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RESUME / WORK PORTFOLIO

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Resume

Personal Statement

I believe that my greatest contribution to my practice has been my vital conviction of the importance of environmental protection and my passion related to the sustainability and health of landscape projects.

My current work for the County of Los Angeles Department of the Parks and Recreation includes but not limited to the in-house designs of unique public projects which includes the first County owned Dog Park, Crescenta Valley Dog Park. You can see my work at <http://www.parquieta.com/>. I am a member of the America Society of Landscape Architecture and am dedicated toward "elevating the human spirit through sustainable design".

Summary of qualifications

Licensed Landscape Architect 4701 Since 2002

Area of Expertise

- Residential, Commercial, Institutional and Public Park Design
- California Natives and Drought Tolerant Plant Materials, and Irrigation Design
- Environmentally sensitive areas of: Northern and Southern California Coastal Areas, Mulholland View Corridor, and the Santa Monica Mountains
- Grading and Drainage and Low Impact Development
- Working with government agencies
- 2009 Lead in writing The County of Los Angeles Park Design Guidelines approved by County Counsel in 2011

Professional Experience

07/2007-Present
Landscape Architect

County of Los Angeles Parks and Recreation
510 S. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles CA 90020

Duties are to:

- Prepare and coordinate the planning, schematic, design development and construction document preparation of total site development, site engineering and landscape architectural plans. Designs, prepares, and coordinates the preparation of narrative scoping programs for County construction projects.
- Identify program requirements and prepares budget estimates for review by client departments and agencies.
- Design, prepare, and coordinate the preparation of total site or park development plans, including contract drawings for construction plans and details, grading and drainage plans, irrigation and landscape plans, technical specifications, budget and construction estimates for County construction projects.
- Review narrative programs, development plans and park master plans submitted by other departments or outside agencies and, where appropriate, suggest functional or economical alternatives.
- Review technical site, construction, grading, drainage, irrigation, landscape plans, construction cost estimates, and specifications prepared by contract architectural/engineering firms, for compliance with the program plan and applicable laws and ordinances.
- Conduct field investigations to obtain data, measurements and information needed to draft or design details for alteration or new construction projects.
- Responds orally or in writing to a variety of requests, suggestions, criticisms and proposals involving design work at County facilities from individuals, community group or public officials.

01/2008-Present and Ongoing
Landscape Architecture Instructor

University of CA Los Angeles Extension
1010 Westwood Blvd., Los Angeles CA

Duties are to teach students to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between Construction Documents and landscape design.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the process and development of a Schematic Design, Design Development Plans, and Construction Documents.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the purpose and organization of Construction Documents
- Combine a survey with a schematic design and construct a base plan
- Prepare the following Construction Documents using landscape architectural conventions: Demolition Plan Site Plan Hardscape Plan Staking and Layout Plan Grading and Drainage Plan Planting Plan Irrigation Plan Course work will include in-class discussions and exercises. All will require the practical application of information presented in past and present coursework, lectures, readings, site visits, and other material.

06/2005-06/2007
Project Manager

KAA Design Group
4201 Redwood Ave, Marina Del Rey CA

Duties were to:

- Design, prepare, and coordinate landscape drawings from conceptual schematic to construction document plans, sections, elevations and details.
- Prepare grading and drainage, irrigation and planting plans, and technical specifications.
- Supervise landscape studio juniors (4 Job Captains)
- Provide fieldwork, site observation, and site analysis, for all information needed to draft and/or design new construction as well as build projects already designed.
- Research and reviews city code regulations, restrictions and applicable laws and ordinances to establish how they may apply to current projects currently being designed.
- Review technical site, construction, grading, drainage, irrigation, landscape plans, construction cost estimates, and specifications prepared by juniors for the purposes of quality control.
- Interface with clients orally or in writing to a variety of requests, suggestions, criticisms and proposals involving design work.
- Identify program requirements and prepare budget estimates for review by clients.

01/2003-06/2005
Landscape Architect Associate

Artecho Architecture and Landscape Architects
1633 Electric Ave. Venice CA

Duties were to:

- Design, prepare, and coordinate landscape drawings from conceptual schematic to construction document plans, sections, elevations and details.
- Prepare grading and drainage, irrigation and planting plans, and technical specifications.
- Provide fieldwork from site analysis, measurements and information needed to draft or design details for construction.
- Research city codes, regulations and restrictions and applicable laws and ordinances to establish how they may apply to current projects the firm was designing.
- Identify program requirements and prepared budget estimates for review by the clients.

