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Steckel Park Aviary Grand Re-Opening

Ventura County Supervisor Kathy Long will join Santa Paula Mayor Ralph Fernandez on Saturday September 7, 2013 to celebrate Steckel Park Aviary Grand Re-Opening and Ribbon Cutting from 4:00PM until 7:00PM at Steckel Park.

Steckel Park Aviary was closed in the Fall of 2011 following an inspection by Ventura County Animal Services determining the aviary was structurally unsound, corrosive and rusting; exposing the birds to an unsanitary and unsafe environment. Collaborative efforts of Save The Steckel Park Aviary, volunteers, and the County led to a successful rehabilitation of the Aviary with the 50 birds returning to their home.

“The history, stories and connections shared about Steckel Park Aviary reached far beyond the borders of Santa Paula,” said County Supervisor Kathy Long, “thanks to the dedicated efforts of Save The Steckel Park Aviary, the sounds of birds who are home, will once again fill the park to the delight of visitors of all ages”.

The 6,800 sq. ft. rehabilitation project included replacing steel mesh, chain link fence, sanding and painting the steel frame, repairing the roof, replacing the wood rail fence, improving the parking lot, adding new sidewalks as well as a picnic table, and enhancing landscape. The total cost was approximately \$182,000 including contributions of 4,400 volunteer hours.

The public is invited to attend the Grand Re-Opening and Ribbon Cutting. For more information please contact Supervisor Kathy Long’s Office at 805-654-2276.

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