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Coyote Canyon Theme Park to Roll into Florence

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Another theme park is in the works southeast of the Valley. It's called Coyote Canyon and it offers plenty of thrills with a western theme.

"We're in the planning stages and we have a lot of effort going on right looking for construction partners and getting the rest of our sponsorship money in place," says John Yurcaba with One Dream, One Team.

He says the 1,200-acre park has already been approved by the City of Florence where it'll be located and he says it has the governor's blessing as well.

"We're looking at three different pieces to our pie. The first one being the theme park. The second one being what we call the CityWalk. The CityWalk will encompass numerous retail opportunities, restaurants, more sit down type."

Then there'll be an area with movies, a bowling alley and maybe even a 9-hole golf course.

At the theme park, you can expect some breathtaking rides. "A roller coaster that is going to be approximately a 300-foot drop down into a canyon. That I'm looking forward to," says CEO Kim Tucci.

She says there's also a coaster planned called the Thunderbird. "That one has a 250 vertical foot drop straight down."

The company hopes to break ground on the \$600 million project this fall with the grand opening no later than spring of 2010.

"We're very excited. We found some great individuals already who have shown a great interest in this project. They're excited about it happening in the state," says Yarcuba.

But what about Decades, the rock-n-roll theme park planned for Eloy? "I think we both surprised each other," he says.

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But Yurcaba says they'll be good for each other when it comes to making the area a worldwide destination.