



RAMONA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

Parks and Recreation Community Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

Ramona Community Center
434 Aqua Lane, Ramona, CA 92065
Tuesday, March 3, 2026
6:30 P.M.

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AGENDA

A.

Opening of Meeting:

- A.1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call
- A.2. Opportunity for Members of the Public to Address the Committee on any Subject within its Jurisdiction but not on the Agenda
- A.3. Adoption of the Parks and Recreation CAC Meeting Minutes for January 20, 2026

Recommendation: To adopt the meeting Minutes of January 20, 2026

B.

Discussion Items:

- B.1. Informational Item – Temporary Skatepark

Recommendation: Staff respectfully request the public and Parks and Recreation Community Advisory Committee provide feedback on the proposed temporary skatepark.

- B.2. Fireworks at Ramona Community Park

Recommendation: Staff respectfully request the public and Parks and Recreation Community Advisory Committee provide feedback on the proposed venue change and proposed layout for the 2026 4th of July event.

C.

District Reports:

C.1. Activity Report for Jan 15-Feb 28 and Look Ahead

C.2. Construction & Maintenance Activity Report for Jan-Feb and Look Ahead

D.

Committee Reports:

D.1. Ad Hoc Reports

Community Skate Park Committee

Members: Schwetmann, Koehler & community member Tanner Long

Creek Health and Restoration Committee

Members: Schwetmann, Wegner & 2 community members (not on CAC)

Dog Park Committee

Members: Schwetmann, Poland, Koehler

Master Plan Committee
(Includes Potential Park Uses of 217 Earlham St.)

Members: Vacant, Poland, Ross

Park Security Committee

Members: Ross, Schwetmann, McCormick

Rodeo Arena Committee

Members: Schwetmann, Koehler, Domnitz, Wegner

D.2. Member Reports and Requests

E. Date and Time of Next Scheduled Committee Meeting:

Tuesday, May 5th, 6:30 p.m.

Adjourn

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**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING
OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OF THE RAMONA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
January 20, 2025**

PRESENT

Nina Schwettmann, Chair
Darryl Albertson
Karen Domnitz
Charlie Koehler
Brianna McCormick
Dennis Poland
Cheryl Wegner

ABSENT

Dave Ross

Also Present: General Manager, Erica Wolski; Administrative Services Manager, Tim Clement; Park & Facilities Administrator, Darcy LaHaye; Management Analyst, Gaby Uribe, and Administrative Assistant/Board Secretary, Kellie Barclay.

A.

A.1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

The Parks and Recreation Community Advisory Committee Meeting of the Ramona Municipal Water District was called to order by Chairperson Schwettman at 6:31 p.m. at the Ramona Community Center 434 Aqua Lane, Ramona, CA. Chairperson Schwettmann led the Committee, staff and public in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Board Secretary called roll.

A.2. Opportunity for Members of the Public to Address the Committee on any Subject within the Committees Jurisdiction but not on the Agenda

None.

A.3. Adoption of the Parks and Recreation CAC Meeting Minutes for November 18, 2025

Recommendation: To adopt the Minutes of November 18, 2025.

MISC MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2025 (Koehler/Wegner)

AYES: Albertson, Domnitz, Koehler, McCormick, Poland, Schwettmann, Wegner
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Ross

B. Discussion Items:

B.1. Change of Park Committee Meeting Date

Recommendation: Staff respectfully request the Parks and Recreation Community Advisory Committee discuss as appropriate and recommend a new monthly meeting date.

General Manager Wolski introduced the item and reported that the Board of Directors meeting was moved to the 3rd Tuesday of the month (the same day as the Parks CAC meetings), which make it necessary to pick a new meeting day for the Parks CAC. She asked the committee if the 1st, 2nd or 4th Tuesday would work better for the members. After a brief committee discussion they chose the 1st Tuesday of the month as their recommendation.

