

Item 7.3 Cover sheet – Renaming Recreation and/or Regional Parks

Auburn Area Recreation and Park District Acquisition and Development Committee meeting March, 2015; April, 2015; Board of Directors meeting April, 2015

The Issue

Shall the Auburn Area Recreation and Park District (ARD) consider renaming Recreation and/or Regional Park?

Background

Brian Hassett, a community member, spoke to the ARD Board of Directors at the February, 2015 Board meeting regarding a suggestion to rename both Regional and Recreation Park. Mr. Hassett opined that both parks have a generic name, and both lack pizzazz. Mr. Hassett suggested that a contest be held to rename the parks, possibly after historical, geographical or botanical names.

ARD policy regarding the naming (note: not renaming) of public facilities is as follows:

XVII. Naming Public Facilities

During the master-planning phase and/or prior to Board approving final plans and specifications on any park or public building, an open period of approximately two weeks will be announced giving individuals, staff and the Board an opportunity to suggest names for the facility.

A press release will be sent out notifying the public, and interested individuals could submit the appropriate form giving staff some information regarding the suggested name. Names should be submitted to the District Administrator.

Staff, along with an established committee or selection committee, will review all names and prioritize and recommend a name for finalization by the Board of Directors. The Board would receive all names submitted along with the staff/committee evaluation.

Land or gifts with deed restrictions may not follow these guidelines.

Names must be in accordance to District policy as noted.

A. Parks:

1. Name to reflect geographical location, historical references or feature of park, or significant or unusual natural features.
2. Named after a significant individual(s).

B. Buildings:

1. Name to reflect the services provided in facility.
2. Name to reflect geographical location.
3. Named after significant individual(s).

C. Criteria for naming a facility after an individual:

1. Individual must have made a significant contribution to the facility by:
 - a. Donation of land or large financial contribution to the facility.
 - b. Contributed substantially and improved the quality of life in the Auburn Area Recreation and Park District (Area 5). This could relate to involvement with parks and recreation or other public agency.
2. Each public facility or place within parks, such as ball fields, groves, walkways, trails and buildings could be named after selected individuals in their honor as desired and appropriate.

Recommendation for the Board of Directors

Review and provide direction to staff to move forward with the process of renaming parks. ARD currently does not have a policy for renaming parks; staff suggests following the procedures as detailed in the policy for naming public facilities.

The Board should establish a committee to review all submitted names. An existing committee, such as the A&D or Policy Committee would be sufficient.

Staff has anecdotal experiences with members of the public confusing Recreation Park with Regional Park. Staff has heard people refer to Regional Park as “Chana Park” and Recreation Park as “ARD Park”. Renaming the parks may help to ease this confusion.

Staff also points out that despite renaming Winchester Park “Sugar Pine Ridge Park”, it is almost always still referred to as Winchester Park.

The Policy Committee recommended forwarding this item to the Board for consideration.

Fiscal Impact

Unknown at this time. Should a park be renamed, there will be costs to change park signs, however these costs should be relatively minimal.

Attachments

None.

Item 8.1 Cover sheet – Little League Rental Fees

**Auburn Area Recreation and Park District Program, Policy, Personnel and Fee Committee
April, 2015; Board of Directors meeting April, 2015**

The Issue

Shall the Auburn Area Recreation and Park District (ARD) consider lowering rental fees for fields used by Auburn Little League?

Background

The Auburn Little League (ALL) has approached ARD regarding the possibility of a reduction in their fees to rent fields. A P&L statement from ALL (attached) shows that rental fees in 2013 and 2014 were the largest expense for the organization.

ARD Policy regarding rental fees for use of sports fields is as follows:

XXII. Use of Outdoor Fields and Facilities

D. Field Fees & Proceedings:

1. Fees: Refer to established Schedule of Fees as approved by Board of Directors.

The last fee increase for sports fields was approved and implemented in January, 2014.

The ARD Board has a stated goal of 50% cost recovery for the field expenses. A report showing the last three years of revenue and expenses for each field used by ALL is attached.

