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Sherman, Gaspar Break Ground on new \$6 Million Ranger Station and Public Art

San Diego – Councilmember Scott Sherman and County Supervisory Kristin Gaspar broke ground on a nearly 5,000 square foot ranger station at Mission Trails Regional Park (MTRP). This \$6 million investment will give rangers improved resources and facilities to better protect the park and engage with park visitors.

In addition to the new ranger station, renderings of public artwork by acclaimed local artist Roman de Salvo were released. The artwork consists of a large boulder with trail like channels carved into its surface. A functioning drinking fountain fixtures rise out of the highest point of the boulder. Water flows through the array of tiny trails in serpentine paths down the slopes of the boulder inspired by the many trails found at MTRP.

“Mission Trails Regional Park has a special place in my heart. As a native San Diegan, Mission Trails was basically my backyard and playground even before it became an official park,” said Councilmember Sherman. “I am glad we continue to invest in the future of this amazing treasure.”

“We are so fortunate to have this hidden gem in San Diego,” said Supervisor Gaspar. “The hope is that this investment will translate into more people visiting the park and enjoying everything it has to offer.”

Joseph Morse, President of the Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation Board shared, “My fellow Board members and I, along with the Foundation staff and supporters, are thrilled that this long-planned project is coming to fruition. Not only will this new development allow all of Mission Trails’ rangers to be under one roof, but it will offer more amenities for local residents and visitors to enjoy when they visit the park.”

The Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation has contributed \$1.5 million toward this project, its third construction project in partnership with the City.

MTRP is a hidden jewel in the San Diego region and is one of the largest urban parks in the country consisting of over 7,219 acres over 11 square miles. MTRP has more than sixty miles of hiking, mountain bike, and equestrian trails, a rock climbing area, a stunning 14,000-square-foot Visitor and Interpretive Center, and the Kumeyaay Lake Campground.

Construction of the ranger station is expected to be completed in early winter of 2019.

Renderings of the public artwork can be found [here](#).

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