MS\IC MOTION TO APPROVE THE CAC MEETING BE MOVED TO BEING HELD ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH (Schwettmann/Domnitz)

AYES: Albertson, Domnitz, Koehler, McCormick, Poland, Schwettmann, Wegner
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Ross

B.2. Dog Park Concept Plan Alternatives

Recommendation: Staff respectfully request the Parks and Recreation Community Advisory Committee discuss as appropriate.

General Manager Wolski introduced the item and explained that a better site had been identified after the last CAC meeting, but that property has not yet been acquired. She noted that the District hopes to have the property in escrow by the end of the month. Ms. Vicki Estrada of Estrada Land Planning, who previously presented key design concepts to the CAC on the first location, returned with two design options—one for the original site and one for the potential new location. She provided aerial views and examples of design elements, and emphasized the goal of creating a space that is uniquely Ramona.

Ms. Estrada reviewed both site plans in detail, describing amenities such as boulders, seating areas, restroom facilities, landscaping, decomposed granite, acreage, parking layouts, shade options, and the potential inclusion of a separate puppy area. She also discussed considerations including ADA accessibility, integration with trail systems, visibility, fencing choices, pet agility components, turf options with a pathway, and opportunities for nature-based landscape solutions.

Board discussion followed, focusing on the preferred site—Site 2—which the committee favored for its safer and more accessible layout. Members discussed including a designated small-dog area, appropriate fencing, and lighting to allow evening use during hot summer months. They also reviewed turf and pathway options (natural grass, synthetic turf, and decomposed granite), the estimated project timeline, and the possibility of adding water features like a splash pad in the future. Ms. Wolski added that a grant-funded sidewalk will also be installed as part of the project. A Dog Park Ad Hoc Committee was then formed, consisting of Members Schwettmann,

Poland, and Koehler. Ms. Estrada concluded by stating she will return at the next meeting with updated plans reflecting the committee's feedback and the evening's discussion.

B.3. Potential Park Uses of 217 Earlham Street

Recommendation: Staff respectfully request the Parks and Recreation Community Advisory Committee discuss as appropriate.

General Manager Wolski introduced the item, outlining potential uses for the facility and highlighting key considerations related to purchasing the property with a grant and operating it as a children's and teen center. A tour of the property was provided to some CAC members prior to the meeting, and Ms. Wolski said an additional tour would be scheduled soon. During committee discussion, members shared a range of perspectives, with some expressing interest in the concept and others suggesting the funds might be better allocated to other needs within the park. RMWD Directors Casey Lynch and James Piva spoke to the CAC in favor of the purchase and operations. By the end of the discussion, the committee reached consensus to include the item in upcoming discussions of the Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee.

C. Reports:

C.1. Activity Report Nov 15 - Jan 15 and Look Ahead

Darcy LaHaye, Park and Facilities Administrator, provided a brief update on the activity report.

C.2. Construction & Maintenance Activity Report for Dec-Jan and Look Ahead

Included in packet but not discussed due to time constraints.

D. Committee Reports:

D.1. Member Reports and Requests

None.

D.2. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Member Wegner gave a report out of the Creek Health & Restoration Ad Hoc Subcommittee and reported that she planning a virtual meeting in mid-February and is working with the San Diego Green Infrastructure Consortium moving forward to clean sections of the Santa Maria Creek in Ramona Community Park from plant overgrowth that will reduce the fire hazard and improve the environmental health of the area.

Member Koehler provided an update from the Arena Ad Hoc Committee, noting several upcoming construction projects. Because the arena already has numerous events scheduled, he explained that the improvements will need to be completed in smaller phases. He said he would coordinate with Park and Recreation Administrator Darcy LaHaye to reserve appropriate time blocks in the arena for the construction work. Chair Schwettmann mentioned there will be help from other community members with the construction.

