage capacity of 45 to 49 acre-feet of water (approximately 14.6-15.9 million gallons). The design and construction of these basins has allowed for debris and sediment to collect within the appreciate areas of the basins, as a result improving water quality that moves downstream. Additionally, the basins' ability to collect debris in a storm event has helped mitigate the potential for clogged storm drains and culverts which could result in flooding throughout the community. These past storm events have also provided the opportunity for water to accumulate within the Oak Glen Creek Basins which have illustrated the basin's ability to helped recharge our community's groundwater supply.



“Infrastructure improvements, such as these basins, are often forgotten. However, these improvements are critical investments that are instrumental in protecting our community



from future flooding events. As we enter the winter months, I believe these basins will play a key role in mitigating any potential flooding downstream because of the El Dorado Fire Burn Scar. I appreciate all the time and effort spent on this project,” said Mayor Greg Bogh.

The City would like to encourage our residents to visit the area and enjoy the associated open space as well as trail system.