Fields used by ALL were used for the following amount of hours in 2014:

James	2/5/14-11/23/14	195 hrs.
Beggs	2/24/14-11/23/14	694 hrs.
Rec	2/5/14-11/23/14	549 hrs.
Reg B	3/11/14-5/31/14	210 hrs.
Reg C	2/17/14-11/16/14	310 hrs.

Recommendation for the Board of Directors

Staff recommends a reduction in the fees to rent Recreation and Regional B fields. Recreation and Regional B fields have a high cost recovery due to use of the field for ARD programs such as adult softball, t-ball and Mighty Mites. These ARD programs have a profit margin to them that adds to the overall cost recovery of the field.

Because ARD has recognized additional revenue on these fields, costs for rental should be reduced by 50%. The new hourly fees for these fields would be:

	<u>Group A</u>	<u>Group B</u>	<u>Group C</u>	<u>Group D</u>
Recreation Field:	\$4.80	\$9.61	\$13.39	\$17.67
Regional B Field:	\$8.53	\$10.65	\$14.91	\$18.67

The Policy Committee agrees with this recommendation and has asked staff to look into modifying ARD policy to allow user groups to cancel reservations, with a corresponding credit on their account, under the following conditions:

- The reservation was made in the last 2 days
- There were no other groups who wanted to rent the field on that day and time

ARD staff will bring this new policy language to the Policy Committee next month.

Alternatives Available

- 1) Recommend no reduction in fees
- 2) Recommend greater reductions in fees than proposed. This may come in the form of reduced field fees or through a complete overhaul of how ARD charges user groups (pay per player; flat fee)

Fiscal Impact

The profit and loss for each field is listed on the attached P&L chart.

The fiscal impact of reducing the fees for Recreation and Regional B fields by 50% are approximately \$4,400.

Attachments

Auburn Little League Profit and Loss Statement for 2013, 2014
Field Profit and Loss statements
Current ARD field rental fees

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Per player plus special

Auburn Little League
Statement of Revenues and Expenses
Fiscal Period October 1, 2013 - November 30, 2014 (14 Months w/ Fall Ball Impacts)

REVENUES:	2014	Fiscal Year 2013
Registrations - Baseball / Softball	\$ 51,503.71	\$ 49,518.05
Registrations - Challenger	-	-
Sponsorships	17,020.00	10,100.00
Interest Earned / Fundraisers / Donations	16,856.98	1,500.00
Spirit Wear (Net)	2,230.17	(341.95)
Fall Ball Revenues	8,089.35	
Less: Fall Ball Expenses	(10,763.51)	
Net Fall Ball Profit / (Loss)	(2,674.16)	-
Snack Shack Revenues	\$ 10,675.90	
Less: Snack Shack Expenses	(2,643.61)	
Net Snack Shack Revenue	8,032.29	3,401.39
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$ 92,968.99	\$ 64,177.49
EXPENSES:		
Uniforms - Baseball	\$ 14,603.56	\$ 13,638.11
Uniforms - Softball	3,231.63	4,907.96
Uniforms / Trophies - Challenger Division	-	-
Supplies / Equipment - Baseball	11,762.18	10,682.64
Supplies / Equipment - Softball	999.72	1,164.23
Little League Charter / District Fees	5,862.00	6,500.03
All Star Expenses	7,293.15	5,550.27
Electricity - Field Lights - Rec/Beggs	6,946.90	5,367.79
Storage Fees - ARD	660.00	360.00
Field Use Fees - ARD - Rec B lights	24,512.18	16,215.48
Portable Restrooms	2,893.80	2,033.83
Trash Disposal Service	412.03	324.86
Umpire Costs	6,624.36	4,179.94
Photos	808.40	986.85
Sponsor Costs	1,741.51	2,235.76
Fundraiser Costs	8,721.00	-
Telephone	60.00	242.74
Miscellaneous Supplies / Materials	324.31	632.92
Permits / Fees	-	-
Taxes / Tax Preparation	1,375.95	55.00
Office Supplies / Copy Charges	692.16	855.71
Bank Fees / Returned Checks	387.00	280.00
Refunds	1,140.00	661.10
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 101,051.84	\$ 76,875.22
NET INCOME / (LOSS):	\$ (8,082.85)	\$ (12,697.73)

