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Pelona Vista Park Renovation Halfway Through Completion

PALMDALE – The City of Palmdale’s renovation project on renovating the recreation fields at Pelona Vista Park, located at 37800 Tierra Subida Ave. in Palmdale, which began in April, is now more than halfway through its completion.

“We’re very pleased with the progress so far,” said Communications Manager John Mlynar. “We’re all looking forward to having fresh new playing surfaces in a few months as Pelona Vista is one of our most highly used facilities in the City.”

“A side benefit to the project is that we’ve been able to reduce the amount of water used on the grounds by 26.2 percent in June and 38.8 percent in July,” Mlynar said. “We’re just focusing on the new turf and we’ve cut back watering in other areas of the park.”

Groups who were using the fields for games and practices are using other park sites during the renovation.

The scope of the project has included turf removal, re-grading, adding moisture retention soil amendments, irrigation replacement with water saving technology, and a new grass blend appropriate for our climate and play activity, as well as general facility upgrades would including stairwell overall, walking trail improvements, installation of split rail fencing to improve the cross country trail and improvement to the irrigation backflow, flow sensor and master valve.

The contractor for the project is Rich Meier’s Landscaping, which was awarded the contract at the April 1 Palmdale City Council meeting. The renovation will cost

\$400,000 and is being funded through the Excess Fund - Cities Grant Program by Los Angeles County Regional Park & Open Space District.

For more information please call 661/267-5611.

About Pelona Vista Park

Pelona Vista Park was donated to the City of Palmdale by Los Angeles County. Phase 1 was developed in 1997, and Phase II in 2000. This 73 acre park has approximately 30 developed acres and serves as the City's primary soccer facility. The park includes two restroom facilities, nine lighted soccer fields, maintenance facility, one-mile walking path, and more than 550 parking spaces which are also made available to commuters.

Pelona Vista Park is heavily utilized by local soccer organizations and has not been renovated since initial development. The park serves youth and adult soccer organizations, walkers and joggers, hosts local cross-country events, and serves as an incident command center for fire related disasters. Park attendance well exceeds 500,000 annually. Soccer organizations, which run leagues and tournaments at the park, include Palmdale AYSO, Palmdale Thunder Soccer Club and AV Outdoor Soccer. Combined league participation is estimated at 2,250 youth and adult players annually. Pelona Vista Park also serves as the Antelope Valley's primary location for cross-country events and without this facility high school and club teams could not hold events locally.

In addition, Pelona Vista is also a critical resource for disaster response in Palmdale and the surrounding unincorporated communities south of Palmdale. It has been used as a fire department incident command center and base camp on severe fire incidents, the most recent being the Crown Fire in 2010 and the Powerhouse Fire in June 2013

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