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Los Angeles County Department of Parks and
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Subject: Request for Information Regarding Parks and Recreational Services and Facilities for the Trails at Lyons Canyon Project, Los Angeles County.

Dear Mr. Lau:

In coordination with the County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning, ESA is preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Trails at Lyons Canyon Project (Project) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The EIR will include an assessment of the Project's potential impacts on parks and recreational services and facilities. Since the Project is located within the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), we are requesting information from your agency with regards to parks and recreational services and facilities. In order to maintain the schedule for the EIR, we respectfully request your input by **July 1, 2021**.

The following is a brief description of the Project and a list of information requested to support the EIR's evaluation of parks and recreational services and facilities.

Project Description

Project Location: Regionally, the Project Site is located in the northern foothills of the Santa Susana Mountains at the westerly perimeter of the Santa Clarita Valley in unincorporated Los Angeles County (County); refer to **Figure 1, Regional Location Map**. Locally, the Project Site is contiguous to The Old Road on the east; west of Interstate 5 (I-5); just south of Sagecrest Circle; and north of Calgrove Boulevard near Ed Davis Park in Towsley Canyon; refer to **Figure 2, Local Vicinity Map**. The Project Site consists of assessor parcel numbers (APNs) 2826-041-039, 2826-023-014, 2826-022-026, 2826-022-027 and 2826-022-035.

Proposed Project: The proposed Project includes the development of 517 residential units with associated infrastructure, a designated lot for a future fire station, four Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) lots, and approximately 177 acres of natural and improved open space within the approximate 233-acre Project Site; refer to **Figure 3, Conceptual Site Plan**. Approvals for the Project include a Vesting Tentative Tract Map 83301, Zone Change, multiple Conditional Use Permits, an Oak Tree Permit, Housing Permit, and Section 404, 1602, and 401 permits for impacts to water and water quality, and potential riparian habitats.



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Requested Information

For the analysis, please confirm or provide the following information regarding the DPR and issues relating to provision of parks and recreational services and facilities for the Project, as appropriate:

1. The name, address, size, park classification (i.e., regional, community, neighborhood, or special use), and available facilities within the parks that would serve the Project Site.

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Park Classification</u>	<u>Amenities</u>
<u>Jake Kuredjian Park 25265 Pico Canyon Road Stevenson Ranch, CA 91381</u>	<u>5.74 Acres</u>	<u>Neighborhood Park</u>	<u>Restroom, parking</u>
<u>Pico Canyon Park 25600 Pico Canyon Road Stevenson Ranch, CA 91381</u>	<u>15.55 acres</u>	<u>Pocket Park</u>	<u>Hiking trails, picnic tables, restrooms</u>
<u>William S. Hart Regional Park 24151 North Newhall Avenue Newhall, CA 91321</u>	<u>162.47 acres</u>	<u>Regional Park</u>	<u>Barbecue, hiking trails, mountain biking trails, museum, picnic tables, restroom, senior center</u>
<u>Dr. Richard H. Rioux Memorial Park 26233 West Faulkner Drive Stevenson Ranch, CA 91381</u>	<u>16.64 acres</u>	<u>Community Park</u>	<u>Barbecue, baseball fields, basketball courts, children’s play areas, horseshoe pits, outdoor stage, picnic tables, restrooms, running track, soccer fields, softball fields, tennis courts</u>

2. What is the nearest park to the Project Site?

The nearest park is Jake Kuredjian Park. It is about 1.1 miles away from the Project Site.

3. Current capacity and level of use of parks and recreational facilities near the Project Site.

DPR does not have this information.

4. Are there any joint-use facilities located within proximity of the Project Site? If so, please provide information regarding these agreements and facilities.

None.

5. Existing ratios of developed parkland per resident on a Countywide basis.

The Project Site is located in Study Area #49 (Unincorporated Stevenson – Newhall Ranch – Castaic – Val Verde) of the Los Angeles Countywide Parks Needs Assessment. There are 197.5 acres of parkland serving a population of approximately 20,030. Thus, the parkland to population ratio is 9.9 acres of local parkland per 1,000 residents. Please refer to this report for more information:
https://lacountyparkneeds.org/FinalReportAppendixA/StudyArea_049.pdf

6. Please describe any planned improvements to parks and recreational facilities in the service area of the Project Site (i.e., planned construction or expansion, new facilities, etc.).

None.

7. Beyond any planned improvements or changes to the parks and recreational facilities discussed under Response 6, would Project implementation require the provision of new or physically altered park(s) or the need for new or physically altered park(s) serving the Project Site? If yes, please describe any new or expanded parks and recreational facilities directly resulting from Project implementation.

The Quimby in-lieu fee for this Project is \$1,420,001. Park fees shall be used for the purpose of acquiring local park land or developing new or rehabilitating existing recreational facilities to serve the park planning area due to the increase in population. Please refer to the attached Quimby Obligation.

8. Please describe County-adopted parks and recreational standards and acreage goals to be used in analyzing future development of the Project.

The Parks and Recreation Element of the 2035 Los Angeles County General Plan, Policy 3.1, sets forth the following goals for acres of parkland per population: four acres of local parkland per 1,000 residents in the unincorporated areas and six acres of regional parkland per 1,000 residents of the total population of Los Angeles County.

9. Any other design features or special parks and recreational requirements for future development of the Project?

None

Please feel free to contact me at (949) 753-7001 to discuss our information needs and/or any questions regarding the Project. An emailed response to this information request would be ideal, and I can be reached at ballee@esassoc.com. I appreciate your time and assistance with this effort.

Sincerely,



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Attachments:

- Figure 1: Regional Map
- Figure 2: Project Vicinity
- Figure 3: Project Site

