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Jurupa Area Recreation and Park District Celebrates \$1 Million Grant Award for Mariposa Park in Rubidoux

Jurupa Valley, CA — April 30, 2026 — The Jurupa Area Recreation and Park District (JARPD) is proud to announce it has been recommended to receive \$1,000,000 in grant funding through the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) to support the Mariposa Park (37th Street Park) Project in the Rubidoux community. The funding recommendation was announced by California State Parks as part of a statewide effort to expand access to outdoor recreation and park amenities, especially in underserved communities.

“This investment represents more than just park improvements—it is an investment in the health, well-being, and quality of life of the Rubidoux community,” said Ross Leja, Board President. “Mariposa Park will become a vibrant neighborhood gathering space that reflects our commitment to providing safe, accessible, and inclusive recreational opportunities for all residents.”

The LWCF grant program, administered by California State Parks in partnership with the National Park Service, supports the acquisition and development of public lands for outdoor recreation. JARPD’s Mariposa Park project was one of only 18 projects statewide selected for funding, out of 128 applications requesting more than \$332 million, underscoring the project’s strong community impact and competitive merit.

Located in Rubidoux, Mariposa Park will serve as a local green space designed to enhance neighborhood connectivity and outdoor access. Planned improvements will provide residents with a welcoming place to recreate, relax, and connect, while helping to address long-standing park and recreation needs in the area.

The recommended funding aligns with California’s Outdoors for All initiative and statewide efforts to close the “nature gap” by prioritizing park investments in communities with limited access to open space. Through this grant, JARPD will continue its mission of strengthening community connections and supporting physical and mental health through high-quality park facilities.

Following review and approval by the National Park Service, JARPD will enter into the grant administration process and begin project implementation.

“For generations, parks have been at the heart of strong communities,” Ross Leja added. “This funding brings us one step closer to delivering a park that Rubidoux families can enjoy for decades to come.”

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For more information about the Mariposa Park project or JARPD programs and services, please visit www.jarpd.org.

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