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Sterns Park Rehab Project Temporary Suspension

Los Alamitos, CA – Following the excitement of the Sterns Park Groundbreaking Ceremony that took place Wednesday, May 29, at Sterns Park, the City received formal notification from the Department of Fish and Wildlife of a rare bird nesting within the park perimeter. The report cited that additional and sustained noise with human presence associated with the project will impact the bird's nest and urged that the City delay the project until after July 31, or until the hatchlings have fledged (i.e., fledged meaning young birds are able to fly and are mature enough to leave the nest).

The type of bird is a threatened species under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) (Fish and Game Code, § 2067). As a protected species, revealing the bird species or nesting location could potentially increase the risk of endangerment and impact survival odds. As a result, the City and affiliated parties, such as contractors and construction crew, will hold off any work on site until the nesting period has concluded. Additional information, including when the project can expect to resume will be shared.

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