E. Date and time of next committee meeting:

Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Chairperson Schwettmann adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Adjourn

Nina Schwettmann, Chairperson
Parks and Recreation Community
Advisory Committee
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ATTEST:

Kellie Barclay, Board Secretary
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Agenda Item No. B.1.
Parks and Recreation CAC
Meeting of March 3, 2026

Committee Members
Ramona, CA 92065

RE: INFORMATIONAL ITEM – TEMPORARY SKATEPARK

Members of the Committee:

Purpose

To receive committee and public input on the proposed temporary skatepark to be operated at the Ramona Junior Fair, by the Let the Kids Explore Pod Trips, who will provide a presentation.

Background / Discussion

When the concrete slab was installed in summer 2025 at the pig barn at the Ramona Junior Fair, the intent was to not only use the slab for Fair operations but also to provide a site to operate a pop up skatepark until the community is able to build a permanent skate park.

Let the Kids Explore Pod Trips is a local nonprofit that supports homeschooling families with networking and kids' activities, such as physical education classes and opportunities for homeschoolers, educational field trips, enrichment classes and more. Additional information can be found on their website: <https://letthekidsexplorepodtrips.givebacks.com/>

Let the Kids Explore Pod Trips has been working on a business plan to run the pop up skatepark. The plan is to start in spring (approximately April 2026) and to operate the skate park 2-3 days per week. Currently, the plan is to operate on Friday afternoons and Sunday afternoons. The pop up skatepark equipment from the previous operator is being stored by the District and will be provided to the new operator. As mentioned at a previous committee meeting, the District will purchase a movable trailer so that the skate park equipment can be stored close to the pig barn, when not in use, but can be easily moved to another site when the Fair is in operation.

Fiscal Impact

Cost to purchase a trailer for skate park storage. Approximately \$10,000.

Recommendation

Staff respectfully request the public and Parks and Recreation Community Advisory Committee provide feedback on the proposed temporary skatepark.

Prepared and Submitted by: Erica Wolski, General Manager, P.E.

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Agenda Item No. B.2.
Parks and Recreation CAC
Meeting of March 3, 2026

Committee Members
Ramona, CA 92065

RE: FIREWORKS AT RAMONA COMMUNITY PARK

Members of the Committee:

Purpose

To receive committee and public input on the proposed move of the July 4th fireworks from Olive Peirce Middle School to Ramona Community Park.

Background / Discussion

The 4th of July event and fireworks have traditionally been held at Olive Peirce Middle School (OPMS) on Hanson Lane. The event has been hosted by both the Ramona Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) and/or the Ramona Rotary Club. The fireworks display is approximately 20 to 30 minutes and occurs just after sunset. The Chamber would like to move the 4th of July event and fireworks to the Ramona Community Park for the following reasons:

- Larger parking area is available at the park than OPMS
- Larger area for food and vendor booths is available at the park than OPMS
- An existing stage is available at the Outdoor Community Center to allow for bands to play
- School rules do not allow alcohol to be sold on school grounds; whereas, the park allows alcohol sales under certain circumstances, which is often an important part of non-profit fundraising

The District would be providing the site at no charge to the Chamber and the Chamber is not planning to charge for parking or admission.

The District has already filed a Notice of Intent with the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board for a waiver for “aerially discharged wastes over land” for the 2026 firework show and the District received a notice of enrollment on December 22, 2025.

The Chamber is required to apply for and receive a Community Event Permit from the County of San Diego prior to holding the event. The County is responsible for reviewing such items as food vendors, traffic control, security, etc., as part of the permit application. There is a specific form to be completed for community even permits when fireworks/pyrotechnics are part of the event. The Chamber and Rotary have successfully received these permits for the event at OPMS for multiple years.

A draft map showing the proposed gate closures, fireworks launch area and event area is shown on Attachment 1.

The District filed a Notice of Exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act on February 23, 2026, under the following exemption: "Minor Alterations to Land", Section 15304. The 35 day statute of limitations period to comment on the Notice of Exemption will be completed on March 30, 2026.

Fiscal Impact

None.

Recommendation

Staff respectfully request the public and Parks and Recreation Community Advisory Committee provide feedback on the proposed venue change and proposed layout for the 2026 4th of July event.

