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Mid North Valley Recreation Center

Bernalillo County seeks \$1.4 million to begin developing its newest recreational property acquisition on Edith NE north of Osuna. Since phase 1 acquisition is complete, this phase 2 funding will be used to demolish existing structures, clean up the property, and plan, design, construct, equip, and furnish a multi-purpose recreation center facility.

As part of Bernalillo County's Parks Recreation and Open Space Master Plan a planning study was undertaken to identify facilities needs for the North Valley. This planning study, which was called North Valley Area Planning Study, proposed a new recreation facility in the mid-north valley. Subsequent community process and PROS planning analysis also identified a need for recreation facilities in the Mid-North Valley. The County is short on gym space north of I-40 and there is also considerable interest in the North Valley in local agricultural education and uses. Based on community input and staff analysis the PROS Plan rated the Mid-Valley Recreation Center a "high" priority.

The site will require demolition of three structures and related environmental clean-up prior to any new construction. In the meantime, programming for the future facility will begin with a series of community meetings starting in February 2016. Programming and administrative connections to the County's 4-H Site and Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center will be important factors in determining what happens on the Edith property. A range of potential uses were identified already including a gym, fitness center, flexible classroom space, hoop houses to grow vegetables and an arena for horse, livestock and rodeo classes and competitions. As part of a separate planning process, the site will also be considered as one potential location for a future North Valley Aquatics Facility, which received a "very high priority" in the PROS Plan.

This request would enable the County to complete the clean-up of the recently acquired land and undertake planning, design and construction of an initial phase of the complex.

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Very conceptual plan rendering for a Mid-North Valley Recreation Center prepared for a Federal grant application prior to the current site being acquired – actual plan could vary considerably depending on input from community, final programming and budget.