



California Strategic Growth Council
Attn: Community Resilience Centers Program
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Project Support – Conejo Community Park and Center Improvement Project

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency (COSCA), I am writing in support of the Conejo Recreation and Park District's (CRPD) subject grant application.

COSCA believes the Conejo Community Park and Center Improvement Project is essential to expanding resiliency within our community, and will participate in the planning, design and/or implementation as needed and is committed to the broad goals and objectives of California Strategic Growth Council.

The project proposes to replace the existing 7,000 SF building built in 1965 by local volunteer efforts with a new 19,000 SF building and a variety of community-serving park improvements. The proposed new building will be constructed to current standards and codes and provide expanded recreational improvements as well as the increased ability to serve as an evacuation shelter for the community. These improvements will provide functional and aesthetic value to the greater community and the park system. Also, the project addresses a meaningful need within the community for park facilities to evolve and provide for the community they serve. Most critically, the Conejo Community Park and Center Improvement Project will be a significant resource in addressing climate resilience and serving the District's most vulnerable residents.

COSCA has keen interest in this project because we have seen and experienced the value of community-wide responses to disasters and the prospect of climate-related threats that effect natural and built environments, and our many neighbors. Expanding park facilities to serve broader uses offers the best opportunities for locating emergency evacuation areas, cooling centers, and other amenities to serve vulnerable residents, while also contributing to the day-to-day health of our community and residents.

Thank you for considering this letter and your efforts to support a healthy, thriving, and resilient California.

Sincerely,

Brian Stark
COSCA Administrator

C: Conejo Recreation & Park District