FY 11/12 **FY 12/13** **FY 13/14** **3 year avg. P&L**

Field	Revenue	Expenses	Profit/(loss)	Revenue	Expenses	Profit/(loss)	Revenue	Expenses	Profit/(loss)
Beggs	\$4,892	\$12,917	(\$8,024)	\$2,830	\$8,753	(\$5,923)	\$5,066	\$12,064	(\$6,998)
Recreation Field ¹	\$5,272	\$2,986	\$2,286	\$5,036	\$5,044	(\$8)	\$7,574	\$6,679	\$895
James	\$10,172	\$10,188	(\$16)	\$16,938	\$15,088	\$1,850	\$13,567	\$15,524	(\$1,956)
Regional B ¹	\$14,200	\$12,971	\$1,228	\$18,427	\$14,837	\$3,589	\$20,015	\$15,688	\$4,327
Regional C ²	\$14,742	\$18,525	(\$3,784)	\$3,390	\$10,529	(\$7,139)	\$6,015	\$11,452	(\$5,437)

Notes:

1. Includes revenue from ARD programs (adult softball, t-ball, Mighty Mites)
2. Regional C expense figures do not reflect newly incurred costs for irrigation of approximately \$7,000/year

GROUP A: Activities sponsored or conducted by a volunteer organization, the majority of which are 17 years of age and under who have adult leaders or chaperones (i.e. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Little League, etc)

GROUP B: Meetings or similar activities of resident, civic, or service organization, Non profit groups, such as Red Cross, schools, or other resident adult organizations where there is no fee charged for participation.

GROUP C: Private Citizens' parties/receptions where the primary function is social

GROUP D: Activities sponsored by a business, corporation, or other firm where their interest is in profit making

Fields	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
	Hourly	Hourly	Hourly	Hourly
Recreation Field	\$9.61	\$19.21	\$26.78	\$35.33
Beggs Field	\$10.66	\$24.52	\$31.97	\$40.53
James Field	\$18.25	\$25.40	\$33.50	\$41.60
Regional A Softball	\$18.11	\$23.47	\$30.92	\$39.45
Regional B Softball	\$17.06	\$21.31	\$29.82	\$37.33
Regional C Softball	\$17.06	\$21.31	\$29.82	\$37.33
Regional Soccer Field	\$12.81	\$21.31	\$29.82	\$37.33
MV Soccer A/B	\$13.20	\$23.35	\$30.45	\$38.60
MV Pee Wee Soccer	\$8.15	\$15.25	\$23.35	\$30.45
MV Softball	\$16.25	\$18.30	\$25.50	\$33.50
Railhead A Field	\$12.20	\$23.35	\$30.45	\$38.60
Railhead B Field	\$12.20	\$23.35	\$30.45	\$38.60
Christian Valley Field	\$9.61	\$16.01	\$24.52	\$31.97
Winchester Field	\$17.06	\$21.31	\$29.82	\$37.33
Placer Hills Field	\$7.51	\$16.01	\$24.82	\$31.97

Out of District fees: \$75 per hour for James field, \$60 per hour for all other fields.

Tournament Packages

Tournament Location	All Groups	
	1/2 Day 9am-3pm, 6 hours	All day 9am-9pm, 12 hours
Recreation Fields	\$110.00	\$220.00
Regional Fields	\$110.00	\$220.00
Fairgrounds Fields	\$110.00	\$220.00
Regional Soccer Field	\$110.00	\$220.00
Railhead Soccer Fields	\$110.00	\$220.00

Lights	\$25.00 per hour
Field Lining-Softball Fields only	\$40.00
Custodial Fee over 100 people	\$60.00
Alcohol Permit Fee	\$30.00
Field Lining-Soccer Fields only	\$255.00

Item 8.2 Cover sheet – Support Resolution for Save Auburn Ravine Salmon and Steelhead

Auburn Area Recreation and Park District (ARD) Acquisition and Development Meeting, April, 2015; Board of Directors meeting April, 2015

The Issue

Shall the Auburn Area Recreation and Park District approve Resolution # 2015-05, supporting the efforts of Save Auburn Ravine Salmon and Steelhead (SARSAS)?

