



RANCHO SIMI RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

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Dear Dog Park Patrons:

Thank you for your patience. Described below is an August 2, 2011 update on the turf renovation program for the Simi Dog Park.

This program involves closing portions of the dog park on a rotating basis for renovation of the entire park's turf. The renovation program includes an extensive soil preparation process (rototilling bare soil areas and adding amendments and nutrients to supplement the soil and increase its permeability to accept irrigation water) and installation of Kikuyu grass. Kikuyu grass is a drought tolerant grass that produces a dense turf which maintains a very high degree of wear tolerance.

In January 2011 the west portion (Area 1) was completed.

In mid-February, the small dog park area (Area 2) was closed and Area 1 (west end of large dog area) was opened for small dogs. Work then began on the small dog area, which was fully renovated with new Kikuyu grass.

The small dog area was reopened in late-June, and work began on renovation of the east end of the large dog area (Area 3). Rototilling and soil prep was completed in July. Kikuyu sod was installed on August 1, 2, and 3. The turf establishment period for Area 3 will continue throughout August.

In early September, Area 3 will be reopened, so large dogs will be free to play in Areas 1 and 3 (through a connector [Area 5]). Work will then begin in Area 4, which will continue until early-mid November. Completion of Area 5 is not scheduled at this time.

The renovation program is being performed by Park District maintenance personnel. The District appreciates your patience during the renovation process and asks that you give Harry, Dan, Alfredo, and Rudy your full cooperation.

Thank you for your continued cooperation during the renovation process.


Ed Hayduk
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