



# Conejo Recreation & Park District


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**DATE:** April 16, 2026

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Jim Friedl, General Manager 

**SUBJECT:** **Grant Agreement with McCrea Ranch Foundation for Development Services of Restoration Efforts, Development and Interpretation, and Restoration of the Interior and Exterior of McCrea Ranch Facilities up to \$450,000**

## RECOMMENDATION

1. Authorize General Manager to enter into a grant agreement with McCrea Ranch Foundation for Development Services of Restoration Efforts, Development and Interpretation, and Restoration of the Interior and Exterior of McCrea Ranch Facilities.
2. Appropriate \$150,000 for FY2026/2027 from Districtwide Assessment Fund to Annual CIP Grant Fund (Account 62-62-662-2801-000).

## DISCUSSION

In April 2011, the District entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the McCrea Ranch Foundation to create a collaborative and effective working relationship.

Over the past 15 years, the Foundation, with assistance from the District, has hosted numerous programs and events showcasing the property's heritage and history. In 2025, there were approximately 6,700 visits to the McCrea Ranch (Source Placer.ai). Additionally, the Foundation has provided stewardship of the property to help preserve and protect the legacy of the ranch facilities. From FY2012-13 to the present day, the Foundation has contributed over \$275,000 of its own funds through charitable contributions and fundraising activities, enabling the District and the McCrea Ranch Foundation to complete over \$750,000 in capital improvements through associated grants and the District's annual capital grant program.

In anticipation of the 100th Anniversary of McCrea Ranch in 2033, CRPD staff and McCrea Ranch Foundation representatives have held several meetings over the past year to discuss opportunities to advance the mission of the District and Foundation through additional capital improvements. The projects being contemplated will be throughout the entire ranch facility. Grant

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funding will be available for professional development services, interpretative exhibits, and restoration projects of the historic structures and facilities.

The idea of this enhanced capital grant matching fund agreement benefits the District and Foundation by:

- Celebrating a significant milestone (100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) of the McCrea Ranch.
- Preserving structures and improvements that are considered culturally significant and historical, with the ranch home and outbuildings being listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Creating an opportunity and certainty for the Foundation to access CRPD’s matching grant funds, which facilitates and incentivizes the Foundation to fundraise and seek additional financial contributions (outside grants) to preserve the ranch.
- Improving facilities and educational opportunities (interpretative exhibits) for enhanced public use at the property.

Contemplated projects include:

Priority Level	Description	Estimated Costs
1	Main House – Restoration and Repair of Exterior and Interior	\$ 500,000
2	Maid’s Quarters – Restoration and Repair of Exterior and Interior	\$ 135,000
3	Pool House and Pool – Restoration and Repair	\$ 150,000
4	Milk House – Restoration and Repair of Exterior and Interior	\$ 50,000
5	Other Miscellaneous Project Costs	\$ 65,000
Total Estimated Costs		\$ 900,000

These projects will help ensure the protection and preservation of the historic structures at the McCrea Ranch while improving facilities and educational opportunities for enhanced public use at the property.

Per the attached proposed grant agreement, main highlights include:

- \$900,000 worth of improvements at the property.
- District to provide up to \$450,000 matching grant funds to the Foundation.

- Grant Payment to be paid based on one-half of the amount requested for improvements provided.
- Funding for Years 1, 2, and 3 shall increase by \$150,000 per year for the total grant amount of \$450,000, with any unrequested funds being rolled over to the following year.
- Term of 9 years for the improvements to be completed.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN COMPLIANCE**

Meets 2026 Strategic Plan Element Objective and Strategy 2.0: Our objective is to provide and maintain recreational facilities that meet the needs of the community. Our strategy is to effectively plan and allocate resources to implement the District's Master Plan.

Meets 2026 Strategic Plan Goal 2.3: Maintain the 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan. Regularly update the 10-year Capital Improvement Plan to prioritize projects and effectively plan and allocate future resources. As capital funding allows, execute, implement, and develop projects each year in accordance with the plan. This Plan should include funds for accessibility improvements associated with park improvements. Update plan every two years as part of the Capital Budget process.

Meets 2026 Strategic Plan Goal 2.5: Maintain a capital improvement fund. Provide incentives for groups to improve District facilities through a grant funding application program for District approved projects.

Meets 2026 Strategic Plan Goal 4.6: Build, maintain, and support relationships with local organizations engaged in activities consistent with the District's mission. Look for collaborative opportunities to expand services and fill unmet needs.

Respectfully submitted by,



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