

City of Santa Clarita – RFQ Request for Qualifications-
Civic Art – Central Park

LOCATION:

The identified location will be at Central Park, address 27150 Bouquet Canyon Rd, Santa Clarita, CA 91350

Site Information

The City of Santa Clarita is centrally located, just 30 minutes north of downtown Los Angeles with more than 9,000 acres of rolling open space and 100 miles of picturesque Santa Clarita trails and paseos designed for commuting and recreational use, including walking, riding, jogging, and skating. The regional river trail serves as the backbone of the trail system in this Southern California city. Together with connecting trails, you can access parks, entertainment, and shopping venues. Spending quality time with family and friends is easy to do at one of our many parks, along our trails, and exploring our open space and nearby lakes.

The City's Central Park (Park) is a large municipal park and was developed on 105 acres of land leased by the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency to the City of Santa Clarita. The City has allocated funds for a public art piece to be located at Central Park and accessible to the public. The design for the Central Park buildout will primarily focus on the undeveloped southwestern portion of the Park. It includes the addition of four full-sized multipurpose fields, the installation of sport field lighting, landscaping and irrigation, various site furnishings, a restroom/concession building, upgrades to the adjacent dog park, and additional parking. It also includes a lighted accessible walkway to the existing dog park from the expanded parking lot, as well as lighting for the dog park. This additional lighting will allow visitors to use the facility year-round until closing time at 10:00 p.m.

Site History

The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) was created January 1, 2018, by an act of the State Legislature (SB 634) through the merger of the three water agencies in the Santa Clarita Valley and serves a population of 273,000 through 70,000 retail water connections. The merger included Castaic Lake Water Agency and its Santa Clarita Water Division, Newhall County Water District and the Valencia Water Company. The Castaic Lake Water Agency was formed as a wholesale water agency to acquire, treat, and deliver State Water Project water supply throughout the Santa Clarita Valley. The Santa Clarita Water Division, Newhall County Water District and the Valencia Water Company were the retail water purveyors. The SCV Water service area covers approximately 195 square miles or 124,000 acres. Population at build-out is estimated to be 420,000. SCV Water also provides wholesale water to Los Angeles County Waterworks District #36.

The Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA) was formed in April 1962 to contract with the State of California for the delivery of water to be brought over the Tehachapi Mountains from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta through the State Water Resources Development System.

Now, as in the beginning, the fundamental key to a thriving community is a stable water supply. While our local Santa Clara River historically provided groundwater for agriculture and livestock, this source could not provide a year-round supply. While the area remained primarily agricultural through the 1950's, the local communities secured additional water for municipal growth.

CLWA was formed to bring a supplemental water supply to its service area from the State Water Project (SWP), and provide the facilities needed to treat and deliver this water. The Agency began delivering SWP water in 1980, which was treated at the Earl Schmidt Filtration Plant near Castaic Lake.

With a growing population to serve, CLWA needed a second treatment plant, so they bought the land where Central Park now sits in 1986. The Rio Vista Water Treatment Plant began construction in 1991, and the treatment plant and new administration headquarters opened in 1996. The Central Park property was leased to the city beginning in 1998.

DESIGN GUIDELINES:

- The theme is history.
- Creativity and innovation of design are encouraged.
- Artwork must be an original design.
- Artwork must be suitable for viewing by all ages.
- The Artwork should be site-specific, considering aspects of the unique physical, cultural, natural and/or historical features of Central Park and the City of Santa Clarita while planning and creating the artwork.
- Artwork may not be used for advertisement or to promote business, product, or viewpoint.
- Designs must not include any breach of intellectual property, trademarks, brands, business names, corporate or organizational branding or images of drugs.
- Artwork can be of any medium, but artist should consider structural and surface soundness and materials that can withstand outside and uncovered weather conditions as well as inherent resistance to theft, vandalism and excessive maintenance and repair costs. Artists will be required to outline in their proposal suggested maintenance schedule.
- The Artist Selection Committee will evaluate artist submittals based upon strength and appropriateness of artists' past completed work

PROJECT GUIDELINES:

- Artwork must fit on pre-determined location.
- Artwork must fit on the pre-determined concrete area measuring at 20 feet in diameter. Horizontal base could use the maximum length of the base if its width is within the dimensions.
- Sculptures should be no less than 6 feet and no more than 15 feet in height excluding the base.
- Sculptures should weigh no more than 3,000 pounds.
- Artwork must be installed in a manner with sufficient anchoring to prevent from being removed, broken or overturned due to wind or an earthquake. The City will review the artists proposed installation plans and will request additional information from a California licensed engineer (hired by the artist) to address safety concerns the City may have.
- The City will provide a plaque near the artwork, that indicates the name of the artist and title of artwork.
- Artwork must be constructed of durable materials that are able to withstand the harsh weather conditions of the desert (high winds and extreme temperatures).
- Artwork must comply with standard engineering practices and requirements.
- Artwork will be evaluated to require that it does not present a hazard to public safety, and must conform to ADA standards.
- Delivered artwork that differs significantly from artwork represented will be disqualified.

TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

May 29, 2022 at 11:59 pm PST – Application Due

August 2022 – Semi-finalist notified (30 days to develop proposal)

September 2022 – Semi-finalist interviews

October 2022 – Arts Commission and City Council review and approval

November 2022 – Selected finalist notified (to start contract process)

Spring 2023 – Installation

ARTIST RESOURCES / SANTA CLARITA COMMUNITY:

Links regarding the community and history of the Santa Clarita area:

- SCV History https://scvhistory.com/scvhistory/clwa_scwd_2012.htm
- SCV Water <https://yourscvwater.com/history>
- Rio Vista Water Treatment Plant <https://www.acwa.com/news/scv-water-celebrates-the-25th-anniversary-of-its-rio-vista-water-treatment-plant/>
- City of Santa Clarita Park Directory <https://www.santa-clarita.com/Home/Components/FacilityDirectory/FacilityDirectory/38/1386>
- Wikipedia Central Park (Santa Clarita) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_Park_\(Santa_Clarita\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_Park_(Santa_Clarita))
- City of Santa Clarita www.santa-clarita.com
- Public Art App <https://scpublicart.goodbarber.com/>
- SantaClaritaArts.com <http://santaclaritaarts.com/>
- Visit Santa Clarita <http://visitsantaclarita.com/things-to-do/outdoor-recreation/bike-rentals/>
- Demographics <https://www.santa-clarita.com/city-hall/departments/community-development/demographics>
- Community Profile <https://www.santa-clarita.com/city-hall/30th-anniversary>
- Site History https://scvhistory.com/scvhistory/lp_eurekatimesstandard092154.htm

FURTHER INFORMATION:

For further information about the prospectus, please contact the City of Santa Clarita's Arts and Events division at ArtistCall@santa-clarita.com or (661) 250-3787.

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