

Let's save Conejo Creek

Survey by district agency could determine future of equestrian park

BY HORSETRADER STAFF

THOUSAND OAKS – Equestrians are banding together to keep horses in the future of their beloved Conejo Creek Equestrian Park.

Deadline is Dec. 6 for anyone to complete an online survey by the Conejo Recreation and Park District “to assess the entire community’s interests and needs for future use.” Here is a link to the survey:

<https://bit.ly/2410survey> .

“It’s a horrifying thought that this could be the slippery slope of us losing our horse park in the next one to two years unless the equestrian voice is loud right now,” said local equestrian Diana Merville of Thousand Oaks.

The 50-acre property was acquired in 1972 and, over time, has become a popular public equestrian facility with a main arena and several smaller arenas and pens. The facility is maintained by Equestrian Trails, Inc. (ETI) Corral 37, who have added amenities for our local equestrians. Amenities include three bleachers (two covered) that accommodate 120 spectators, three horse arenas and five warm-up pens. There is ample parking for horse trailers and cars.

Equestrian advocates in the area are asking fellow horse people to fill out the survey and also to alert friends in the surrounding areas in Agoura, Santa Rosa Valley, Moorpark, Simi, Chatsworth and Ojai to circulate it to as many horse friends as possible -- clearly marking “equestrian” use on the survey.

The survey campaign extends



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The 50-acre Conejo Creek Equestrian Park in Thousand Oaks has been a hub of horse activities since 1972.

to industry services and professionals, too, such as training and boarding stables, equine veterinarians, tack shops, feed stores and horse clubs.

The survey simply asks what amenities and uses are being used by the survey taker currently and into the future.

MORE ONLINE:

<https://bit.ly/2410conejocreek>



Scan to
take the
survey



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Corral 37 of Equestrian Trails, Inc. (ETI) and TNT Shows are held in the facility, which is maintained by Corral 37.

Meet and Greet

San Marcos horse group introduced to parks head

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SAN MARCOS – It was a postcard-perfect afternoon on Sept. 23 at Walnut Grove Equestrian Center — excellent for introducing the facility and its supporters to Mark Olson, who became Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of San Marcos last January. Patty Morton, President of the Twin Oaks Valley Equestrian Association, along with other board members, led Mark on a tour of the grounds. The walk-and-talk ended in a meeting hall where additional local equestrians engaged in a town hall meeting that included a Powerpoint presentation on TOVEA, some area equestrian history, and the value of an equestrian lifestyle in a community. They also invited him to the Horse Heritage Festival and the 18th Annual Ride & Stride fund-raiser Oct. 20 at the park.

MORE INFO:

<https://bit.ly/2410tovea>



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TOVEA President Patty Morton (in hat) and fellow board members lead San Marcos Parks and Recreation Director Mark Olson (blue shirt) on an introductory tour of the Walnut Grove Equestrian Park.



Lindsay Pettingell, Michael Tayler (TOVEA Board), Natalie Hill (HHC Board), Mark Olson (San Marcos Director of Parks and Recreation), Patty Morton (TOVEA/HHC Board), Lori Hall-McNary (TOVEA Board), Katherine Beaulieu (TOVEA Board)



Local equestrians joined in a town hall meeting with the new Parks and Recreation Director Mark Olson (center).



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TOVEA Patty Morton and board members explain arena details to the new Parks and Recreation Director.