Background

Save Auburn Ravine Salmon and Steelhead (SARSAS) is an all-volunteer non-profit 501(C)3 corporation whose mission is to enhance salmon and steelhead populations in Auburn Ravine with the ultimate goal of restoring them to their entire historic range within the watershed, including two parks in the center of Auburn (Ashford Park and the Auburn School Park Preserve). A whitepaper describing SARSAS goals and mission is attached.

SARSAS met with ARD representatives to look at the conditions in and around Ashford Park. Ashford Park offers an ideal location for habitat restoration, enhancements and improvements that will benefit the salmon and steelhead as well as provide educational and viewing opportunities for park visitors. While those improvements still need some research and funding, a positive step would be for ARD to provide a resolution of support for the efforts of SARSAS.

Recommendation for the Board of Directors

Approve Resolution #2015-05, supporting the efforts of SARSAS.

The A&D Committee recommended approving the resolution supporting SARSAS.

Alternatives available to the Board of Directors

- 1) Do not recommend approval of the Resolution
- 2) Make changes to the Resolution and approve

Fiscal Impact

There are no fiscal impacts for supporting this Resolution

Attachments

SARSAS whitepaper
Resolution #2015-05



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SARSAS White Paper:

Auburn Ravine – High Potential for Salmon Restoration

The beautiful foothill and valley stream known as Auburn Ravine flows 33 miles from the City of Auburn through the City of Lincoln, and into the Sacramento River at Verona. We are confident that Auburn Ravine has the potential to sustain a much larger population of wild salmon and steelhead than it does at present.

The Facts

In the fall of 2012, after a partial barrier to salmon migration at the Lincoln Gauging Station was removed, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CFW) conducted a survey of Fall Run Chinook Salmon (FRCS) in Auburn Ravine. As a result of that survey, they published a conservative estimate that about 160 salmon were able to reach spawning areas above the Lincoln Gauging Station. They counted 45 actual spawning "redds" in the streambed, each consisting of one or more nests. Of those 45 redds, 3 were observed above Hemphill Dam which is about 2.5 miles upstream from Lincoln. Using CFW's ratio of about 3.6 salmon per redd, we can estimate that approximately 11 salmon made it past the Hemphill Dam. This means that in the fall of 2012, which was a good high water timeframe, about 7% of the salmon got over Hemphill Dam.

The section of Auburn Ravine from Lincoln upstream to Hemphill Dam has marginal-to-fair spawning areas. The 5-mile section from Hemphill Dam up to Gold Hill Dam has good-to-excellent spawning areas. The section from Gold Hill Dam to the City of Auburn is about 4 miles long and has excellent spawning areas. The ability of these areas of Auburn Ravine to support large numbers of salmon and steelhead is supported by surveys conducted by CFW in 2004 and 2005.

The Potential

If the Hemphill Dam could be removed or remediated, salmon could migrate as far as the Gold Hill Dam which would give them almost twice as much spawning area as they have now. Factoring in the higher quality of the spawning gravels above Hemphill Dam, we estimate that the annual salmon migration could be quadrupled to 640 within 4 years. Similarly, if salmon could also get above the Gold Hill Dam, the high quality spawning and rearing areas in that

section could increase the return rate in Auburn Ravine to about 1,000 per year by the eighth year after salmon are able to get past both Hemphill and Gold Hill dams on a regular basis. We had two unconfirmed sightings of steelhead this season below Hemphill Dam, and one sighting a few years ago above it. There are historical reports of salmon and steelhead migrating the entire length of Auburn Ravine.



Map of Auburn Ravine from the City of Auburn through Lincoln to Verona.

The Goal

Save Auburn Ravine Salmon and Steelhead (SARSAS) is an all-volunteer non-profit 501(C)3 corporation whose mission is to enhance salmon and steelhead populations in Auburn Ravine with the ultimate goal of restoring them to their entire historic range within the watershed, including two parks in the center of Auburn (Ashford Park and the Auburn School Park Preserve).

The Problem

Adult salmon swimming upstream to spawn need to have obstacles that block their way removed or remediated. Young salmon swimming downstream to reach the ocean need to have fish screens installed on all canals so they will not be sent on dead-end trips into fields, golf courses, and community landscaping systems. They also need modifications to the diversion dams that will allow them to feel the pull of current downstream, and a good flow of water in Auburn Ravine to help them get to the Sacramento River.

