



SAN LUIS REY BONSALL COMMUNITY PARK
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

General Questions

- 1. When did the County acquire the Bonsall Community Park (formerly SLR Downs) site?**
The County acquired the 63-acre Bonsall Community Park site in 2015 as part of the greater San Luis Rey River Park (SLRRP). This parcel is located at Camino Del Rey and West Lilac Road, across from Bonsall Elementary School.
- 2. What is the distance between Bonsall Community Park and Rio Prado Park?**
Bonsall Community Park and Rio Prado Park are approximately 6.5 miles apart.
- 3. What is the timeline for Bonsall Community Park?**
The County received funds in Fiscal Year 2019-2020 to complete an environmental review and to begin the design process. Environmental surveys and final concept design of the site are complete. We are now working diligently to move the project into the construction phase: permitting reviews are underway and we're preparing our bid documents. The team anticipates that the project will go out to bid in Fall 2022, but the timeline is subject to change due to funding and resource availability. Regardless of the timeline, this site is dedicated parkland and will be developed into a park. If the timeline changes, the County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will post that information on the website.
- 4. What outreach has happened for Bonsall Community Park?**
The first design public meeting for Bonsall Community Park and Rio Prado Park was held on 4/29/19 to gather input on desired amenities. An online survey was posted for those who could not attend the public meeting. A second public meeting for Bonsall Community Park was held on 10/3/19. An online survey was posted for those who could not attend the second public meeting. A third public meeting was hosted on 11/5/20 to present the final concept plan to the community and answer questions. The County has also attended several Community Sponsor/Planning Group meetings with both the Bonsall CSG and the Fallbrook CPG. The County has also attended Community Service Area (CSA) 81 meetings, Rancho Monserrate HOA meetings, and an SL Rey HOA meeting to provide updates and take input.
- 5. Will there be another public meeting?**
DPR will reach back out to the community to check-in when the construction timeline is set..
- 6. How can I stay informed?**
If you would like to be included on the distribution list, please send an email to the project manager. DPR will also continue to work with Community Sponsor/Planning

Groups, and may post event announcements on the DPR website and social media (Facebook and Twitter). To learn more about this project, and other DPR development projects, visit sdparks.org > Plans > Development Projects. The Senior Park Project Manager for these projects is Stephanie Kopplin, stephanie.kopplin@sdcounty.ca.gov, (858) 401-0417.

Traffic/Safety Questions

7. Will there be a traffic circle on Camino Del Rey?

A roundabout was planned with the construction of the Ocean Breeze Ranch residential development project (OBR) as part of a negotiated settlement with the “Save Lilac” organization (residents living on Redondo Drive) and the developer of OBR. However, the County recently learned that the developer no longer plans to proceed with the project.

8. Will there be a traffic circle on Lilac Road?

No, based on the findings, OBR’s Planning Commission approval is subject to the following traffic conditions:

1. West Lilac Road/Camino del Rey intersection
 - a. Right turn lane – SB W. Lilac onto WB Camino del Rey
2. Old Hwy 395/West Lilac Road
 - a. Traffic Signal
3. Lilac Road / Old Caste Road (Valley Center)
 - a. All-Way Stop control

9. Will the park be available for student drop off and pick up at Bonsall Elementary School?

DPR is in close communication with the Bonsall Unified School District. At this time, all parking in the park is intended for park purposes only and Bonsall Elementary School does not allow students to walk into school. Every child must be dropped off on campus.

10. What will be done for fire safety?

A Fire Operations Assessment will be completed, which will provide recommendations for fire prevention and safety, evacuation routes and demand on fire services.

11. I live adjacent to Bonsall Community Park – how will you keep visitors from entering my property?

DPR will place signage to direct visitors to parking lots and staging areas. Designated areas will be marked. Internal parking will be sufficient for park users so that street parking is not necessary.

12. What security will each site have?



Bonsall Community Park will have two live-on hosts to be the eyes and ears of the park when the park is closed. In addition, Park Rangers will patrol each area, seven days a week. There will be a small park office on site with DPR staff available. DPR also partners with the law enforcement to report and mitigate safety concerns. We encourage all park users to flag issues in/around the area by calling park staff, the Sheriff's Office, or 911. Info will be included in the park's kiosk sign.

