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RANCHO SIMI RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT TO ALLOW BEEKEEPING IN OPEN SPACE AREAS

The Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District is pleased to announce that on January 7, 2021, the Board of Directors moved to approve the establishment of bee colonies within Park District open space areas.

This decision supports local farmers and the public's growing interest in pollinator conservation. Chair of the Board Brian Dennert has this to say about the Board's decision: "We are happy to support farmers and local gardeners by promoting pollinators. I am looking forward to enjoying locally produced honey at the farmers market. Bees are an important part of a sustainable economy and environment." Director Elaine Freeman adds: "I am grateful to the Board for agreeing to allow bees on District open space. Bees are essential to our food production which is why this move will benefit everyone."

Those wishing to manage their hives out of one of the Park Districts' open space areas must apply for a beekeeping permit. Permits will be granted on a case-by-case basis.

For more information on obtaining beekeeping permits, please contact the Park District at (805) 584-4400 or visit www.rsrpd.org.

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