

## **Jess Martin County Park Basketball Half-court Project**

### Frequently Asked Questions

1. How many people currently use the park?
  - a. Approximately 53,000 annual park visitors.
2. Why was this site within the park selected?
  - a. After a thorough site analysis by DPR staff, it is the only open space large enough to accommodate a basketball half-court.
3. The court size, layout and materials are based on which standards?
  - a. It is based on US high school standards. Length: 42 feet; Width 50 feet
4. Is the court orientation ideal for a basketball court?
  - a. Yes, the recommended orientation is North-South to avoid morning and afternoon sun affecting play.
5. Is the post fixed or movable? Is the height adjustable?
  - a. It is recommended that the post be fixed for security and safety purposes. The specifications of the post and backboard will be determined during development.
6. Will there be lights installed?
  - a. Lighting will not be installed since the park closes at sunset.
7. Aside from the court, will there be other supporting elements such as benches, drinking fountains, trash bins, etc.?
  - a. These amenities will be considered for future improvements but are not planned for at this time.
8. Will existing vegetation and/or trees be removed from the project area?
  - a. No, there is no existing vegetation in the project area.
9. Is the court designed to accommodate other sports such as pickle ball or volleyball?
  - a. The court is not designed to accommodate any other sports.
10. Is it safe to have overhead powerlines adjacent to the court?
  - a. The team worked closely with SDG&E to make sure the court will be in a safe location. The post/backboard is also located away from the utility lines.
11. Can balls accidentally bounce or roll onto the adjacent highway 79?
  - a. Existing trees, shrubs, and a 5' elevation difference between the proposed court and Highway 79 (the highway is higher than the park) will minimize the chance of balls going onto the road.
12. Are there any other public outdoor basketball courts within Julian?
  - a. There are no publicly accessible courts within Julian.

13. How is this project being funded?

- a. It is being funded through PLDO funds – Area 40 Palomar Julian and Julian Improvement Impact Fee.

14. Is there community support for this project?

- a. Yes, this project has the support of the Julian Basketball Association, the JMPAC and the Julian Community Planning Group. The project was included in their PLDO Priority List for FY 2023-24.

15. Will you be able to reserve the court?

- a. This option will be considered by the park operations team.

16. Why does the construction cost significantly more than a comparable private residential basketball court?

- a. Contracts for public projects adhere to the CA Public Contract Code, and include provisions related to prevailing wage rates, labor compliance, bonds, and insurance coverage. This project also requires professional design services to ensure quality and safety standards are met. Public projects are also required by CEQA to have cultural and environmental monitoring during construction to safeguard sensitive resources.

17. Does the project comply with CEQA?

- a. Yes, the project complies with CEQA Exemptions 15301 Existing Facilities and 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.