

REC AND PARKS

Home, Home for the Rangers

Rec and Parks breaks ground for a new Ranger Station and visitor center in Hansen Dam.

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On Sept. 2, Rec and Parks broke ground for its new Park Ranger Station facility at Hansen Dam Recreation Center in Lakeview Terrace. A ceremony was held, which was hosted by Councilman Richard Alarcón.

The Hansen Dam Ranger Station, which is being made possible by Prop K funding, will be approximately 4,000 square feet and will provide a visitor center for the public; offices for the Rangers; restrooms; a storage area for ATVs; and new chain link fencing. This center has been eagerly anticipated by the adjacent community and will be a great addition to the services and

amenities provided at Hansen Dam, according to Rec and Parks.

The Ranger Station is the first of several projects at Hansen Dam to break ground. Upcoming

projects include the Hansen Dam campground, which will provide the opportunity for inner city youths to enjoy camping in the outdoors; wetland restoration, which will capture water from three adjacent parking lots and treat it with biofiltration; the Hansen Dam Skate Park, a 6,000 square foot skate plaza and small building for youths; as well as parking lot improvements and improvements to the equestrian trails.

The Hansen Dam Recreation Area is comprised of 1,437 acres in a natural setting that encompasses a wildlife preserve; 12 miles of equestrian and walking trails; a 40-acre water recreation facility, including a nine-acre recreation lake with year-round fishing; a 1.5 acre seasonal swimming lake; two large water slides and a sand volleyball court.



At the groundbreaking.



A rendering of the new Hansen Dam Ranger Station and visitors center.



At the groundbreaking.

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