Success to Date

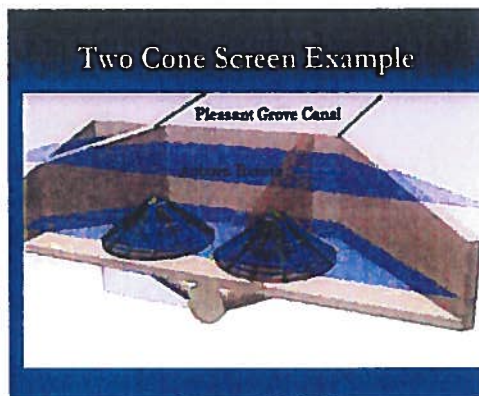
When SARSAS was founded in 2007, salmon and steelhead faced many barriers as they attempted to migrate upstream from the Sacramento River. There were 7 seasonal diversion dams below Lincoln that were not consistently removed on October 15 as required by regulations, and the Nevada Irrigation District (NID) Gauging Station in Lincoln blocked migration except at very high water levels after winter storms.



Diversion dam showing boards that can be removed during spawning season.

SARSAS worked with Loren Clark of Placer County, Placer Legacy, and several state and federal agencies and particularly with NOAA Special Agent Don Tanner to get the owners and operators of the 7 seasonal dams to remove these barriers from October 15 to April 15 each year. However, most of these dams still sweep many young salmon migrating to the Pacific Ocean out into irrigation ditches each spring where they die in hot stagnant water. While these diversion dams are not owned by NID, these dams are used to convey water for NID's partners so we are asking NID to work with their partners to eliminate the damage these diversions are causing.

The one diversion that has already had a fish screen installed is on the Scheiber property west of the new Highway 65 Bridge. The owner of that property, Albert Scheiber, arranged to have a self-cleaning rotary cone screen installed at the intake to the diversion on his property. Further downstream at the Aitken Ranch, Brad Arnold of South Sutter Water District has a plan to install similar screening at the intake to the Pleasant Grove canal by October 2015. None of the diversion dams have been modified to help young salmon find their way past them and on down toward the ocean.



Examples of self-cleaning rotary screens for irrigation canal intakes.

Community Support

After the seasonal dams began to be consistently removed each October, SARSAS established the Calling Back the Salmon Celebration at McBean Park in Lincoln in 2010. Community organizations joined with federal and state agencies, and local, regional and national environmental groups to celebrate the return of salmon to Auburn Ravine. Ty Gorre and Bill Jacobson performed a Native American “Calling Back the Salmon” ceremony as salmon swam into Lincoln’s Auburn Ravine Park. Over the next 2 years, the Celebration grew significantly. As the Celebration continued to grow, SARSAS collaborated with the Wildlife Heritage Foundation of Lincoln to take over management of the event. The celebration continues to grow. In 2014, attendance totaled nearly 1,000 people (not counting the SARSAS team and the dozens of other organizations that provided booths at the event). The celebration is now called the Salmon Celebration and is scheduled this year for Saturday, October 4 at McBean Park.

Lincoln Gauging Station Remediated

Once the flashboard dams were removed each fall, salmon reached the NID Gauging Station in Lincoln. In 2011 Placer Legacy, Dry Creek Conservancy, Granite Bay Fly Casters, the Nevada Irrigation District (NID), and other groups raised funds to install a fish passage project at the Gauging Station in Auburn Ravine Park in Lincoln. This fish passage allowed salmon access to 2.5 miles of marginal-to-fair spawning gravels from there up to Hemphill Dam where further upstream migration is severely limited.



Fish Passage system installed at Lincoln Gauging Station.

Hemphill Dam – Major Blockage

Based on CFW's ratio of slightly more than 3.5 salmon per redd, and their observation of 3 redds above Hemphill Dam in 2012, it is reasonable to assume that about 11 salmon were able to surmount the 8 foot high Hemphill Dam to reach the prime spawning gravels upstream. This is supported by video taken that year by SARSAS near Stonewood Road in Newcastle (see video at www.sarsas.org). After 2012, low water has made Hemphill a greater barrier.



