$2.85 Million Grant Awarded to

North Highlands Recreation and Park District for “Sierra Creek Park”

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In 2018 the North Highlands Recreation and Parks District’s Board of Directors decided to apply for a Proposition 68 park grant to develop Sierra Creek Park.

The North Highlands community’s dream has now become a reality with the news that the district has been awarded a $2.85 million dollar grant from the State of California’s Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS).

With $548.3 million in grant funding available, North Highlands received one of 112 grants awarded to nearly 500 applicant cities, counties and special districts.

Local meetings and workshops were held in 2019 that included focus groups comprised of residents living near the future park site, as well as members of the general public. The future Sierra Creek Park is located next to Spinelli Elementary School off of Watt Avenue and Davidson Drive, Antelope.

At these meetings attendees were asked what park amenities they wanted to see in this new park. Input was ranked with the top requests including children’s play areas, group and individual picnic sites, art murals, parking lot, community garden, shade structures, pedestrian pathways, informational/educational placards along the creek, pedestrian bridge access across the creek, public restrooms and more. Attendees then used this information to create a Conceptual Park Plan.

Sierra Creek Park is a 7.2 acre site, which has a creek that crosses from one end of the park to the other. The conceptual park design will include a series of jogging and walking paths connecting park users to various park amenities. The park boarders Spinelli School, which will allow for students and staff to access the park for play and educational opportunities.

The district has approximately 30 months to design and construct the park. The next step in the process will be to develop and solicit an RFP (Request for Proposal) to area landscape design firms. Once a firm has been selected, a series of additional community meetings will be held to create the final park design. Construction drawings will be developed and the project put out to bid. The goal is to break ground on the new park by early 2023.

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who helped make this dream a reality!