01/1999-01/2003
Landscape Architect Associate

Laura Saltzman and Associates
2458 Butler Ave. Los Angeles CA

Duties were to:

- Prepare construction document plans, sections, elevations and details.
- Prepare grading and drainage, irrigation and planting plans, and technical specifications.
- Provide fieldwork from site analysis, measurements and information needed to draft or design projects.
- Research city codes, regulations and restrictions and applicable laws and ordinances to establish how they may apply to current projects.

06/1994-01/1999
Production

Galper Baldon Landscape Architects
723 Ocean Front Walk, Venice CA

Duties were to assist Landscape Architect in the preparation of:

- Construction document plans, sections, elevations and details.
- Grading and drainage, irrigation and planting plans, and technical specifications.
- Mapping and site analysis, including measurements, and elevations
- Research and review city codes, regulations and restrictions and applicable laws and ordinances to establish how they may apply to current projects.

Education

06/2013-Present and Ongoing
Masters in Green Building

San Francisco Institute of Architecture
San Francisco CA

09/1993-04/1998
Professional Designation In Landscape Architecture

University Of California UCLA Extension
Los Angeles CA

09/2000
Basic Irrigation Design
Certificate Of Completion

Toro University

09/2001
Intermediate Irrigation Design
Certificate Of Completion

Toro University

Professional memberships

American Society of Landscape Architects
Irrigation Association
US Green Building Council
Member of the California Stormwater Quality Association

Awards received

2007 American Society of Landscape Architects Design Honors Award for Residential Project "Lunada Bay"

Languages

Spanish –Read - Write

Computer Skills

AutoCAD 2015 and previous versions / PowerCad 2007 / Adobe Photo Shop, Illustrator / Sketchup / GIS / Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher, PowerPoint, Project. / Window Operating System, Macintosh Operating System /

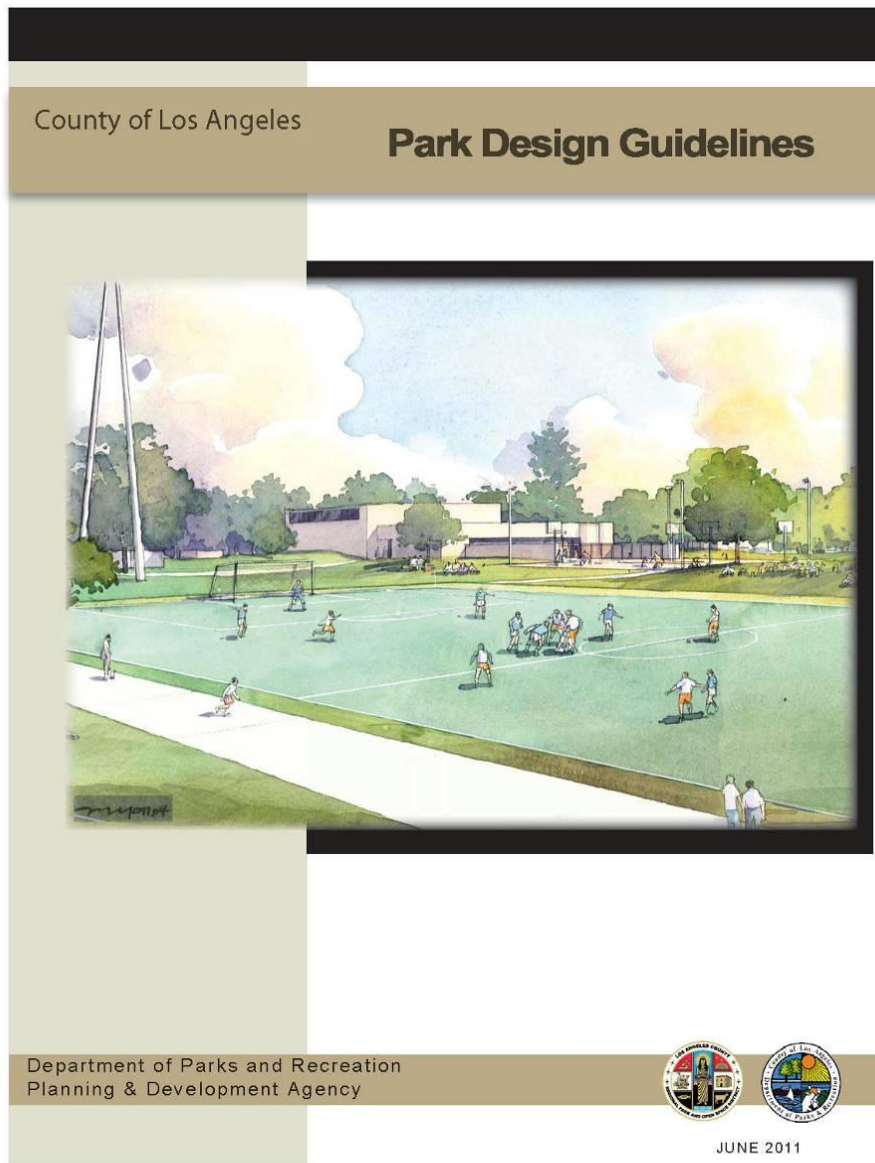
The Smart Gardening Program was developed in 1991 among other recycling and waste reduction programs administered by Public Works. The Countywide Smart Gardening Program teaches residents techniques to create and maintain a healthy, beautiful, and drought-tolerant yard and garden. The Program provides FREE workshops with hands-on demonstrations covering backyard composting, worm composting, grass recycling, water-wise gardening, and fire-wise gardening. These Smart Gardening techniques can help residents save time and money, conserve water, reduce waste going to landfills, and help preserve the environment. DPR in collaboration with DPW and LACC designed and installed the first permanent Smart Gardening Learning Center at El Cariso Park.