Prepared and Submitted by: Erica Wolski, General Manager, P.E.

ATTACHMENT:

Attachment 1

Map of 4th of July Parking

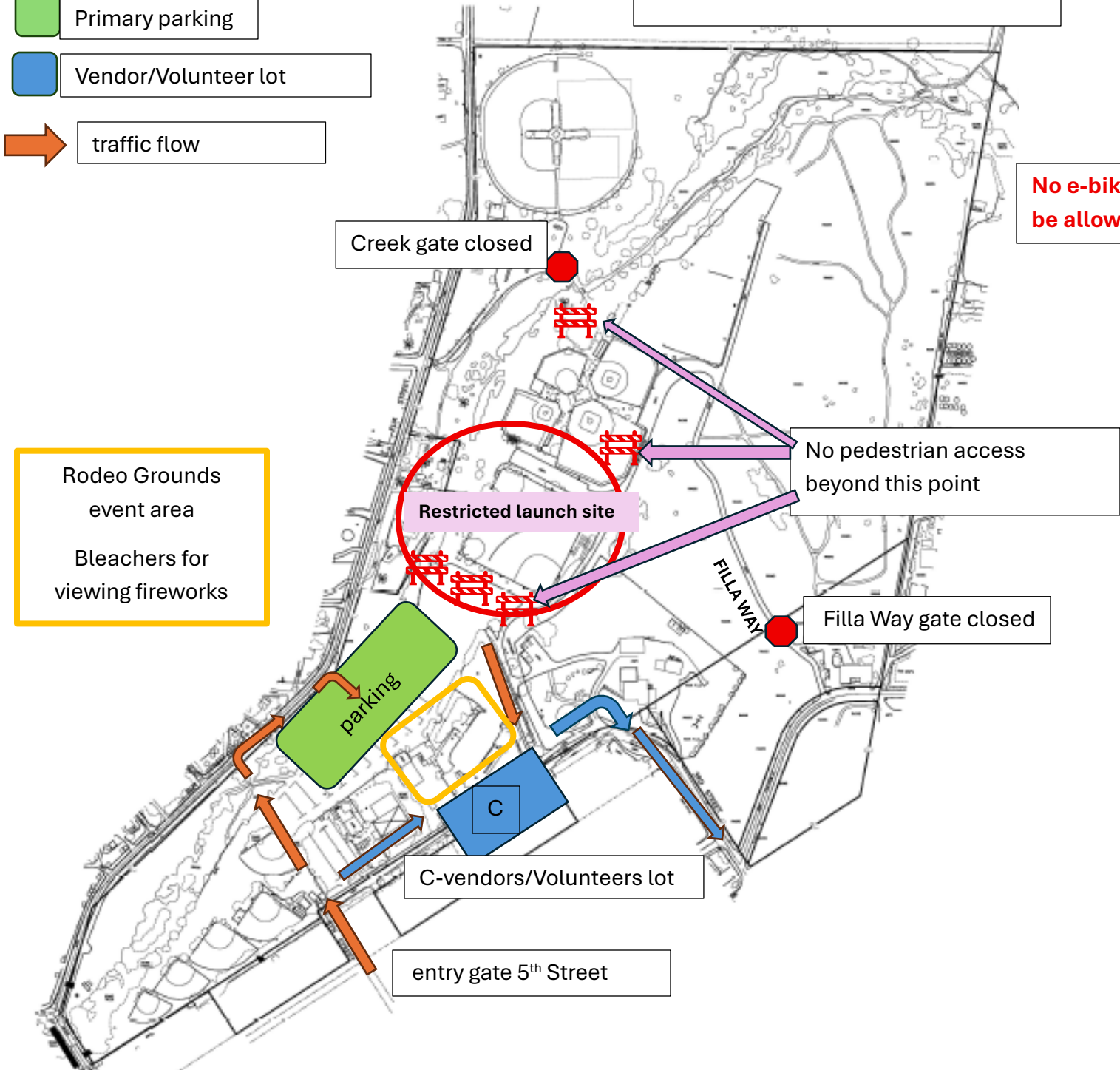
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4th of July traffic map
Ramona Chamber of Commerce