13. What will be done about homeless encampments?

DPR Park Rangers patrol this area regularly. If an encampment is on DPR park land, the occupants are informed that unpermitted camping is prohibited. DPR staff then coordinates with homeless resource organizations to offer resources to the occupants. After services are offered, DPR posts a notice to vacate. If the occupants do not cooperate, DPR coordinates with the local law enforcement agency to assist and on occasion, these interactions also involve support from the County's Health and Human Services Agency. If an encampment is not on DPR land, DPR informs the property owner and connects the property owner with homeless resource organizations.

14. What maintenance will be done at the site before the park opens?

DPR staff is providing general park maintenance which includes mowing, tree/shrub maintenance, storm water management and erosion control, protection of natural and cultural resources, debris removal, graffiti abatement, and enforcement of all DPR codes and policies.

Trail Questions

15. When will the trails open?

Trails within the park site will be constructed at the same time as the park. Trails outside of Bonsall Community Park will be opened at a later date, as part of the larger trail plan for the SLRRP.

16. What user groups will be able to use the trails?

The soft surface trails will be open to all users, including the equestrians, hikers, mountain bikers, kids, families, and those wanting to enjoy and learn more about nature and local wildlife. The 10-foot width ensures there is space for everyone. The internal, hardscape walkways are intended for pedestrians and bikers only. Motorized vehicles will not be permitted on any trail or walkway, except for park maintenance vehicles.

17. What material will the trails be?

The majority of the perimeter trail will be decomposed granite or native ground. The southeast corner of the park will also have several soft surface trails. The internal walkways will be hardscape.

18. Will there be loop trails?



There is a perimeter loop around the entire site, that is approximately 1.25 miles. There are also numerous internal trails and walkways, making many different loops possible.

19. How will equestrians access the trails?

DPR is planning several access points, including equestrian staging, for equestrians distributed throughout the larger SLRRP. These are still in the planning phase, but DPR anticipates that equestrian staging will be integrated into Rio Prado Park to the east of the SLRRP and at another location to be determined on the west side of the SLRRP. The trail that runs along the northern edge of the property and connects under Mission Road will remain unchanged.

Parking/Staging Areas

20. How many staging areas will be included?

There will be several dedicated parking areas throughout the park. Although there won't be dedicated equestrian staging, DPR is investigating appropriate sites for staging areas throughout the SLRRP to serve equestrians.

21. How many parking stalls will be included?

There will be approximately 440 standard parking stalls and 16 ADA parking stalls within the park. There will also be 3 RV parking stalls.

Environmental Questions

22. Will the projects comply with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)?

Yes. The project is within the San Luis Rey River Park Master Plan Core Study Area. The project will comply with all applicable mitigation measures identified in the Board of Supervisors adopted 2021 Addendum to the Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR).

23. What biological resources are anticipated in the open-space preserve area?

The San Luis Rey River Park contains riparian and upland habitats that supports or has a potential to support a wide variety of species, including the least Bell's vireo, coastal California gnatcatcher and arroyo toad. Environmental surveys will take place to determine if any of these species are present.

Environmental surveys occurred throughout the location proposed for the Bonsall Community Park, as well as nearby land. As part of the survey efforts, protocol surveys for least Bell's vireo, southwestern willow flycatcher, and arroyo toad occurred. While least Bell's vireo and southwestern willow flycatcher were documented with the riparian habitat nearby the project site, these species were not observed within the proposed



project footprint. Arroyo toad was not documented in the nearby riparian habitat nor the project footprint during surveys.

24. Are these projects part of the Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP)?

Bonsall Community Park is within the Draft North County MSCP.

Facility Questions

25. What amenities will be built in Bonsall Community Park?

The amenities provided in Bonsall Community Park will reflect the desires from the community and site analysis. The community has shown support for multi-use trails, fitness stations, dog park, picnic areas, play area, sports fields, multi-use courts, skate features, and a bicycle course.

26. Will there be restrooms?

Yes. There will be two restrooms, including ADA stalls, which will be maintained by park staff.

27. What are the park hours?

The park will be open from sunrise until sunset. The gates will be locked at all other times.

28. Will there be a disc golf course?

We are looking to include disc golf at the neighboring Rio Prado Park at this time.

29. Will there be rugby fields?

Currently there are no plans to incorporate rugby fields at SLR parks. Rugby was not one of the top amenities requested in the outreach surveys. DPR fields will be multi-use, such that if new activities are proposed by the community, they could potentially be accommodated within County and DPR policy.

30. Are the fields going to have lighting?

We are looking into the possibility of field lighting. Any lighting will be directed away from the river and will be designed in a manner that is sensitive to the Bonsall community night sky.