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English Creek Restoration Begins November 13th

Chino Hills, CA – The City of Chino Hills and its contractor, Nature's Image of Lake Forest, Calif., will begin restoration work next week on English Creek and adjacent natural areas to mitigate impacts to the natural habitat caused by the widening of Peyton Drive.

Residents can expect to see excavation trucks moving soil material from Chino Hills Community Park (the access point for English Creek), east on Eucalyptus Avenue to Boys Republic on weekdays from November 13th-22nd. The schedule was set to take advantage of lighter traffic due to school closures during Thanksgiving week. Approximately 50 truckloads are anticipated per day. No significant delays or impacts are expected to occur at the Park or at the intersection of Eucalyptus Avenue and Peyton Drive. The contractor will conduct work between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., but has agreed to restrict truck traffic during the school traffic peak hours from nearby Ayala High School and Litel Elementary School. The contractor will also observe traffic conditions and make adjustments to minimize impacts to the community.

During construction, equipment will be staged in the parking lot on the eastern side of the Park.

The restoration project will create three new habitat types: wetland, riparian and buffer areas. Work includes removal of non-native plant species and the planting of native species to improve the habitat for the least Bell's vireo, a small bird that inhabits the English Creek area and is on the state's endangered species list. Habitat restoration was deferred until after the bird's nesting activities were complete for the season.

English Creek runs behind the McCoy Equestrian Center and the Chino Hills Community Center and Park. The project funding is approximately \$725,000 and includes habitat reconstruction, biological monitoring, and 24 months maintenance.

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