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## Faulconer, Kersey and Cate Break Ground on New Ranger Station Project in Rancho Peñasquitos

**February 4, 2015 – (San Diego, CA)** Today Mayor Kevin Faulconer and Councilmembers Mark Kersey and Chris Cate broke ground on the Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Black Mountain Ranger Station project. The station will be located at 12001 Black Mountain Road at the corner of Black Mountain and Mercy Roads.

The 1,100 square foot, ranch style, public facility will provide four offices for Park Rangers; a reception area; an information kiosk; an interpretive panel; a horse hitching post and a bike rack. The area surrounding the station will be landscaped using native, drought-tolerant plants.

“Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve and the Black Mountain Open Space Park are two jewels in San Diego’s park system,” Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer said. “I believe we must take action to protect these spaces – and our environment – for the next generation. So today, I’m proud to announce that we are breaking ground on a Park Ranger station that will help to better protect our natural resources, and serve San Diego residents and visitors.”

The total cost of this project is \$2,009,360.00 including \$360,000 contributed by the Black Mountain Citizen’s Advisory Committee. The station will provide a permanent base of operation for the Park Rangers who staff the Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, the Black Mountain Open Space Park and a variety of parks and maintenance assessment districts in the region.

“This new station will provide the public with easier access to our beautiful regional park and allow our Park Rangers to provide better service for those exploring the area,” Councilman Mark Kersey said.

The Preserve includes more than 4,000 acres and 37 miles of multi-use trails. Visitors to the Preserve can experience 14 different habitat types and see a variety of rare and endangered plant and animal species. Black Mountain Open Space Park includes 1,000 acres of city property and 16 miles of trails located north of Miramar Road. Each year, approximately 50 thousand people visit the various parks in this area.

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“As an appointed representative for the Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve, I am honored to be part of the groundbreaking and share the City’s commitment to the continual safeguarding of our open space for future generations,” said Councilman Chris Cate. “This ranger station will serve as a conduit for all neighborhoods in the sixth district and beyond to enjoy a wholesome, safe, and rewarding outdoor experience.”

Construction will begin this month and is anticipated to be complete this summer.

Park and Recreation Director Herman Parker and Public Works Director James Nagelvoort attended the event today, along with volunteers and members of the community.

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