

RANCHO SIMI RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
Interoffice Memorandum

DATE: October 4, 2007
TO: General Manager
FROM: Assistant General Manager
SUBJECT: Report on Status of FY 2007-2008 Planning and Development Project Priorities (Informational Report)

The following represents an update on the 2007-2008 Planning and Development Top Priority Projects:

1. SINALOA GOLF COURSE EXPANSION (PERMITTING): Secure Special Use Permit (based upon approved Scoping Study) including necessary design and engineering studies and community outreach to redevelop 38-acre golf course property. Estimated Cost: \$925,000

Status: A design workshop for the completed Scoping Study was held on October 16, 2006. The Board authorized staff to proceed with processing of a General Plan Amendment Application with the City of Simi Valley for Scheme 3 (preferred). The City Council authorized the District to proceed with a General Plan Amendment and Zoning Change at its meeting of January 22, 2006. On July 12, 2007 the Board approved an agreement with Hogle-Ireland, Inc. for consulting services related to the project, including entitlement permitting, necessary traffic, noise, and environmental studies, and public outreach. On August 2, 2007 the Board approved an agreement with Penfield & Smith for civil engineering and surveying services related to the project. Both consultants are underway with their work.

2. RANCHO SIMI COMMUNITY PARK UPGRADES (PERMITTING/CONSTRUCTION): Complete permitting, bidding, and construction of an expanded parking lot and one lighted soccer field on the west side of the park. Estimated Cost: \$750,000

Status: The first component of this multi-phased project involves expansion of the park's west parking lot. Construction plans for the project are complete. The required Permit Modification is underway and is scheduled to be approved in late October. Construction plans were submitted to the City of Simi Valley for plan check on September 26, 2007. The award of contract is scheduled for November 1, 2007, with construction to commence in early December 2007. The soccer field component of the project is scheduled to commence in late Spring, 2008.

3. RANCHO TAPO COMMUNITY PARK (DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION): Complete design, bidding, and construction of this 1.4-acre park expansion (Phase 4 – the final phase) including lighted tennis courts and pickleball courts. Estimated Cost: \$1,000,000

Status: On May 17, 2007 the Board of Directors approved an agreement with RMA International, Inc. for preparation of construction plans and specifications for the project. Design plans are approximately 60% complete. Staff anticipates that plans should be completed within the next 30 days, at which time they will be reviewed by staff, revised as necessary, and then submitted to the City of Simi Valley for plan check.

4. CHUMASH PARK (PERMITTING/DESIGN): Secure Special Use Permit and complete construction documents for this 53-acre park site. Estimated Cost: \$325,000

Status: A consulting agreement with RRM Design Group to assist District staff in completion of a Master Plan and Entitlement Permit for the park was approved by the Board on December 16, 2005. The Board approved a Park Planning Committee on March 17, 2005. The Committee met four times during the months of April, May, and June, 2005. On August 4, 2005, the proposed Master Plan was approved by the Board. An application to the City of Simi Valley for an Entitlement Permit to construct the park was submitted on December 20, 2005. Design plans were presented to the City's Development Advisory Committee on January 10, 2006. Plans were resubmitted to the City on October 12, 2006. A third submittal was made on April 11, 2007. A fourth submittal was made on August 17, 2007. Staff anticipates that the project will be deemed complete in November 2007 with the application going to the Planning Commission in early 2008.

5. OFF-LEASH DOG PARK (PERMITTING/DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION): Complete design and construction of off-leash dog run at Big Sky Park. Estimated Cost: \$500,000

Status: Over the past several months, staff has been in discussions with Shea Homes regarding grading and other required upgrades to the off-leash dog run area and access road at Big Sky Park. These discussions are continuing.

6. SIMI HILLS GOLF COURSE (CLUBHOUSE EXPANSION): Complete design, permitting, and construction of a 468 square foot addition to the Simi Hills Golf Course Clubhouse to accommodate required kitchen storage. Estimated Cost: \$200,000

Status: An agreement with Sparano + Mooney Architecture for construction plans and specifications was approved by the Board of Directors on February 15, 2007. Plans are 50% complete. Staff anticipates that design will be completed within the next 45 days, at which time they will be reviewed by staff, revised as necessary, and then submitted to the City of Simi Valley for plan check.

