



Dear Michele:

The Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District works hard to be a good neighbor to nearby residents at all District parks and to promptly respond to resident concerns. As a result, the District has a good relationship with the residents that live near District parks. The District will strive to have the same positive relationship with the residents who live near Sinaloa Park.

Answers to your questions regarding how the District will manage Sinaloa Park are provided below.

**1) “How do you plan to account for the noise impact for the residents in the Sinaloa Lake area? Currently the speakers announcing tee times are loud enough to be heard in our neighborhood. Increasing the volume of callouts is not a welcoming thought . . .”**

The District is not currently aware of any complaints regarding the tee announcing system used at Sinaloa Golf Course. If you have specific complaints regarding the calling of tee times, please contact us by e-mail or telephone, and the issue will be promptly addressed. You can e-mail your complaint to [robin@rsrpd.us](mailto:robin@rsrpd.us) or call Robin Walker at (805) 584-4451.

As part of the process for submitting plans for review by the City of Simi Valley, a Noise Assessment Study is being prepared by a qualified engineering firm which specializes in noise studies. The conclusions and recommendations presented in this study will be used to establish guidelines for facility operations.

**2) “... nor is the increased traffic for an already busy intersection.”**

A Traffic and Circulation Study was performed by a qualified, professional traffic engineering firm and has been provided to the City of Simi Valley. This study is available for review through City Hall. The study found that the intersection of Madera Road/Country Club Drive East will be impacted by increased traffic as a result of the Sinaloa Park project, but that the impact can be fully mitigated by having the Park District restripe the intersection.

Levels of Service (LOS) “A” through “F” are used to rate intersection operations, with LOS “A” representing very good operations and LOS “F” representing poor operations. In its current state, the Madera Road/Country Club Drive East intersection has a LOS “C.” (LOS “C” indicates conditions of stable flow where delays are low to moderate. The City of Simi Valley standard is to provide LOS “C” or better at intersections.) Once the restriping is completed, the traffic flow in that intersection will improve to a LOS “B” rating – a better rating that it has right now. (LOS “B” indicates conditions of stable flow with very little delay.)

The City’s traffic engineer has also requested that the District widen Irvine Road at the Madera Road intersection to provide a left-turn lane and a right-turn lane onto Madera Road. With the completion of these improvements, the Sinaloa Park project will be fully compliant with all of the City’s traffic standards.

**3) “Alcohol on a busy corner where accidents are often weekly does not seem to be a well thought out plan. Additionally, alcohol services does not sound like a ‘family planned’ activity location.”**

The District has successfully allowed the sale and consumption of alcohol at Simi Hills Golf Course through the Food and Beverage Concession since 1981. The District currently allows for the sale and consumption of alcohol in other District parks and facilities during special events and private rentals through the issuance

of a Facility Use Permit and Alcohol Permit. As with the sale and consumption of alcohol at other District facilities, the sale and consumption of alcohol at Sinaloa Park will be well monitored and limited to approved locations. Alcohol sales will be conducted through the Food and Beverage Concessionaire in accordance with all Alcohol and Beverage Control Standards. Alcohol will not be permitted in the miniature golf courses and the park areas. Consumption will be limited to the pitch-and-putt golf course, the Clubhouse dining areas, and during special events and private rentals in the Community Room, Plaza Square or Picnic Pavilions with an approved Facility Use Permit and Alcohol Permit.

**4) Additionally, this location backs up to the elementary campus where there is already a problem with crime including theft and vandalism. How do you plan to curtail further incidents of gang related activities?**

The Madera Elementary School is located approximately 7/10ths of a mile to the north of Sinaloa Park. At this distance, it is highly unlikely that any “theft or vandalism” associated with the school, regardless of whether or not it was gang related, will have an impact upon the park. Nevertheless, the safety and security of all parks and park patrons continues to be a high priority. Therefore, the District is taking a comprehensive and proactive approach to ensure a safe and family-oriented environment for all park users.

There will be no change to the northern portion of the golf course, which is the closest point to Madera Elementary School. The entire southern portion of the park, including the miniature golf courses and open turf and playground areas, will be completely fenced and gated to prevent unauthorized after-hour use. The entire facility will be under the watchful eyes of onsite management and staff from dawn, throughout the day, and into the early morning hours. Security cameras will be strategically placed throughout the park and may be monitored both from the park’s Clubhouse and from offsite locations. Park security will be provided by the Park Rangers who will conduct periodic patrols and be onsite for

special events. Park staff will always have direct access to Park Rangers through District radio phones.