



# Rancho Simi

RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

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## **RANCHO SIMI RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT AWARDS CONTRACT FOR OAK PARK LAGOON RENOVATION PROJECT**

The Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District (RSRPD) is pleased to announce that the restoration of the Oak Canyon Community Park Lagoon will soon get underway to repair the damage done by the Woolsey Fire and subsequent flooding from winter rains.

At the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Directors, Park District officials awarded the contract to Lee Construction of Simi Valley to restore the lagoon to its original state as an in-line pond, complete with new fishing docks and replanted landscaping. The project will also include the reconstruction of the lagoon's picnic shelter and cascading waterfall. Construction is anticipated to begin in June, with estimated completion by January of 2023.

Prior to the start of construction, the District will collect the population of red-eared slider turtles that live in the lagoon and will safely relocate them to an animal sanctuary where they will be well cared for.

RSRPD Board Chair Kate O'Brien states, "We share the community's excitement in getting this project underway. It took quite some time to get to this point since the lagoon is a unique biological resource which requires several environmental permits before we can begin rebuilding. I know how important the lagoon is to the Oak Park community, and I want to thank the residents for their patience as we worked through the lengthy permitting process."

For more information, please contact the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District at (805) 584-4400 or email [info@rsrpd.us](mailto:info@rsrpd.us).

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