

# Orcutt Community Park Sports Field Lighting Project

Case No. 23SPP-00001

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# Project Description Summary

- Amendments to the Rice Ranch Specific Plan that will allow for future installation of permanent sports field and parking lot lighting at Orcutt Community Park.
- The Rice Ranch Specific Plan currently does not include lighting within Orcutt Community Park.
- Park operations and use will remain the same with the proposed amendments because portable lighting has been used by local sports leagues during months with limited evening light for at least the past five years.

# Jurisdiction

## **LUDC § 35.88.040 [Processing of Specific Plans]:**

- Amendments to a Specific Plan shall be processed in the same manner as specified for adoption of an original Specific Plan.
- The County Planning Commission shall hold at least one noticed public hearing on the Specific Plan, and shall make a recommendation to be transmitted to the Board of Supervisors by resolution of the Commission. ***(Occurred on May 8, 2024)***
- The Board shall hold at least one noticed public hearing before adopting the Specific Plan. The adoption of the Specific Plan shall be by ordinance in compliance with Government Code Section 65453.

# Vicinity Map



- 5800 S. Bradley Road
- 25.73-acre County Park
- Zone: REC
- 5.5 acres of baseball and soccer fields

# Current Use of Lighting at OCP



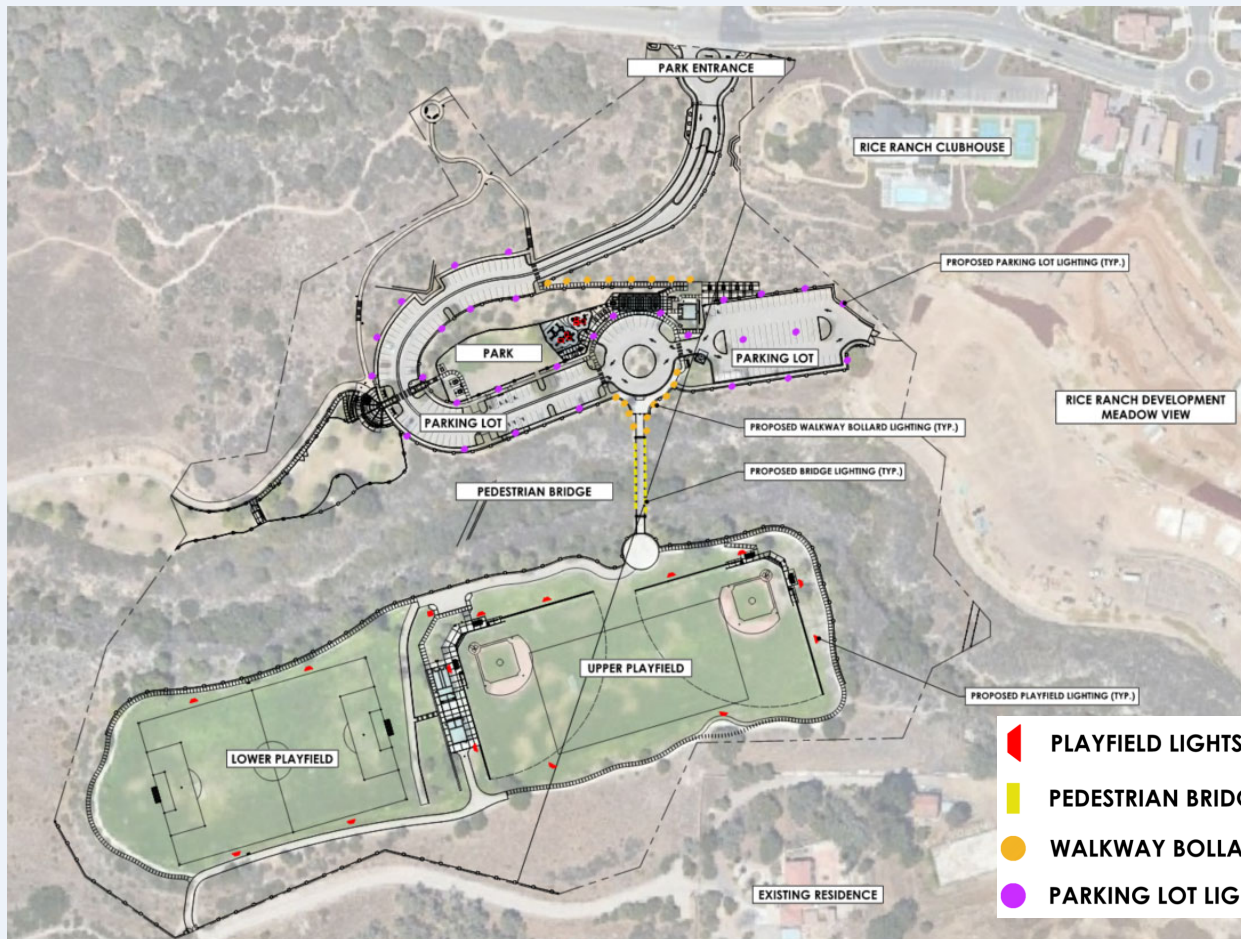
Consistent use of portable lighting when daylight savings time is not in effect (i.e., standard time), plus shouldering months, for at least the past five years.

