

1960 — 1969

WILLIAM HEISE PARK



William Heise purchased Julian property in 1941 for health reasons.
In 1967 he sold his mountain property to DPR at a reduced rate.

DOS PICOS PARK



Acquired in 1962 and opened in 1971,
Dos Picos was called, “The last pearl
in a chain of the county parks system”
by Cletus Gardner.

POTRERO PARK



- DPR acquired two parcels of land for Potrero in the 1960s.
- The rangers, shown with the park sign, are wearing the standard flat brim Stetson hat.

1960-1969

1960s PARK STAFF



County of San Diego park rangers gather in 1967. The job classification of Park Warden I and II changed to Park Ranger I and II in 1961. A work and dress uniform was prescribed with the motto, "Look sharp and be sharp."



Our long time operating Tree Crew was given national attention in 1968 with photographs of the men in action in *Chain Saw Age*.



Before Cletus Gardner retired, he worked on a plan for county regional park development, "4 parks in 4 years." These included Heise, Dos Picos, Potrero, and San Dieguito.



1970-1979

RESTORING HISTORICAL ADOBES

RANCHO GUAJOME



- Rancho Guajome was one of the Mexican-era land grants, first given in 1845 to two Luiseño brothers.
- Home to the Coutts-Bandini family, this ranch was sadly deteriorated when the County acquired the property in 1973.
- A meticulous restoration by DPR took place in the 1990s.
- Rancho Guajome Adobe is now a National Historic Landmark.

RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS



- Rancho Santa María de los Peñasquitos is the centerpiece of the first Mexican land grant within present-day San Diego County—granted in 1823 to the retired commandant of the presidio.
- Part of a 1974 preserve owned and administered jointly by the County and City, the ranch protects critical habitat in central San Diego.
- The preservation, restoration, and archaeological study of the County land resulted in the addition of Los Peñasquitos to the National Register of Historic Places in 1982.

1970-1979

RANGERETTES PROGRAM



- In 1972, the Board of Supervisors voted to streamline DPR's parks system by instituting electronic reservations, and to start a public relations program with "mini-skirted 'rangerettes.'"
- Rangerettes included mainly college students; some went on to careers as park rangers.



1976 DPR STAFF PHOTO



- Photographed at Provence house in 1976, this staff grouping includes the second DPR director, Lloyd Lowrey, standing between two kneeling rangers.
- Lowrey served as director from 1972 - 1982.
- Robert Copper, the third DPR director, is standing in the first row, second from the right.

1980-1989

COMMUNITY CENTERS

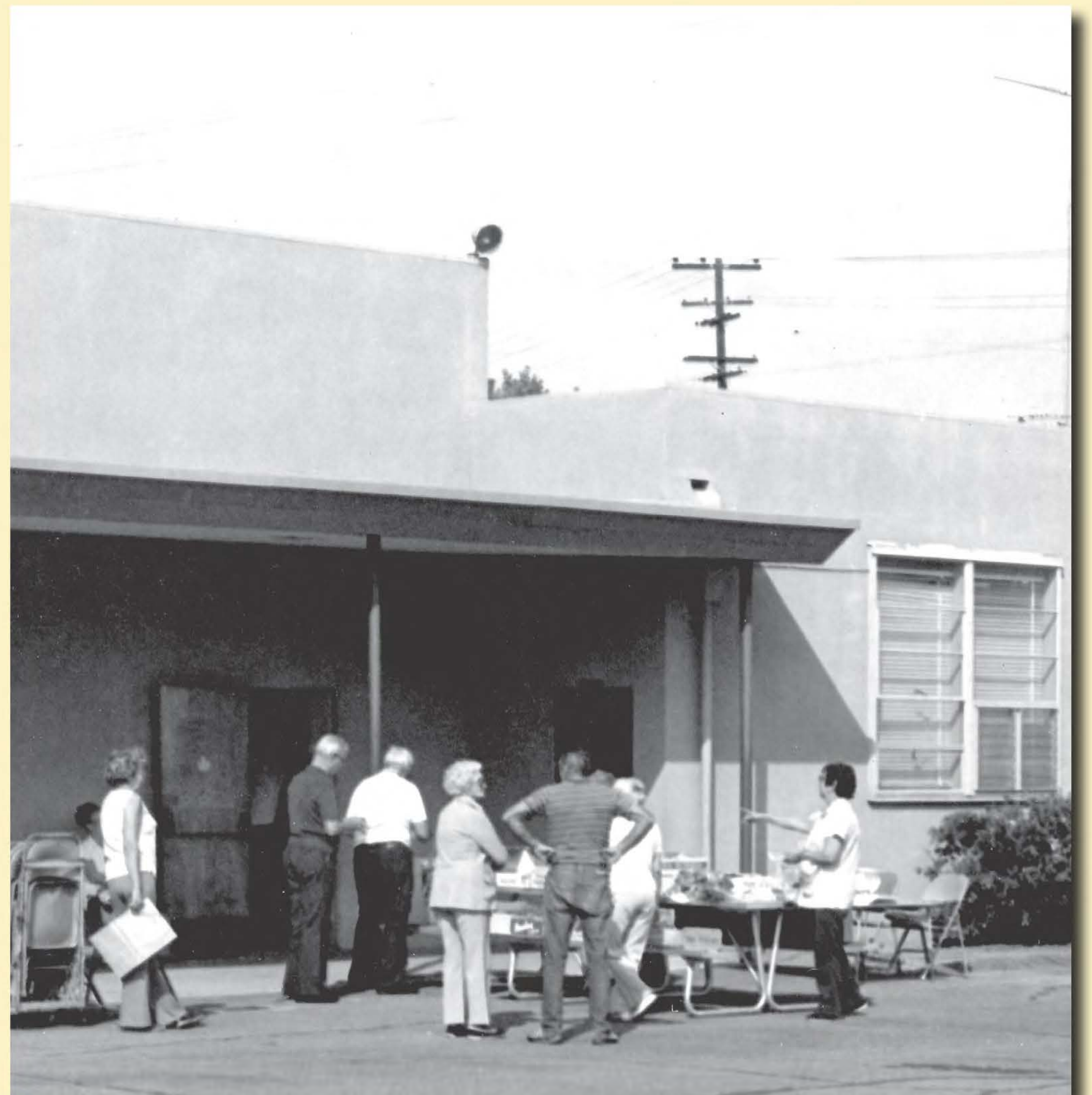
Community Centers or local parks have long been a part of our county system, with community groups participating in their operations and improvements.



