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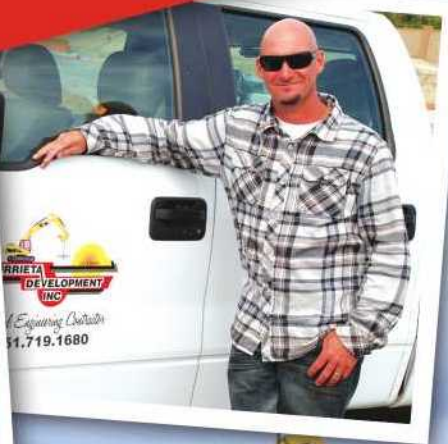


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(Right) Christene Close, President and CEO, Murrieta Development Company, Inc.

(Far Right) Tracy Meeks, General Superintendent, Murrieta Development Company, Inc.



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Murrieta Development Company, Inc. is a Woman-Owned Small Business and a leading general engineering contractor headquartered in Temecula, California. Christene Close is the President, with over 30 years of experience in all areas of infrastructure to include: sewer and water distribution systems, storm drains, dry utility systems, as well as civil construction management throughout Southern California. Murrieta Development specializes in public works and residential projects, but is also very involved in federal utility construction.

Murrieta Development started out

in 1981 with a vision of providing affordable local contracting and skilled labor to the growing housing market in Riverside County. Today the company works throughout California and its neighboring states, with over 90 employees and more than 100 pieces of heavy equipment. They provide a wide variety of services including, but not limited to the construction of; sewer lines, water lines, storm drains, dry utilities, concrete structures, as well as mass and precise grade construction, paving, concrete flat work, curb and gutter, engineer assistance, geologist excavation, design build construction, on-call

emergency work and traffic control services.

Tracy Meeks is the General Superintendent for Murrieta Development and has over 20 years of experience managing civil construction projects. He oversees the management of all the day-to-day construction and field operations for Murrieta Development, as well as ensuring that every job is scheduled and constructed to meet and exceed the customer's expectations. Tracy comments, "Right now our work is split fairly evenly between commercial and residential. We have a federal job coming up soon

at Camp Pendleton that will keep us busy for quite some time. The federal money is finally being released, so we are focusing on this type of work right now, however our residential side is also coming back. We have been working for KB Home in Jurupa for close to one year now our work should be completed by the middle of 2011. KB Home is currently getting their model homes built, while we are taking care of the wet and dry utilities. We are installing 8" and 10" clay sewer pipe at depths that range from 8 to 20 feet. We are also putting in 4" clay laterals for each home site. In addition, we are installing 8" and 12" C900 PVC water line, which is a full inch thick to sustain the 80 lb. to 130 lbs. of pressure that will be passing through the lines. In all, we are

putting in around 8 to 10 thousand lineal feet of sewer and water at The Enclave for KB Home. Our dry utilities division is also very busy installing the electrical and fiber optics on this job and they are both right on schedule."

Murrieta Development is also currently working at Glen Eden in Corona, California, where they are installing a new sewage system and septic tank. Specifically they are installing 3,000 lineal feet of 6" PVC sewer pipe, as well as a fire line and a 6" domestic water line. The job started in January of this year, and the sewer and water portion are now complete. Murrieta Development is finishing up on the dry utility work which should be completed soon.

Murrieta Development primarily relies on Caterpillar construction equipment and they own and

maintain a very respectful fleet of excavators, backhoes, dozers, and wheel loaders. When their fleet is being fully utilized, they turn to Heavy Equipment Rentals (HER) in Corona, California. HER has been providing contractors with heavy bare equipment rental services since 1999 and they have worked with Murrieta Development since the beginning. Tracy Meeks explains, "We own several 420 and 430 Cat backhoes, 330 and 345 excavators, D5 and D6 dozers and 950 wheel loaders. If a job demands more equipment than we currently own, we call HER. We rent it and return it when we are done, all without that additional huge monthly payment, insurance and other liabilities that go along with owning equipment. On the Glen Eden and KB Home jobs, we



(Above) Caterpillar backhoes digging utility trench line at a new housing development in Eastvale, California.

(Middle) Murrieta Development team members preparing trench for utilities.

(Far Right) Murrieta Development Company, Inc. operating backhoes rented from Heavy Equipment Rentals to install a new sewage system at Glen Eden Resort in Corona, California.




required an additional 8 or 9 backhoes to supplement our backhoe fleet. There is no one better to deal with than Heavy Equipment Rentals, and they always have what we need. In addition, they are able to get what we need out to our jobs right away. They know when we call, we need it now and they always come through for us."

The equipment however is only as good as the men that operate them and Meeks is quick to point out that acquiring good operators is always a challenge. "Finding talented operators and employees in general is surprisingly a challenge right now. Many of them have moved out of state or are staying put where they are currently employed. We work very hard to procure only the most exceptional team members and we

are also fortunate to have the ownership and management that we have running this company each and every day. Chris Close is everything you could possibly ask for in an employer and leader. She has been in this business a long time and she knows how to keep everything running smoothly. Her husband, Todd Close has a vast knowledge of the underground construction business and has worked on jobs across the Southwest for nearly 30 years. Todd oversees the management of all construction and field operations and both he and Chris have led our company to consistent growth and success over the years. We are also fortunate to have Carlos Garcia as our Dry Utility Project Manager. Carlos has completed literally hundreds of dry utility and joint

trench projects for major Utility Purveyors throughout Southern California for over 25 years.

Murrieta Development has 30 years of experience in construction and has constructed projects throughout Southern California with expertise in the installation of sewer, water, storm drain systems and general utility trenching. Their commitment to quality, workmanship and safety is the focal point of their success and their goal is to lead their industry from start to finish. For more information on Murrieta Development Company, Inc. please visit them online at www.murrietadevelopment.com or call 951-719-1680. 

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