- Primary parking
- Vendor/Volunteer lot
- traffic flow

No e-bikes or motorized scooters will be allowed

Rodeo Grounds event area
Bleachers for viewing fireworks



No pedestrian access beyond this point

Filla Way gate closed

C-vendors/Volunteers lot

entry gate 5th Street



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Agenda Item No. C.1.
CAC Meeting of March 3, 2026

To: Parks and Recreation Community Advisory Committee
From: Erica Wolski, General Manager
Subject: Activity Report for Jan 15-Feb 28 and Look Ahead

Events Held Between Jan 15-Feb 28

- Jan 17 Rally cross – ROCC dirt lot
- Jan 25 Barrel Race
- Jan 31-Feb 1 Baseball Tournament
- Feb 8 Ramona Rodeo Foundation Rodeo Queen Pageant horsemanship practice
- Feb 28 Pony Baseball Opening Day

Ramona Community Center Usage from Jan 15-Feb 28

- Ramona Senior Center – every Monday-Friday 8am -4pm
- Ramona Valley Presbyterian Church – every Sunday
- Ramona Soccer League Board Meeting
- Simply Cheddar Kitchen Rental
- Kiwanis Super Saturday Pancake Breakfast
- Senior Center Valentine Bingo Fundraiser
- Celebration of Life
- 8 community meetings
 - Parks CAC, RMWD Board of Directors, Ramona Design Review Board (DRB), Ramona Community Planning Group (RCPG) Subcommittees (RSRS), Ramona Soccer League Board, Ramona Trails Association, Santa Maria Creek Greenway, Ramona Senior Center's Board (PEF, Inc.).

Current Athletic Field User Groups

- Ramona Soccer League/INTRA – 510 participants (spring)
 - INTRA plays year-round and has approx. 100 players
 - RSL Fall 410 registered players
- Ramona Pony Baseball – Spring 463 registered players
 - Stallions – Club baseball under RSA umbrella 38 participants
- Rebano Soccer Club
 - Adult soccer club – approx 50 participants
- Adult Softball League – 100 participants
- Youth Girls Softball – 140 participants
- TBT Travel Baseball –1 team 1x week
- Klever Baseball – 1 team 1x week

Baseball tournament Jan 31-Feb 1 brought in approximately 500 players on 6 fields. There are over 1,145 youth athletes and 150 adult athletes participating in sports programs hosted in the park Jan-Feb.

Upcoming Events March and April 2026

Date	Facility	Event
3/01/2026	ROCC Equestrian Arena	RRF Rodeo Queen horsemanship practice
3/03/2026	RCC Auditorium/Dining Room	RMWD Park CAC
3/04/2026	RCC Multi-Purpose Room	Ramona State Route Subcommittee
3/08/2026	Soccer Fields	RSL opening day
3/09/2026	RCC Multi-Purpose Room	RSL Board Meeting
3/10/2026	RCC Computer Room	Ramona Trails Assoc - meeting
3/11/2026	RCC Computer Room	SMCG Meeting - 4pm-5pm
3/14/2026	ROCC	Rallycross in ROCC dirt lot
3/17/2026	RCC Auditorium/Dining Room	RMWD Board Meeting
3/20/2026	ROCC Equestrian Arena	Barrel Race
3/26/2026	RCC Multi-Purpose Room	Ramona Design Review Board
3/26/2026	ROCC-3/26-3/29	Spring Fling Livestock Show 4 days
3/29/2026	ROCC Equestrian Arena	RRF Rodeo Queen horsemanship practice
Date	Facility	Event
4/08/2026	RCC Computer Room	SMCG Meeting - 4pm-5pm