7. RANCHO SANTA SUSANA SOCCER FIELD RECONSTRUCTION (CONSTRUCTION): Complete reconstruction of Soccer Fields 2 and 3, including installation of Hybrid Bermuda turf. Estimated Cost: \$135,000

Status: Project is scheduled to commence in early March 2008.

8. APRICOT PITTING SHED: Complete retrofit and restoration of the historic Apricot Pitting Shed at Strathearn Historical Park and Museum. Estimated Cost: \$100,000

Status: Restoration plans are complete and were resubmitted to the City of Simi Valley for plan check on August 28, 2007, and plans were approved on September 25, 2007. Staff will now proceed with preparation of formal bid documents and seek Board approval to solicit bids for the project.

9. SANTA SUSANA PARK LOWER PARKING LOT RECONSTRUCTION (PERMITTING/CONSTRUCTION): Complete permitting, bidding, and reconstruction of lower parking lot. Estimated Cost: \$300,000

Status: Construction plans were completed in-house. In the upcoming months staff will submit plans to the County of Ventura for approval. Once approved by the County, staff will prepare bid documents and seek Board approval to solicit bids for the project.

10. HOUGHTON-SCHREIBER PARK BALLFIELDS UPGRADES (DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION): Complete upgrades to the existing youth ballfields and concourse at this park. Estimated Cost: \$175,000

Status: No progress to date.

11. RANCHO SANTA SUSANA COMMUNITY PARK PERMIT MODIFICATION (PERMITTING): Complete modification to existing Special Use Permit to accommodate two additional permanent lighted soccer fields, basketball courts, playground, expansion of existing Community Center, and relocation of originally planned commercial food service building. Estimated Cost: \$70,000

Status: Conceptual plans are still being reviewed and modified by staff and design consultants, including alternatives for Community Center expansion and a food concession building. Updated Conceptual Plans will be presented to the Board of Directors at an upcoming Board meeting.

12. PARK SIGN REPLACEMENT PROGRAM (CONSTRUCTION): Complete installation of permanent park monument signs at three (3) parks in Simi Valley and three (3) parks in Oak Park. Estimated Cost: \$67,000

Status: Plans (in-house) are complete and new park signs are scheduled to be installed at Atherwood Park and Lincoln Park by the end of October. No progress to date on the three planned new signs in Oak Park.

13. MEDIA CREEK BANK STABILIZATION PROJECT (DESIGN/PERMITTING): Complete design and secure permit for stabilization of the failed slope along Medea Creek near Oak Park High School. Estimated Cost: \$130,000 (allocated to project to date)

Status: An Agreement with the environmental consultant, Rincon, was approved by the Board of Directors on September 7, 2006. Staff is currently evaluating various construction alternatives.

14. SEQUOIA POOL DEMOLITION (CONSTRUCTION): Complete demolition of closed pool at Sequoia Park, including relandscape of impacted areas. Estimated Cost: \$150,000

Status: Demolition plans are 70% complete for demolition of the pool and surrounding structures. Staff has initiated abandonment of gas line and relocation of electrical meter and service.

15. CORRIGANVILLE PARK "JUNGLE JIM LAKE" (DESIGN): Initiate planning efforts including conceptual design, cost estimate, and permitting for restoration of the historic lake. Estimated Cost: \$54,470

Status: No progress to date.

16. SYCAMORE DRIVE COMMUNITY CENTER MASTER PLAN (MASTER PLAN): Complete study to identify necessary upgrades and improvements to Sycamore Drive Community Center including Maintenance Yard. Estimated Cost: \$0 (In-house Design)

Status: Staff has initiated this in-house study. Survey is complete. Assessment of space needs for Maintenance Division is underway.

17. OAK CANYON COMMUNITY PARK SPRAY POOL (FEASIBILITY STUDY/DESIGN): Complete feasibility study, design, and initiate permitting for installation of a children's spray pool at Oak Canyon Community Park. Estimated Cost: \$0 (In-house Design)

Status: On April 12, 2007 the proposed project was reviewed by the Oak Park Recreation and Park Planning Committee. In June, 2007 Vortex submitted a conceptual plan for the proposed spray pool area to the District.

18. MAYFAIR PARK PLAYGROUND UPGRADES (DESIGN): Complete design for installation of new tot lot and pre-teen playground equipment and surfacing at this neighborhood park. Estimated Cost: \$0 (In-house Design)

Status: No progress to date.

Board Action Requested:

No action requested. Informational only.


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