Lower portion of the 8 foot high Hemphill Dam.

Gold Hill Dam – Virtually Total Blockage

This is a 12-foot high, concave concrete structure originally built in the 1850's and rebuilt in 1925. It is about 5 miles upstream from Hemphill Dam. It was built to supply water via the Gold Hill Canal to customers downstream. Very rarely, salmon or steelhead might get past this dam when water levels are extremely high. Some local residents reported this happening decades ago. Conversely, some people are under the impression that salmon cannot even get to the base of this dam due to cascades below it, but several fish biologists have walked the section below the dam and have found no blockage to salmon. If all agencies collaborate, a practical design could be implemented to let salmon and steelhead get past this dam.



The 12 foot high concrete arch of Gold Hill Dam.

Economic Benefits

Imagine the effect large numbers of wild salmon spawning in Auburn and Lincoln will mean to the area's economy.

A little background is necessary here. Taylor Creek which flows into the southwest corner of Lake Tahoe is a case in point. Each fall, Kokanee salmon migrate up Taylor Creek, which is less than half the size of Auburn Ravine. Kokanee were introduced into Lake Tahoe in 1944 and have since thrived. A visitor center was created at Taylor Creek by the Forest Service. In recent years, the center has hosted as many as 10,000 visitors each week who come to see the 12" to 18" Kokanee during the September-October spawning season.



Visitors to Taylor Creek viewing migrating salmon.
(Photo courtesy of US Forest Service.)

How do these figures apply to Auburn and Lincoln? Highway 80 runs right through Auburn. Lincoln is only 7 miles from Highway 80. When hundreds of salmon are spawning in the parks of Lincoln and Auburn, Highway 80 travelers will be able to make easy side-trips to see them. These people will discover the beautiful cities of Lincoln and Auburn and patronize local businesses as a result. It is not unreasonable to predict that Auburn and Lincoln will become as popular, or more popular, than Taylor Creek, given their proximity to Sacramento and the Bay Area, and the fact that the wild Chinook (King) salmon that come up Auburn Ravine are great leapers and are twice as big as the average Kokanee.

Next Steps

Before this dream can be realized, three actions need to occur. Each is dependent on the Nevada Irrigation District.

Hemphill Dam must be made passable for salmon and steelhead.

Gold Hill Dam must be made passable for salmon and steelhead.

Diversions at those sites, and the seasonal diversions downstream from Lincoln need to be screened to prevent diversion of young salmon and steelhead into irrigation ditches, and modified to help young salmon find their way downstream toward the ocean.

At Hemphill, an infiltration gallery upstream of the dam site could allow removal of the dam. It would allow both upstream and downstream migration, and allow continued water deliveries to NID's customers from the Hemphill Canal. An alternative might be to install a series of riffles and pools below Hemphill Dam similar to the design that was used at the Lincoln Gauging Station. This would involve raising the stream bed below the Hemphill Dam to within about one foot of the existing sill and then creating a seasonal notch at the appropriate place in the sill. A fish ladder around the dam is also an option.

At Gold Hill, the steeper gradient of the stream in this area, and the nearly impassible terrain on its south side will present greater challenges. The existing Gold Hill Canal possibly could be modified on the north side of the stream and become part of a seasonal fish ladder. An infiltration gallery should be considered. Since the Gold Hill Dam, at present, has zero storage capacity, an alternative solution would be to move the entrance to the Gold Hill canal upstream to a location where a new low impact diversion structure could be constructed. This change would allow for removal of the Gold Hill Dam.

Funding

In addition to existing grant programs, and the new Prop 1 (Water Bond) funding, consideration should be given to the probable value of the gold deposits presently trapped above both Hemphill Dam and Gold Hill Dam. Historically, Auburn Ravine was very rich in gold deposits, so the cost of any contract to remove the sediment behind each dam should consider the potential value of the gold that could be extracted during that process. The net value of any gold extracted should be used to offset payments to the contractors, and contracts should stipulate that if the value of the gold extracted exceeds the bid price, the excess will be returned pro rata to the funding organizations.

Present and Future SARSAS operations.