# Proposed Specific Plan Amendments

## **Amendments made to Design Guidelines and Open Space Habitat Management and Restoration Implementation Plan**

- Specified that sports field lighting will have a maximum height of 60 feet
- Removed language that excludes lighting from Orcutt Community Park
- Specified that lighting in the park is subject to the exterior lighting design guidelines (low intensity, low glare design, and hooded to direct light downward and prevent spill-over)

# Conceptual Lighting Plan



## Limited use of lighting:

- After dusk until 9:00 PM
- Only used when daylight savings time is not in effect, plus one additional month in the spring and fall

# Consistency Analysis

- **Amendments are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, including the Orcutt Community Plan**
  - Existing use remains the same
  - Any future lighting must comply with design guidelines
- **Findings for Specific Plans can be made**



# Environmental Review

## **CEQA Guidelines § 15164 [Addendum]**

- Allows an addendum to a previously certified EIR to be prepared when only some changes or additions are necessary, but none of the conditions in Section 15162 of the State CEQA Guidelines have occurred
- Addendum to the Rice Ranch SEIR (03-EIR-05) was prepared
  - Aesthetics/Visual Resources
  - Biological Resources

# Recommended Actions

- a) Receive and file the County Planning Commission's recommendation to approve amendments to the Rice Ranch Specific Plan to allow for future installation of permanent lighting at the Orcutt Community Park (23SPP-00001, Attachment 3);
- b) Approve the introduction (first reading) of an Ordinance for amendments to the current Rice Ranch Specific Plan in compliance with Chapter 35.88 of the County Land Use and Development Code (23SPP-00001, Attachment 3);
- c) Read the title of the Ordinance into the record and waive full reading of the Ordinance; and
- d) Set a hearing for the Administrative Agenda of June 25, 2024, to consider recommendations, as follows:
  - i. Make the required findings for approval of the project, Case No. 23SPP-00001, including California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings, as specified in Attachment 1, Findings for Approval;
  - ii. After considering the Addendum (Attachment 2), together with the previously certified Rice Ranch Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (03-EIR-05), and the 2015 Addendum to 03-EIR-05, determine that no subsequent Environmental Impact Report or Negative Declaration is required pursuant to CEQA State Guidelines Section 15162, Subsequent EIRs and Negative Declarations, and 15164, Addendum to an EIR or Negative Declaration; and
  - iii. Approve the adoption (second reading) of an Ordinance for amendments to the current Rice Ranch Specific Plan in compliance with Chapter 35.88 of the County Land Use and Development Code (23SPP-00001, Attachment 3).