

Thank You, Guadalupe!

One city stepped up. Now it's our turn.



In the run-up to the California Coastal Commission's historic March 18 meeting, only one local government on the entire coast of California took a stand on the fate of the Oceano Dunes, and then got on the phone to tell the Commission about it.

That was the City of Guadalupe, which has had enough of bearing the brunt of the off-road playground's impacts on the environment and human health. The city council voted to protect the environment at the Oso Flaco Lake Natural Area by opposing State Parks' ill-conceived Public Works Plan to turn that beautiful region into an RV park while destroying 120 acres of prime ag and dune habitat. The City also voted to support the Coastal Commission staff recommendations to, among other things, phase out off-highway vehicle use of the Oceano Dunes and close the Pier Avenue entrance.

Now the Friends of Oso Flaco Lake, in partnership with the Sierra Club Santa Lucia Chapter and the Santa Maria Valley Community Foundation, is sponsoring a GoFundMe campaign to raise funds for the LeRoy Park and Community Center in Guadalupe.

It's a great project. LeRoy Park was once a vibrant social gathering place for residents of Guadalupe and beyond. But years have passed, and it really needs some work and attention. The City of Guadalupe has launched a Capital Campaign for \$1.5 million to supplement grant funds already received. We're hoping to raise \$25,000 toward that effort.

This GoFundMe effort acknowledges the importance of this community project, and is also a way of saying "THANK YOU, CITY OF GUADALUPE!"

If you want to help out and say thanks, it's easy: Just click here to donate:

[City of Guadalupe - LeRoy Park Renovation, organized by Friends Of Oso Flaco Lake](#)

Your funds will be directed to the Santa Maria Valley Community Foundation, which has generously agreed to collect the funds and turn them over to the City of Guadalupe – without charging any fees.

You can also donate the old-fashioned way – by making a check payable to "City of Guadalupe" (write "LeRoy Park" in the memo) and mailing it to:

LeRoy Park Capital Campaign
918 Obispo Street
Guadalupe, CA 93434

For more details on the campaign and giving options, contact Sonia Rios-Ventura (Community Development Manager) at 805/356-3906 or SoniaRiosVentura@redcc.org .

Thank you for any help you can provide to support this worthy project and show a little love for the deserving City of Guadalupe.