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Palmdale Park Needs Assessment Meetings Begin This Wednesday

PALMDALE – The City of Palmdale is encouraging residents to weigh in on the County of Los Angeles County Park Needs Assessment meetings in Palmdale to help determine future park developments, improvements and possible funding options.

The City will host two meetings. The first will be held this Wednesday, Jan. 13 at 6:30 pm at Marie Kerr Park Recreation Center, 2723 Rancho Vista Blvd. and will focus on park areas on the west side of Palmdale from approximately Sierra Highway and heading westward. The second meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 6:30 pm at Palmdale Oasis Park Recreation Center, 3850 East Ave. S and will focus on park areas from roughly Sierra Highway and heading eastward. A map of the study areas is available at www.LACountyParkNeeds.org.

“These meetings are designed to get feedback from our community as to what park features or facilities are most needed,” said Palmdale Director of Recreation and Culture Keri Smith. “Residents may bring their lists of potential projects to the meetings, where items will be discussed and prioritized. Up to ten prioritized projects will be submitted to the County for future consideration.”

The Los Angeles Countywide Park Needs Assessment, which began in March 2015 and will conclude June 2016, will assess park needs in 189 Study Areas, including cities and unincorporated areas. At the conclusion, there will be a visionary list of projects and cost estimates, in order of priority, for each Study Area. It will identify future opportunities for parks and recreation throughout the County by Study Area. The Park Needs Assessment will assist cities and unincorporated areas in future park planning. The Park Needs Assessment may be used as a guide for potential development of

future funding mechanisms. Results could also be used to leverage Federal and State resources, and guide local funding decisions.

For more information, please visit www.LACountyParkNeeds.org

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