The South Health Center Open Space Node is a ¼ acre passive recreation space developed to serve the needs of community. The walks through the space create a unique walking experience through the urban environment and include benches for rest stops. The Open Space Node includes exercise stations to promote healthy lifestyles.



The goal of the Park Design Guidelines project is to develop a common approach to the design of the County wide park system. The development of a Park Design Guideline manual will: Provide a guide for design professionals and field agency staff in the development of new parks and refurbishment projects. Provide guidelines for the implementation of sustainable practices.



The first such facility owned and operated by the County, the project is a pilot project. It covers an area of approximately 1.5 acres in the northwest portion of Crescenta Valley Community Regional Park. It is bordered on three sides by parkland, with single-family residential on the fourth side. The site, which was previously used for overflow parking for special events, is a narrow triangular space adjacent to a flood channel. It has mature native oaks and sycamore trees.

Project Scope

The dog park features include: a ½-acre small dog area and a one-acre large dog area with separate double-gated entrances. Each is completely fenced and has large areas of decomposed granite surfacing, as well as areas of cedar chip surfacing under and around the mature trees. Smaller trees were added to areas where there were none and the previously bare slope to the street was landscaped. Other features include: a dog wash outside the entry gates; drinking fountains for owners and pets; benches in both areas, some with shade structures; and security lighting.

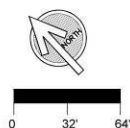
Project Implementation

The project was triggered in 2007 by an incident in which a small dog was injured by other dogs at a nearby park where local residents let dogs run and play off leash. The community responded with a petition to the County requesting a safe, off-leash area for dogs – a dog park. The County supported the project, prepared, and adopted a Dog Off-leash Area Policy and Guidelines.

Project Funding

Proposition A, (\$645,000).

CRESCENTA VALLEY DOG PARK: SITE PLAN



SITE AMENITIES

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PARKING LOT 2. DOG PARK ENTRANCE, INCLUDES:
MONUMENT SIGNAGE
REGULATION SIGNAGE
DOG WASH
COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARDS
BICYCLE RACKS
SOLAR LIGHTING 3. LARGE DOG DOUBLE GATED ENTRY, INCLUDES:
ADA, REGULAR AND DOG DRINKING FOUNTAIN | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. SMALL DOG DOUBLE GATED ENTRY, INCLUDES:
ADA, REGULAR AND DOG DRINKING FOUNTAIN 5. SHADED ADA BENCH 6. DECOMPOSED GRANITE AREA, INCLUDES:
BENCHES AND WASTE RECEPTACLES 7. CEDAR CHIP AREA, INCLUDES:
BENCH 8. FENCING 9. PLANTING AREA 10. CRESCENTA VALLEY PARK |
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Looking south, small dog park area in foreground with large dog area and larger park beyond. The benches and shade structures are 90% recycled content and 100% recyclable. Permeable decomposed granite and cedar chip surfacing are also shown with newly planted native Sycamore trees.



Park users enjoying the large dog area.



Large dog area in winter, looking north, shows the large, open decomposed granite space with tree covered cedar chip area in the background



A closer look at the shaded portion of the large dog area. The large expanses of permeable decomposed granite and cedar chips in both the large and small areas help keep water on site and recharge the groundwater.