4/10/2026	ROCC	RRF Rodeo Queen Pageant horsemanship
4/13/2026	RCC Multi-Purpose Room	RSL Board Meeting - 6:30pm-8:30pm
4/14/2026	RCC Computer Room	Ramona Trails Assoc - meeting
4/18/2026	ROCC Pavilion	Quinceanera
4/19/2026	ROCC Equestrian Arena	Barrel Race
4/21/2026	RCC Auditorium/Dining Room	RMWD Board Meeting - meeting
4/23/2026	RCC Multi-Purpose Room	Ramona Design Review Board
4/25/2026	ROCC	San Diego SCCA Rallycross - Race



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Agenda Item No. C.2.
CAC Meeting of March 3, 2026

To: Parks and Recreation Community Advisory Committee
From: Erica Wolski, General Manager
Subject: Construction & Maintenance Activity Report for Jan-Feb and Look Ahead

Projects Completed

Replaced 3 LED Light Controllers At Major Use Field #2

The new LED lights had 3 controllers that failed. Water seeped into the controller and disabled the connection to receive a signal to turn off. Users had to turn the power off at the main switch.



*Controller for individual LED lights.
Water intrusion disabled.*



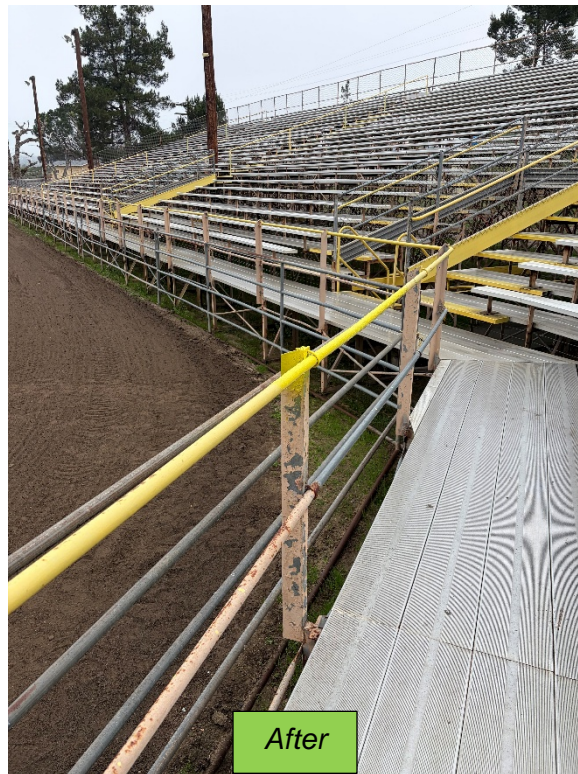
Staff replaced 3 controllers on MU Field #2

Replaced Fuses At Adult Softball LED Light Poles

Adult Softball reported lights on 2 poles were not coming on. Staff electrician had to replace fuses on the light poles.

Safety Railing At ROCC Arena Bleachers Repaired

Staff repaired broken pipe railing at ROCC.



Eagle Scout Project Completed

Ramona Community Park has a walking trail that connects Penn Street to the park. The park has experienced numerous motorized vehicles entering this walking path creating safety concerns.



Members of Troop 130 with the completed gate.

An Eagle Scout from Troop 130, together with fellow troop members, designed, constructed, and installed a new gate at the Penn Street entrance. The gate allows safe pedestrian and equestrian access to the park while helping deter motorized vehicles. The project was successfully completed on February 21, 2026.



Troop 130 scouts observing horse and rider volunteer using the new gate.

Bucking Chutes Delivered

On Monday, February 23, 2026, RMWD received delivery of 6 bucking chutes for the equestrian arena at ROCC. Ramona Rodeo Foundation coordinated a lift to unload the chutes. These chutes were purchased with Neighborhood Reinvestment Program funding through County of San Diego District 2.



Projects In Progress

Dog park design outreach in progress. Once the design has been developed, the project cost can be estimated.

Upcoming Projects

- Completion of the adult softball snack bar if approved in the budget.
- New signage for park.

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