The Lakeside Community Center is situated on Lindo Lake. The Fallbrook Community Center was used as a prototype for the building, which opened in 1990.



Ground breaking at Fallbrook Community Center was held in 1980, with DPR Director Lloyd Lowrey participating.



The Spring Valley Community Center building was designed in the late 1970s and opened in the 1980s.

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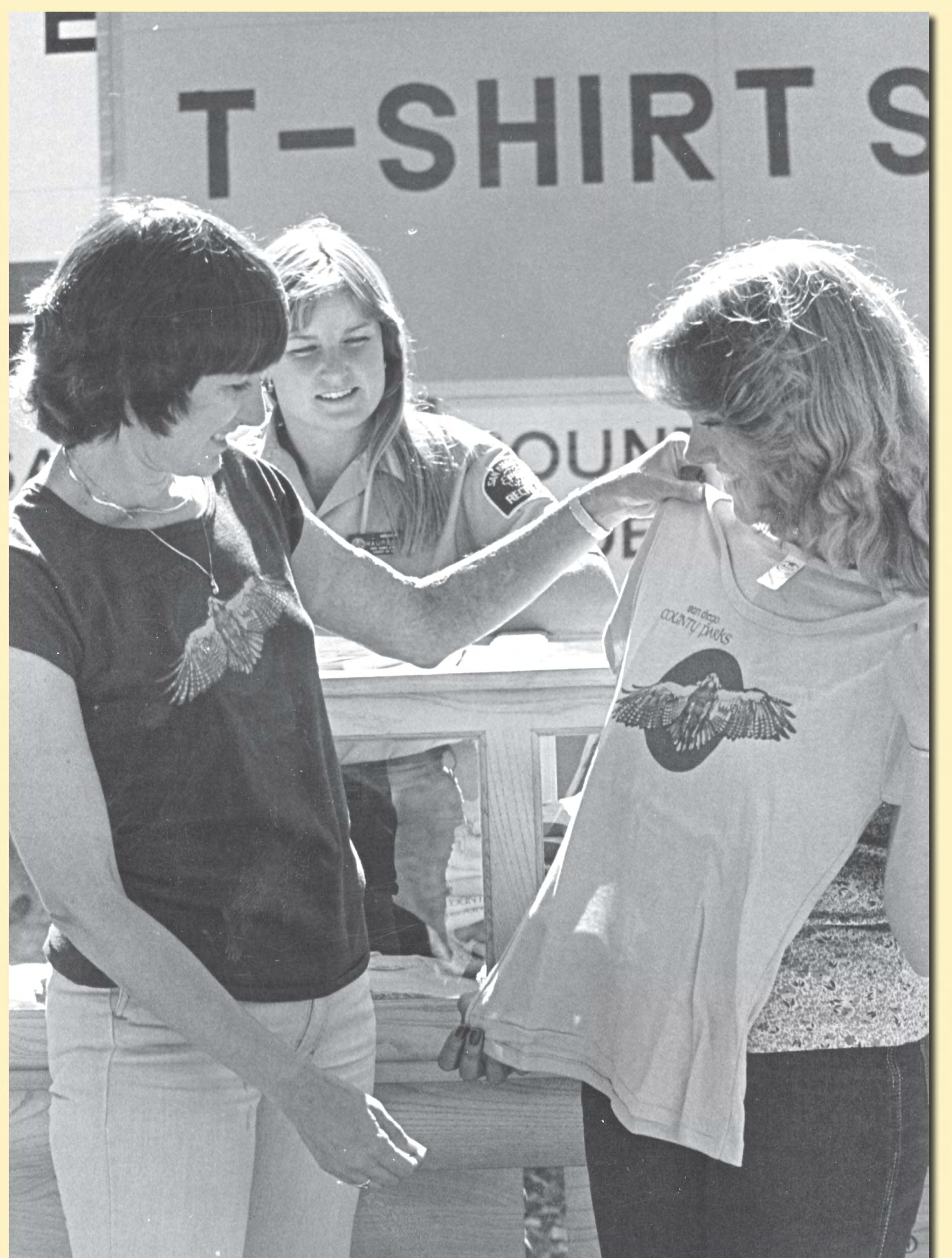
A non-profit organization, the San Diego County Parks Society, was organized in 1980 to help with extra funding, park projects, and event planning.



A Parks Society-sponsored "Ecovan" helped with DPR park outreach.



A DPR hat and hoodie from the 1980s, courtesy of Jake Enriquez.



The Parks Society started selling logo merchandise to raise funds for DPR.