Canine visitors enjoying a drink from the dog fountain. Above them are regular and ADA drinking fountains for people.



Three friends having fun in the large dog area.



Looking south in the large dog area, with small dog area in the background. Native Sycamores in late winter provide a sculptural element and allows winter sun to come through.



View of small dog area looking north, with large dog area on the west side. The slope to the street on the east side is landscaped with natives. The seating beneath the mature Oaks trees provides a natural space for socializing.



Small dog area, a place to make new friends.



View of the small dog area looking east in winter.



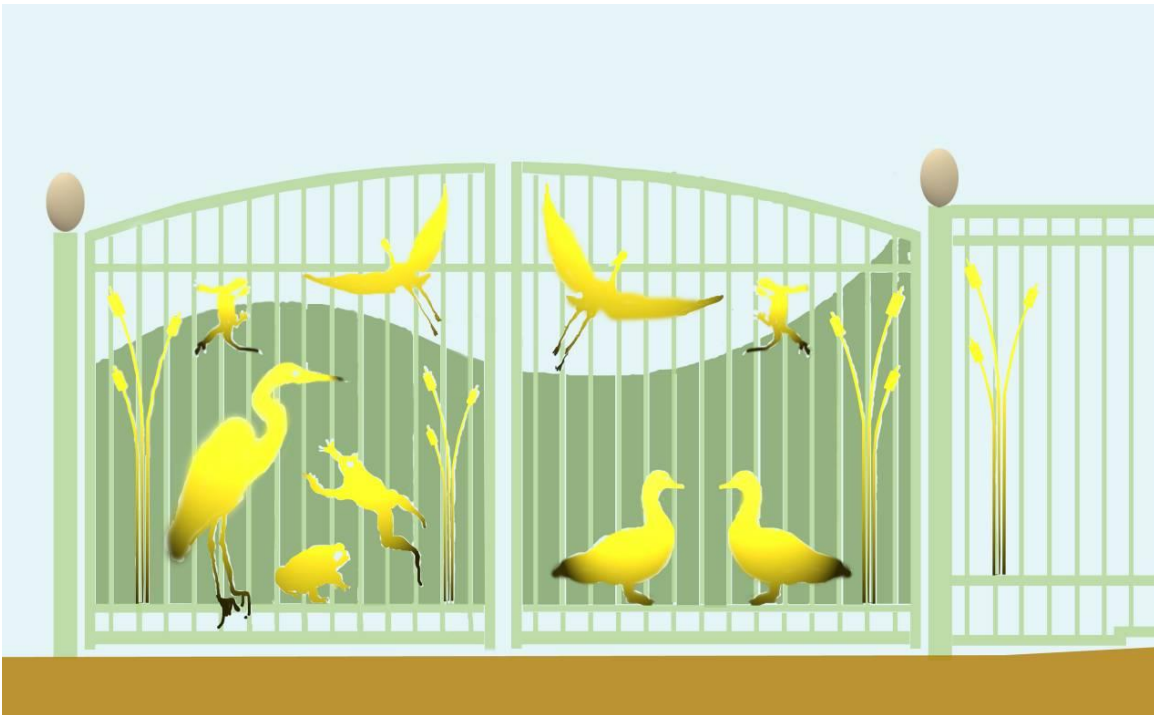
Looking north in the large dog area.



View of dog park, looking west, with small dog area in foreground. The picture shows the context of the dog park, set within the Crescenta Valley and within the larger park seen in the background. The dog park has provided the community with a beautiful and environmentally sensitive space for play, exercise and social interaction.

Compton Creek is a major tributary of the Los Angeles River. The stream drains a watershed of 42.1 square miles and is the last major tributary to enter the Los Angeles River before it enters the Pacific Ocean. The stream begins just east of South Main Street between 107th and 108th Streets in Los Angeles. Compton Creek passes through Willowbrook and runs 8.5 miles in total.

This is a home to most common species of birds found in urbanized Los Angeles which include: crows (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*), pigeons (*Columba livia*), mourning doves (*Zenaidura macroura*), house finch (*Carpodacus mexicanus*), northern mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottos*), California towhee (*Pipilo californicus*), and scrub jay (*Aphelocoma coerulescens*). A number of wintering birds also utilize the area during migration including Townsend's warbler (*Dendroica townsendi*), yellow-rumped warbler (*Dendroica coronata*), lesser goldfinch (*Carduelis psaltria*), white-throated swifts (*Aeronautes saxatalis*), and cliff swallows (*Hirundo pyrrhonota*). Along with the raptors, lizards have adapted quite well to this urban environment. Species that could be present within this urban setting include: side-blotched lizard (*Uta stansburiana*), western fence lizard (*Sceloporus occidentalis*), and Southern alligator lizard (*Gerrhonotus multicarinatus*).



