

Park District Reports March 2021

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting
April 6, 2021

SOUTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS

- Seasonal and temporary interviews with candidates were held. The qualified candidates should begin working in the district in April.
- The pond at Davis Creek was dredged in early March. It was empty due to the low amount of precipitation in 2020. The pond is refilling with Ophir ditch water and Davis Creek is flowing. The pond should be filled by mid-April depending on runoff from the creeks.
- The new concrete culvert crossing the Lake ditch was completed giving staff better access from Bartley Ranch Regional Park to the maintenance building.
- Hawkins Amphitheater in Bartley Ranch hosted a Vietnam Veterans War Remembrance Ceremony on March 28th. All guidelines for Covid were in place and followed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Upcoming events are still limited due to Covid guidelines. We are receiving many more requests for special events and activities for larger groups in the upcoming months.
- De-winterizing park facilities and restrooms are scheduled for April.

NORTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS

- We will begin the hiring process to fill the vacant Range Safety Officer at the Regional Shooting Facility and anticipate having the new staff member onboard by the end of this month.
- Seasonal hiring has begun for our park facilities. Seasonal staff will be starting this month to assist with operations and events.
- A public meeting was held to discuss the proposed improvements to the Regional Archery Facility. 23 members of the public were in attendance and were very excited about the future possibilities for that facility.
- Volunteer groups from UNR have begun to return to the parks and have greatly helped with cleaning ditches and trimming vegetation in preparation for a busy summer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Park staff has been working to move forward on an NDOW that will provide improved access and classroom space at the Regional Shooting Facility. Bids for the roadway and parking lot have been received and once the contract is rewarded work will begin on May 10th
- Highland ditch will be coming on around April 15th, providing much needed irrigation to the Multi-use Pasture at Rancho San Rafael