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EDHCSD allocates funds for off-leash dog park at Community Park

\$50,000 approved to begin project

El Dorado Hills –August 13, 2010 – The El Dorado Hills Community Services District (EDHCSD) has allocated \$50,000 within its Fiscal Year 2011 budget to begin development of an off-leash dog park at Community Park in El Dorado Hills.

“We believe an off-leash dog park complements our existing park system, and is an amenity that a large segment of our community will find extremely useful and enjoyable,” said Noelle Mattock, President of the EDHCSD Board of Directors.

According to Kent Oakley, Director of Parks, the \$50,000 will be used for the following: to update the special use permit, which is required by El Dorado County; to complete design plans for construction of the park; and to complete and potentially begin work to improve access to the dog park site, such as trail improvements and a pedestrian bridge at the north end of the park.

The EDHCSD will begin work on these tasks in the fall and expect the process to take between 4 and 6 months.

“We are incredibly thankful to the CSD for giving this project the boost it needs to get off the ground,” said Holly Morrison, President of El Dorado Dog Owners Guild (EDDOG), the volunteer-based non-profit organization that began lobbying for dog parks in El Dorado County 7 years ago.

“This is the momentum we’ve needed to inspire dog owners in El Dorado Hills to get involved with EDDOG,” she said.

The EDHCSD allocated 1.75 acres in Community Park in Spring 2009 for development of an off-leash dog park.

According to research done by EDDOG, national averages suggest that a dog park can cost between \$85,000 - \$250,000 to build, depending on the size of the park and the amenities provided.

Although no formal funding agreement to develop the park has been reached, precedence for such projects suggests a 50/50 financial responsibility between EDDOG and the EDHCSD Parks and Planning Department, which is responsible for funding capital improvements in the community parks system.

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