

LA RINCONADA COUNTRY CLUB

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Ryan Safty, Associate Planner
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Town of Los Gatos
110 E. Main Street
Los Gatos, CA 95030

RE: La Rinconada Country Club – Golf Course Maintenance Facility Renovation

Dear Mr. Safty,

On behalf of La Rinconada Country Club, I am writing to provide you and the Town of Los Gatos with background information about our golf course maintenance facility renovation project and supporting justifications for approval of the application. As you know, we recently received strong support from the planning commission for our golf course modernization plan creating a more environmentally sustainable, responsible, and enjoyable golf course for future generations. The golf course maintenance facility is a critical component to the success of our future golf course and we're now ready to move forward with the proposed plans.

La Rinconada Golf Club History

Founded almost 100 years ago in 1929, La Rinconada is one of the most beautiful properties in the Santa Clara Valley. The Club overlooks the valley from the western foothills to the Santa Cruz Mountains. Members enjoy a beautiful 18-hole golf course amid the local scenery with views across Silicon Valley. In addition to golf, we offer junior golf programs, swimming, fitness, bocce ball, yoga, dining and several social events to our members and the Los Gatos community.

Our Club consists of 517 members, more than 250 of whom are Town residents, many for decades. The organization acquired fee title ownership of all the land in 2021 to ensure its continuation as a golf course and asset to the community in perpetuity. We are proud of our continued stewardship of one of the largest open spaces in the Town of Los Gatos and enduring support for the larger community as one of its oldest institutions. The clubhouse regularly plays host to a wide variety of community serving events including many charitable activities such as the Dave's Avenue School Auction, Los Gatos New Millennium Foundation, Los Gatos

Community Foundation, Hope Services, and Los Gatos High School Athletic Hall of Fame Induction.

Property Overview

The 118.4 acre property and surrounding area were originally grasslands, then farmland and orchards, without many trees when the Club was originally established. It now includes an 18-hole golf course, driving range, practice greens, maintenance facility, a clubhouse with dining room and event space, a pool and fitness facility, and on-site parking. The property is primarily surrounded by single family homes on larger lots that were built over decades around the golf course, and many of our neighbors are members of the Club as well. We maintain more than 1,200 trees, most of which the Club planted beginning in the 1950's.

Project Description

With a modern golf course now on the horizon, the Club now desires to renovate the golf course maintenance facilities to make them more environmentally sustainable, safer for our staff, and appropriate to produce the golf course quality and playability for the enjoyment of future generations. Our current facility consists of two metal-framed structures and a small employee break room that date back to the 1970's. Golf course maintenance equipment has changed dramatically over the past 50 years, and we are embracing a more modern facility that is both more appropriate for staff, and the environment with the addition of solar panels on the rooftops that will help us generate a significant amount of energy to support a new fleet of electric equipment for our golf course. Our modern maintenance equipment will include more electric equipment that will produce far less noise for the surrounding community and reduce our traditional combustion engine emissions.

Neighborhood Compatibility and Ongoing Operations

The La Rinconada maintenance team has operated for decades at its current location in harmony with the neighborhood that has grown up around the facilities. As we do not plan any expansion of the facilities yard or operations, only a modernization of the current facilities, this project will not change the experience our neighbors have with the day-to-day course operations in any way. We have shared the plans with our fence line neighbors and collaborated with them on the plans. Following the renovation, our standard operations will return to the same operating procedures we are following today. There will be no increase in traffic in the neighborhood and a reduction of operating noise as a result of the electric equipment the new buildings are designed to support.

Facility Use & Parking

The facilities and parking detailed in the proposed plan are designed for maintenance facility staff use only. The Club employs approximately 15 staff members at this location, which is separate from the existing Clubhouse facilities and operations.

Existing Residence

The existing residence on the property is used by our Golf Course Superintendent. The residence has been part of the property and used as a benefit for the head of the golf course maintenance department for more than 40 years. The entry point to the residence is the same for the maintenance yard. The project proposes no changes to the residence ingress/egress location which has been in place and operational for years.

Proposed Grading

Since the new structures' footprints do not match the existing building footprints, minor grading is required to ensure that new building floor entries are flush with the adjacent grades. This relationship is especially critical at shop/garage doors to facilitate vehicle movements into the shop building. The proposed and existing contours are shown on the civil Grading & Drainage Plan (sheet C3.0) and on the sections on sheet C3.1. These sheets demonstrate the differences between the existing and proposed conditions which necessitate the amount of grading required.

Timeline

The Club anticipates the entire project will require the facilities to be under construction for approximately 7-8 months. We plan to commence construction in April 2026. We look forward to working collaboratively with the Town so the Club can undertake this critical project to support our new golf course with a new environmentally sustainable maintenance facility. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact me directly at 408-402-7468 or via email at akimball@larinconadacc.com.

Sincerely,



Andy Kimball, PGA
General Manager
La Rinconada Country Club