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## **ORANGE GROVE PARK OPENS IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS**

**County Helps Bring This Environmentally Conscientious  
Development into the Heart of the Community**



LOS ANGELES, May 28, 2014 – Supervisor Don Knabe joined representatives from the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC), Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, and community members at Orange Grove

Park to celebrate the opening of this exceptionally well-designed facility. Following active community involvement during the planning and design stages and 14 months of construction, this 5.5-acre park is now open for use.

Located in the unincorporated community of Hacienda Heights, the new \$4 million development funded by the Fourth District Supervisor Don Knabe, includes a unique entry plaza accentuated with a sundial. Celestial bodies and orbit patterns are depicted in colored concrete with a sandblasted finish. Orange Grove Park also contains a new parking area for 15 vehicles, handicapped accessible ramp allowing access to the park from Orange

Grove Avenue, strolling or jogging paths, landscaped berms, shaded picnic tables, an exercise course, accessible playground, open space areas, and restrooms.

The landscape utilizes a wide range of drought tolerant plant material containing both native and non-native species. Plantings including sycamore, oak and pepper trees, ceanothus, sages, manzanitas, ornamental grasses, colorful trumpet vines, and a native species hydroseed mix.



The site was carefully designed to promote water conservation. The park has strategically located depressions or “dry creeks” that collect water runoff. Water then percolates slowly out of the retention basins into the subsurface soils. Keeping runoff water on site has large environmental payoff in not stressing an already over burdened storm water system. To further enhance water conservation, the irrigation system is regulated by a sophisticated, satellite linked, SMART controller, which monitors weather conditions and overrides the irrigation schedule during rain events and/or if a break is detected in a irrigation line. The controller can also be accessed from a desktop computer which saves staff time and operating costs.

The transformation of this previously undeveloped site into a beautiful community resource was made possible by Supervisor Don Knabe who said, “This park provides much needed open space where community residents can enjoy being outdoors with their families. I am proud of the amazing job done by all who made this project possible.”

Orange Grove Park is located at 14517 Orange Grove Avenue, in unincorporated Hacienda Heights. The park will be open to the public from dawn until dusk, 7 days a week. For more information on the Orange Grove Park grand opening, please call Elisa Vásquez, CDC Public Information Officer for the CDC, at (626) 586-1762.

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