Current projects include:

- Restoration of North Ravine
- Educational Outreach Program
- Citizen Science Program
- Environmental Outreach Program

The North Ravine Restoration Program is under the supervision of Robert Hane. North Ravine is the largest tributary of Auburn Ravine and the one closest to Auburn. It joins Auburn Ravine a quarter mile below Wise Powerhouse and the Auburn Wastewater Treatment Plant. Robert works in conjunction with Damion Ciotti from the Auburn office of Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). FWS provided \$7,000 to initiate the restoration. With the help of the California Conservation Corp and volunteers from The Sierra Native Alliance, three sections of the ravine

were cleared of Himalayan blackberries and other invasive plants. Robert is working in conjunction with Jeff Darlington of Placer Land Trust to create a public park for viewing the migrating steelhead and salmon that will spawn in North Ravine once fish passage is completed at NID's two dams currently blocking upstream migration. The descendants of wild steelhead are still resident in North Ravine. More funding may be in the offing from FWS and the Placer Land Trust (PLT) to complete Robert's vision of a comprehensive restoration of North Ravine. North Ravine will become another area in Auburn where the public may enjoy observing salmon.

The second program is the Judge William Newsom SARSAS Educational Outreach Program to the Youth in the Auburn Community. The Program is named after a man well-connected to Auburn. Judge Newsom is a retired state appeals court judge, administrator of the Getty family trust, and the father of former San Francisco Mayor and current Lieutenant Governor of California Gavin Newsom. In 1975, Jerry Brown appointed Newsom to the Superior Court bench in Auburn, CA Placer County and later to the state Court of Appeals in San Francisco, where he served until 1995. SARSAS sends its teachers and volunteers to Auburn schools to educate our youth about salmon and the numerous benefits of having salmon in the streams located in the Auburn community. Soon, these young "citizens" will be pillars of the community equipped with a firm grasp of what it means to have such precious natural resources like salmon in our community.

The third program is our SARSAS Citizen Science Program (CSP), which is modeled on the century old Audubon Christmas Bird Count. This program was the brainchild of SARSAS volunteer, Phil Robertson. A grant was obtained from Patagonia, Inc. by SARSAS Board Member, Steve Hubbard. The program was developed by James Haufler who now also coordinates it. James leads a team of 20 volunteers who gather data each week at designated sites on Auburn Ravine. The team records data including turbidity, temperature, flow levels, and the quantities of any salmon and steelhead they observe. This Auburn Ravine data is then posted at www.iNaturalist.org. The advisor for this program is salmon authority Dr. Peter Moyle of the Center for Watershed Science at UC Davis. This program is one of SARSAS' more useful and beneficial programs as the data gathered provides documentation on migration patterns of salmon and steelhead, water conditions, and the overall health of the Auburn Ravine watershed.

The fourth program is part of the Placer Visitor Center directed by Mora Rowe. This program is designed to create a greater awareness of the natural resources of Placer County and the Placer County environmental organizations that promote them. This environmental component will begin in September 2015 with SARSAS presenting the Patagonia film entitled Damnation, which outlines the history of dam building and its effects on fisheries in the US. The film presentation at the Old Auburn State Theater in conjunction with Auburn Placer Performing Arts Center (APPAC) will be followed by a question and answer session.

Replication on other streams

SARSAS believes that the progress it is making to help salmon and steelhead thrive in Auburn Ravine will inspire other similar organizations to use the SARSAS model to enhance migration and spawning successes on other streams in California. This will produce a remarkable gift to the ecology and to people of California now and for generations to come.

Since many tributaries to the Sacramento/San Joaquin Rivers are partially, and sometimes totally, blocked by diversion dams, salmon and steelhead currently cannot spawn in them in any significant numbers. Other organizations using the SARSAS model for Auburn Ravine can open their streams to salmon and steelhead which will have significant benefits for all Californians. Unemployed commercial fishermen will be back in their boats. Sport fishing businesses will be rejuvenated. A nutritious food source will be protected. And Californians will have done something to help themselves, their children, the fish, and the environment.

Conclusion

SARSAS is asking all agencies (public and private), and the citizens of Placer, Sutter, and Nevada Counties to collaborate to eliminate impediments to salmon and steelhead migration in Auburn Ravine.

