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Board receives update on Capital Improvement Projects

LIVERMORE — At a regular meeting Wednesday night, the Board of Directors for the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District received an update from staff on Capital Improvement Projects.

- **Sycamore Grove Park/Former Bobba Property** – The District is working with Tri-Valley Conservancy to add the former Bobba Property to this open space park. The property will allow for more park acreage plus access for future regional trail connectors. LARPD is working with TVC and the East Bay Regional Park District on an easement and construction of a trail connection to Lake Del Valle. A resource management plan is being developed to establish a baseline for a protective environmental easement with TVC.
- **Sycamore Grove Park/Coastal Conservancy Grant** – A Coastal Conservancy Grant has allowed LARPD to work on several projects in the park: pond restoration including construction of a dam and minor trail realignment; design and construction of an observation deck and interpretive panels; and habitat restoration and re-vegetation work. Construction of the observation deck is scheduled for April. The project sign has been installed on the trail approach to the restored pond. In addition, a mitigation project funded by the Isabel Avenue/I-580 interchange project has provided other habitat restoration and re-vegetation work in the park.
- **Other Sycamore Grove Park Upgrades** – Removal of the old structure from the former Ranger Station project is complete. There will be a new restroom installed near the Wetmore Road entrance connected to an existing water line and the City's sewer system. New vault toilets will be installed at the Arroyo Road entrance parking lot. In addition, the Nature Education Facilities Grant Project will allow for a weather station, changeable interpretive display panels and "flip book" as well as rubbing plates.
- **Robertson Park and Trails** – The new trail and respite area project start date is slated to be built this summer. There are also plans for realignment of the Vinsanto trail. The District will also expand the size of the Meadow and fence in part of the area for a dog park.

- **Robertson Park Synthetic Turf Field Conversion** – The project to convert current sports fields to synthetic turf is scheduled for construction bids for early 2012. In order to minimize regulatory and environmental complications associated with winter construction, the District will start construction after April 15.
- **Cayetano Park** – This future park, to be located near the intersection of Portola Avenue and Isabel Avenue next to Las Positas College, is developer-built and in final review process. Park features include a synthetic sports field, dog park, playground, parking lot, concession/maintenance building and open play area. Staff anticipates construction to begin within 12 months.
- **Robert Livermore Community Center** – A precast concrete monument sign for East Avenue in front of the Community Center has been ordered and is expected to be installed this spring. The request for bids will be issued Feb. 10 for mid-March construction start. Also, a replacement irrigation pump for Robert Livermore Park will be installed before summer.
- **Holdener Park** – A volunteer group, the East Bay Trail Dogs, has completed work on several trail sections in order to make the open space park more accessible to hikers. The group plans to return after the rainy season has made the ground easier to work with.
- **South Valley Trail Connections** – A new signalized intersection with a trail stretching from Isabel Avenue to Vineyard Avenue and south into Sycamore Grove Park will become part of a regional trail system and connect with the Iron Horse Trail. LARPD is working with the City of Livermore and the EBRPD on this project.

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