Project Scope

1. Improve water quality - by adding a rip-rap swale to capture debris, and treat run-off before it enters the stream.
2. Enhance wildlife - by adding vegetation along the right-of-way needed to support the habitat species with food, nesting, and cover vegetation
3. Contribute to the overall improvement of the visual character of the neighborhood and provide areas of shade along the Creek by adding large climate appropriate trees.

Site Improvements and amenities are:

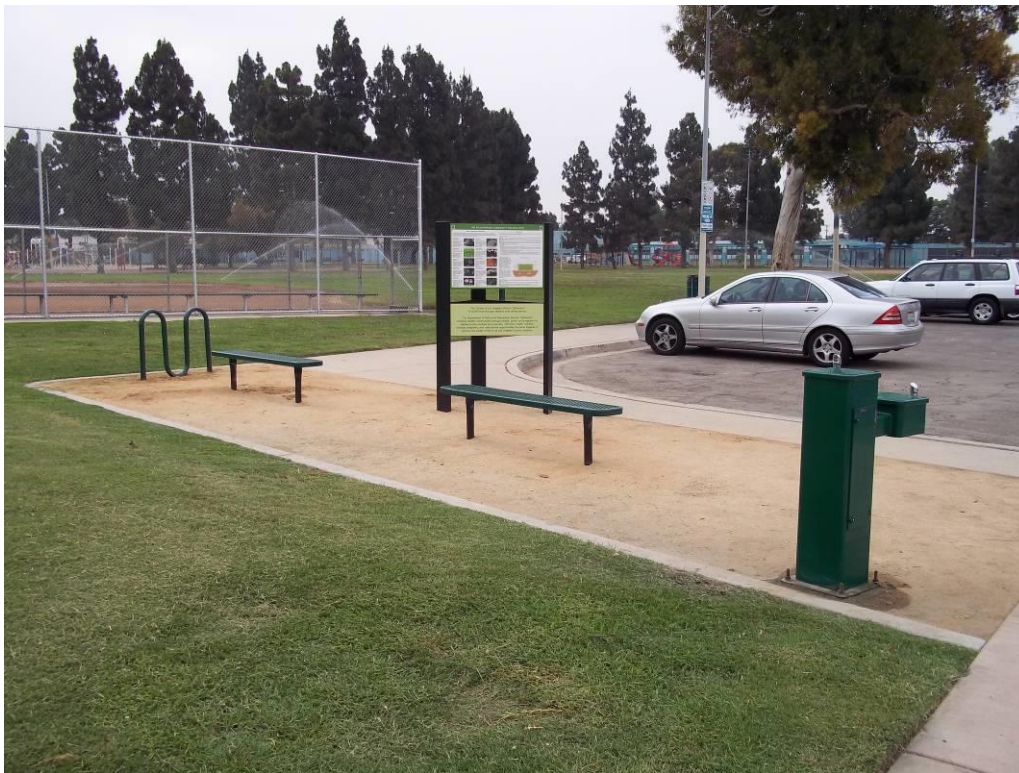
1. New Walking Path
 - a. Paving - Decomposed granite path with 6" concrete curb and 12" colored concrete horizontal Mile Markers across the DG walking in contrasting color.

- b. Mile Markers
 - c. Educational Signage
 - 2. Ornamental Entry Gates and Fencing
 - 3. New River Rock Rip Rap Swale
 - 4. New Native Shade Trees and Irrigation –
 - 5. New Riparian Grasses and irrigation
- Project Funding**
RMC grant for path adjacent Compton Creek \$464,407











The new Wm S. Hart park entrances and perimeter fencing along Newhall Avenue provide a new façade to the park. Architecturally inspired by the Hart mansion, the new park façade highlights the movie career of Wm S. Hart through vintage movie posters at the park entrances. A new electronic reader board, visible from Newhall Avenue and Main Street announce park events to the community.

