

Good Morning:

This isn't an entirely accurate accounting of the history of the J5 Sports Park as many of you are aware since Kirk Bone has reported to us in the past regarding the park proposed to be on the corner of Sienna Ridge and Bass Lake Road. And we also are aware that RUSD recently purchased the property adjoining the proposed Sports Park property which is perfectly aligned to take advantage of the fields, etc. as at Valley View Elementary which is in the Buckeye School District.

Please note this is not yet approved by the Planning Commission and will be discussed in June as mentioned in this article.

The developer of the three Bass Lake projects, Bell Woods, Bell Ranch, and Hawk View Ridge, has donated property to the church for ball fields. This article makes it sound like someone else has as well? There will also be a park site near the Buckeye school which will be built on the west side of the southern half of the Bass Lake Specific Plan.

Kathy Prevost  
Bass Lake Action Committee  
[www.basslakeaction.org](http://www.basslakeaction.org)



May 23, 2016 | Posted by [Julie Samrick](#)

## More sports fields on the way

Residents who want more parks and sports fields will be happy to hear more are in the works due, in large part, to joint use agreements between organizations looking to pool resources.

Serrano Associates and the El Dorado Hills Community Services District are co-applicants for an 11.7 acre sports park in Serrano's Village J. The CSD is calling it the Sienna Ridge Sports Park, which would include four soccer fields and amenities to include multi-sports.

The site was originally planned for a commercial center but Parker Development switched its plan to build the park it's obligated to build in Village J Lot H to the current location at J5 after the Rescue Union School District bought land nearby to build a school. Because J5 has already been approved by the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors for commercial, an application is being processed at the county level to rezone it. Village J Lot H will go from 83 half-plex units and a park to 111 single-family lots. Villages J5 and J6 will go from 204 half-plexes to 148 single-family lots.

Rescue USD Superintendent David Swart said there doesn't have to be a plan for the future school to get started on the sports park. "Building a school is still a ways out," he said. "The school would be up the hill from where the fields are."

Swart and EDHCSD General Manager Brent Dennis remain in regular talks.

"They're in the parks business, we're not," Swart added. "We want to design something the whole community is proud of and maximize the use of those fields. It's a perfect way to harmonize with another agency to do something good."

Dennis pointed to the positive joint use agreement between the Buckeye Union School District and the CSD in how the CSD uses the sports facilities at Valley View Elementary on nights and weekends.

"We have a good model in Blackstone," Dennis said. "That site (J5) could be a tournament-capable complex. We're going to propose that they be lighted fields since it was supposed to be commercial. We also know there's support for an additional farmers' market in that area. It would be a community asset beyond athletic fields and it opens up a lot of potential."

The rezone application could come before the Planning Commission in June.

The CSD and Rescue Union School District are also in talks to create a joint use agreement to revamp and share the use of Marina Village Middle School's field. In the past Little League games were played on the 5-acre field, but its grass, irrigation and drainage have fallen into such disrepair it's only used during the school year by PE classes. Dennis said replacing the existing grass with natural turf and redoing the irrigation would make it an asset to the community after school hours and during the summer as well.

There are plans to accommodate multiple sports on the field, including a new baseball diamond, he added.

The general manager also noted that the agreement would include the CSD repairs to the field's irrigation system and will install the turf while the school district will continue to mow the field. After school hours, the CSD would have first priority to use it. Construction could begin in late summer.

Dennis said it may be possible the CSD will also work with Holy Trinity Catholic Church to build fields on the east side of Bass Lake Road across from El Dorado Hills Natural Farms. A private citizen recently donated land to the parish and Dennis said he was approached by church staff, saying they may want help building a park and field.

He also said the CSD is in talks with the El Dorado Hills Fire Department, which has land in the Business Park that would be ideal for an additional lighted field.