

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT
PARK OPERATIONS ~ ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ~ RECREATION/CULTURAL SERVICES

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Subject: Widefield School District/Parks & Recreation Facility Expansion Site Development Plan (PPR-22-013)

Dear Ryan,

The Park Operations Division of the Community Services Department has reviewed the Widefield School District / Parks and Recreation Facility Expansion site development plan and has the following comments of behalf of El Paso County Parks.

The El Paso County Parks Master Plan (2013) shows no open space, park facilities, or trails intersected by or within the project area. The project site is located west of the intersection of Hackberry Drive and Widick Street in the unincorporated area of Security-Widefield in the Fountain Valley. The proposed Grinnell Boulevard Secondary Regional Trail is located approximately 0.60 mile east of the site, while the existing Fountain Creek Regional Trail is located approximately 0.85 mile southwest of the project site. Widefield Community Park is located 1.35 miles southeast of the proposed recreation center. The subject property is not located within any Candidate Open Space.

It should be noted, however, that the proposed recreation center is located immediately adjacent the Widefield Community Center, 500 feet south of the recently renovated Destination Park, and approximately 0.50 mile southeast of Pi-Ute Park, other Widefield Park and Recreation Facilities. It is also located immediately adjacent numerous baseball, softball, and soccer fields, making the new facility an excellent centralized addition to an already popular recreational amenity for the citizens of the Fountain Valley.

El Paso County Parks is highly encouraged by this new recreational facility and congratulates Widefield Parks and Recreation for their continued dedication to bring easily accessible public recreational amenities to the citizens and visitors of Widefield, Security, and Fountain. These comments are being provided administratively, as this application does not require Park Advisory Board consideration.

Sincerely,



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