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Calling all Artists!

Community members encouraged to submit ideas for new logo for Louis Robidoux Pecan Grove & Parkland

April 1, 2021, San Bernardino, CA – The Louis Robidoux Pecan Grove & Parkland Consortium is embarking upon the creation of a new logo and the Consortium is asking the community to submit logo ideas.

Closed since spring of 2017 due to budget constraints, the former nature center is in the process of a multi-phased reopening over the next few years, thanks to the efforts of partners, including, Huerta del Valle, Inland Empire Resource Conservation District, Orange County Water District, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, Sunshine Haven Wildlife Rehab, and property owner Riverside County Regional Park and Open Space District. An additional partner – the Center for Indigenous Peoples Studies – is in the process of formally joining the existing Consortium. Reopening will include programming ranging from habitat restoration to sustainable agriculture to protection of site cultural resources, comprehensive bilingual educational, and recreational opportunities for community members of all ages.

“It’s such an exciting project and really gaining momentum. We want the community to be a part of this project that will soon be a community resource for them,” commented Heather Dyer, CEO/General Manager of Valley District. “There are so many different aspects of the project – from wildlife rehabilitation to organic farming to student education and water resource management. We truly feel there is something for everyone, no matter how you want to engage at the Parkland. We can’t wait to invite the public onsite to see the work we’re doing here.”

The Consortium anticipates holding a number of events in 2021, including onsite and virtual community forums, onsite tours, student education opportunities, and clean-up days. Visit www.louisrobidouxnaturecenter.org to view the latest news and events.

Logo Contest Details

Those interested in submitting ideas for the logo contest are encouraged to visit www.louisrobidouxnaturecenter.org to learn more about the Parkland and the partners. Logo

ideas can be complete renderings of logos or simple recommendations of imagery or colors that you'd like considered in the logo. Logo ideas are due online by May 31, 2021. The Consortium will introduce the final logo to the public in the summer of 2021. The winner(s) of the logo contest will receive a prize and be recognized at a meeting of the Consortium and/or Consortium partners.

Consider the following when proposing your logo ideas: connections to the earth and the stream, historical pecan groves, wildlife (fish, birds), plant life, recreation, public trail system, a community meeting spot, Cahuilla grinding rocks, and environmental education programming. Please visit www.louisrobidouxnaturecenter.org for complete logo guidelines.

Consortium Partners:

The SBVMWD (Valley District) is a State Water contractor that provides supplemental water to 14 retail water agencies from Fontana to Yucaipa, meeting the water needs of over 700,000 people. In addition to providing supplemental water from Northern California, Valley District is responsible for long-range water planning throughout its 325 square mile service area, including importing supplemental water, groundwater management, and wastewater and storm water disposal. For more information about Valley District and water use efficiency, visit www.sbvmd.com or follow us on Facebook (@SBValleyDistrict) and Twitter (@SBVMWD).

Huerta del Valle is a 501c3 organization, working to increase production and community access to sustainably-produced food in the region through farming, healthy food access, nutrition education, sustainable production and distribution, and economic development addressing complex regional health issues. HdV works toward mission fulfillment through maintenance of four properties housing acreage under production for its community supported agriculture (CSA) program, a native plant nursery and seed farm for pollinator support and habitat training program. For more information, please visit www.huertadelvalle.org

The IERCD is part of a network of 97 resource conservation districts, and provides natural resources conservation-focused programming within its 1,286 square mile service area, independently and alongside federal, state, and local government and 501c3 non-profit partners. For more information on IERCD staffing and services visit our website at www.iercd.org or follow us on Facebook (@InlandEmpireRCD) or Instagram (@inlandempireRCD)

The OCWD is a regional water agency focused on providing reliable, high quality water supply in a cost-effective and environmentally conscious manner. As part of this mission, the District oversees the management and replenishment of Orange County's groundwater basin, elevates water reliability for residents, prevents seawater intrusion, and protects OCWD rights to the Santa Ana River. In addition to protection of water supply and access, OCWD also performs regular conversation-focused community education, and project work focused on restoration and protection of habitat for the federally-listed Santa Ana Sucker. For more information, please visit www.ocwd.com

Sunshine Haven Wildlife Rehabilitation is a 501c3 organization providing health care and rehabilitation to injured and/or orphaned wildlife found within urban limits, including mammals, birds and reptiles. For more information, please visit Sunshine Haven's Facebook page!

The Center for Indigenous Peoples Studies (CIPS), virtually housed within the campus of Cal State San Bernardino, will be a primary site for a set of innovative and productive programs for the study of American Indians and partnerships with local, national and international Indigenous Peoples, through

research; curricular and instructional programs; academic activities; and development of knowledge and advancement of related social issues. More on CIPS can be found here: <https://www.csusb.edu/cips>

Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District (RivCoParks) is the county's regional park district. Managed sites include regional campgrounds, trails, nature centers, and historic sites. Their mission is to acquire, protect, develop, manage, and interpret for the inspiration, use and enjoyment of all people, a well-balanced system of park related places of outstanding scenic, recreational, and historic importance. Our Vision is to be the regional leader in improving lives through people, parks, places and programs. Find more info at www.rivcoparks.org or Facebook (@RivCoParksHQ) or Twitter (@RivCoParks) or Instagram (RivCoParks).

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