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Good afternoon, District Board Members!

Being that there is an upcoming CRPD Board meeting this Thursday and that I will be out of town and won't be able to attend, I wanted to write to you about my continued support for the inclusion of pickleball courts in the Conejo Creek West Master Plan. As a 28-year Waverly Heights resident and pickleball enthusiast, I know that there are many opinions and concerns about what the final plan looks like, but I am certain that CRPD will find a way to meet the needs of the entire community which includes more access to pickleball courts.

It is my hope that in accessing that need that CRPD keeps in mind that the pickleball community has grown by leaps and bounds (over 500% since the last courts were built at Rancho Conejo in 2018) and is still increasing in popularity. The courts at Rancho Conejo and Del Prado are always busy, filled with groups of people who regularly meet to paddle up, singles who come to find a game to join, or new players looking to practice their shots. Adding 10-12 courts in the Conejo Creek West space will not only give more people a place for open play, but will also provide more opportunities for CRPD to offer a greater variety of pickleball classes at different times of the day, resulting in more people (both working and retired) who can benefit from lessons on safe pickleball play, especially since many of the pickleball classes fill up quickly and have waiting lists. Besides this, having more courts will encourage more opportunities to meet other players, creating a positive social environment to form new friendships.

I acknowledge that the Conejo Creek West is a space for ALL the 135,000 people that you serve and am confident that CRPD will engage the best sound, environmental, and structural engineers to ensure that a plan for sharing this designated area safely is created, built, and maintained.

Thank you again for listening to all the opinions and information shared with you. I hope this coming Thursday's meeting goes smoothly and is constructive to moving ahead with a Conejo Creek West Master Plan including pickleball.

Thank you,  
Kathi Byington

**From:** [Jeff Byington](#)  
**To:** [crpdclerk](#)  
**Subject:** Conejo Creek West Pickleball Support  
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Hello,

I unfortunately will not be able to attend this Thursday's Board Meeting and wanted to express my support for the addition of pickleball courts in the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Pickleball has experienced tremendous growth across the nation, increasing more than 300% over the past three years — and even more significantly here in the Conejo Valley. What was once considered a niche activity has become a truly mainstream sport that brings people of all ages together, promotes healthy lifestyles, and builds strong community connections. I'm sure you've seen this firsthand through the growing enrollment in CRPD's seasonal pickleball programs.

With this rapid growth, our community is clearly in need of expanded recreational infrastructure.

My family has lived in the Waverly Heights neighborhood for nearly thirty years, and I certainly empathize with the concerns of our equestrian neighbors. That said, I truly believe there is room for everyone. As you mentioned during the recent town hall meeting, the CRPD team plans to work closely with sound, environmental, and structural engineers to create a thoughtful, balanced, and enjoyable plan for the entire community.

Thank you for your leadership, transparency, and consideration throughout this process. I am confident the CRPD Board will make the right decision to include pickleball courts in the Conejo Creek West Master Plan for current and future generations to enjoy.

Best regards,  
Jeff Byington



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**May 21, 2026 BOD Meeting AGENDA ITEM #4 Items From The Public**

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RE: ETI Corral 37 Conejo Creek Equestrian Center Master Plan *NO CHANGE*

The California State Horsemen's Association, (CSHA), established in 1942, represents 19 regions statewide with over 700 current members. As part of our mission, we support equestrian activities and open recreational space to foster the equestrian lifestyle for future generations. I am writing to acknowledge the *outstanding* efforts made by ETI Corral 37 in preparing the Conejo Creek Equestrian Center as an evacuation site for the Sandy Fire in Simi Valley. As of today, this fire has burned over 2200 acres and is only 15% contained. Fire season is now year-round in Southern California and all equestrian communities are at risk. ETI Corral 37 provides a much-needed emergency resource and is the **ONLY ONE** of its kind in the CRPD. To replace such a valuable community resource with pickle ball courts is putting the entire equestrian community at risk. As of May 2026, there are over 35 public, private and indoor pickleball courts located across 8 different locations. Several of these are located near the Conejo Creek Equestrian Center. ETI Corral 37 has done a magnificent job managing the Conejo Creek Equestrian Center for over 50 years. I strongly urge the Board of Directors to let the Conejo Creek Equestrian Center remain unchanged. Thank you.