Project Scope of Improvements:

1. Fencing

- Masonry and Wrought Iron Decorative Fence at Park Perimeter
- Masonry Pilasters with Integral Lights at Park Access Points
- Wrought Iron Gates at Vehicular Access Points
- Wrought Iron Gates at New Pedestrian Entrance

2. Main Park Vehicular Entrance

- New Park Monument Sign (integral to new fence)
- New Park Events Electronic Marquee Sign (integral to new fence)
- Enhanced Paving at Park Entry
- New Landscape and Irrigation at Parkway

3. New Pedestrian Entrance

- Enhanced Paving at New Pedestrian Entrance
- New Landscaping & Irrigation at New Pedestrian Entrance

4. Staff Entrance

- New On-site Road Alignment
- New Landscape and Irrigation at Staff Building Road Area











Peck Water Conservation Park, located at 5401 Peck Road Arcadia, CA 91006, is a unique 200 acre quarry now serving as a water management & recreation facility. The area consists of two lakes in a figure 8 shape. These lakes are a rich habitat for various birds; the Western Gull, Green Heron, Cooper's Hawks, Mourning Doves, Northern Mockingbirds, Black Phoebe, Band-tailed Pigeons, and Palm Warbler have all been found here. The Rio Hondo bicycle path begins at the Peck Road Water Conservation Park, about 1/2 mile South of Live Oak Avenue and parallels the Rio Hondo through Los Angeles County. Currently the park amenities include picnic areas, informal open play areas, fishing, walking and bird watching.



Peck Road Water Conservation Park
5401 N. Peck Road, Arcadia CA 91006

VISION PLAN CONCEPT



The Peck Park Vision Plan proposes to restore and enhance 12.5 acres within the Water Conservation Park. This will include recreation and educational opportunities, sustainable development, habitat restoration, enhanced paved area, interpretive signage and additional amenities. In addition, improved pedestrian and vehicular circulation, meaningful gathering spaces and the opportunity to commune with nature are proposed. This project helps illustrate the new aesthetics of landscape today, defined by a continuously evolving process of design. This project accepts embraces and protects the unplanned natural environment and will, when complete, become a valuable and remarkable park site for the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation. Objectives: The objective of the park design concept is to create a number of connections.

We propose to connect Peck Park:

1. To the community through the addition of a variety of recreational activities and educational opportunities.
2. To nature through sustainable development and restoring the habitat with indigenous plant material.
3. To the history of the site by honoring Tongva people through features and interpretive signage.
4. To the network of urban parks linked by trails along the Emerald Necklace through using similar design elements.

Site Improvements and amenities are:

Area 1 – Entry – The new park entry will provide enhanced park identification from Peck Road and provide a gateway giving the park a strong sense of arrival. Site improvements and amenities for this area will include:

- New entry vehicular road
- New entry tree allee with shrubs and groundcover
- New irrigation
- New entry pedestrian path
- Enhanced paving at park entry and at parking lot entry
- New entry monument sign
- New ornamental tubular steel vehicular and pedestrian entry fence and gate

Area 2 - Native Garden – The new native garden serves the community by providing examples of drought-tolerant and native plant material. This garden demonstrates the possibility of a harmonious relationship between an urban setting and nature through thoughtful sustainable design. Site improvements and amenities for this area will include:

- Native garden
- New irrigation
- 3 Picnic tables and benches
- Mulch groundcover

Area 3 – Plaza – The heart and focal point of the park is the new plaza. At the center of the space is a peaceful gathering area with built-in seating shaded by a large specimen oak tree. The site improvements and amenities for this area will include:

- Enhanced paving matching paving at park entry
- Turf groundcover
- New irrigation
- New ADA compliant drinking fountain
- Existing restroom upgrade
- Built in raised bench
- Specimen oak tree

Area 4 - Meadow – Peck Water Conservation Park is a unique property with a very natural feel located in an urban setting. The development of the native annual grassland area will enhance the natural feel of the park and create a unique educational setting for the history of Native American inhabitants along the San Gabriel River. Site improvements and amenities for this area will include:

- Restored habitat of native annual grasses / Temporary Irrigation
- Group picnic areas – includes picnic table and benches, on D.G. paving.
- Educational discovery nodes –boulders with engraved symbols and fossils.
- Interpretive signage.

Area 9 - Viewing Berm – With a simple addition of an accessible pedestrian path the existing topography offers a great opportunity to watch the collection of wildlife that has made the shores of Peck Park their home. The adjacent development of the native annual grassland flows into this area continuing the natural feel of the park Site improvements and amenities for this area will include:

- A decomposed granite path and pad.
- Additional California Native Trees
- Restore Native Annual Grasses
- Educational Discovery Nodes – boulder with engraved Tongva petroglyph and fossils.
- Interpretive Signage