If salmon are saved by the people of California working cooperatively, not only will the gift to our fellow citizens be significant, but the gift to our children will be of historic magnitude and nothing less than heroic. As Norman Maclean wrote in *A River Runs Through It*:

“Eventually, all things merge into one, and a river runs through it. ... I am haunted by waters.”



Chinook Salmon Attempting to Surmount the 8 foot high Hemphill Dam.

(Photograph by Phil Robertson)

See the following page for what YOU can do to help salmon and steelhead thrive in the entire length of Auburn Ravine.

What YOU can do to help salmon and steelhead thrive in the entire length of Auburn Ravine:

1. Send a tax deductible donation to SARSAS at PO Box 4269, Auburn, CA 95604.
2. Go to www.sarsas.org and get on the SARSAS mailing list.
3. Attend SARSAS general membership meetings at 10 AM on the 4th Monday of every month at 175 Fulweiler Avenue, Auburn, CA 95603. This is the Placer County Supervisors' building and is commonly known as "The Domes".
4. Contact SARSAS President and Founder, Jack Sanchez (e-mail: jlsanchez39@gmail.com, phone: 530-888-0281) to volunteer to work on any of the SARSAS projects mentioned above or to assist with:
 - Grant research and/or grant writing.
 - Community events and/or presentations.
 - Web site design and/or operations.
 - Social media engagement (Facebook, Twitter, etc.).
 - Taking meeting minutes at SARSAS General Meetings or Board Meetings.
 - Leading tours of Auburn Ravine sites.
 - Writing documents like this and/or improving this document.
 - Attending meetings of city councils, water agencies, etc.
 - Creating new SARSAS projects to support watershed health, and the diversity of the riparian environment in general.
 - Taking photos or video to support of any of the above.
 - Etc., etc., etc....

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 2015-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AUBURN AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT SUPPORTING THE SAVE AUBURN RAVINE SALMON AND STEELHEAD GOAL OF RETURNING SALMON AND STEELHEAD TO AUBURN RAVINE

WHEREAS, Save Auburn Ravine Salmon and Steelhead (SARSAS) is an all-volunteer group dedicated to the objective of returning native salmon and steelhead to the upper reaches of the Auburn Ravine; and

WHEREAS, SARSAS supports responsible development and is committed to preserving public access to this unique riparian environment; and

WHEREAS, community outreach by SARSAS has included founding of the annual Salmon Celebration in Lincoln, recruiting volunteers for the annual Sierra Stream Cleanup Day, numerous presentations to community groups and commission, grant applications and funding and documentary film productions seen by thousands of viewers; and

WHEREAS, SARSAS has spearheaded the installation of an \$800,000 fish ladder at the Lincoln Gauging Station which enabled 373 salmon to reach marginal spawning gravel and dig over 100 redds and spawn in the Auburn Ravine for the first time since 1989; and

WHEREAS, SARSAS is currently working with the Nevada Irrigation District on fish passage over Hemphill Dam two miles downstream from the City of Lincoln, the current obstacle to fish migration at the twenty-two mile mark; and

WHEREAS, SARSAS has worked collaboratively with federal and state agencies removing eight dams in the Auburn Ravine, probably more than any other organization in California; and

WHEREAS the Auburn Area Recreation and Park District owns and maintains Ashford Park, which includes an approximate 630 foot easement of favorable salmon spawning habitat in Auburn Ravine Creek.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Auburn Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors supports the SARSAS goal of returning salmon and steelhead to the entire thirty-three miles of Auburn Ravine to provide spawning, including the section that flows through Ashford Park.

APPROVED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED ON April 30, 2015 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

Scott Holbrook
Chairman of the Governing Board

ATTEST:

Clerk to the Governing Board

Item 8.4 Cover sheet – Cessation of Irrigating the Lawns at CVCC

Auburn Area Recreation and Park District (ARD) Finance Committee meeting April, 2015; Board of Directors meeting April, 2015

The Issue

Shall the Auburn Area Recreation and Park District immediately stop irrigating the lawns at the Canyon View Community Center? Director Ainsleigh has requested that this item be considered.

Background

As the drought continues, ARD will be looking for ways to conserve water.

There is approximately 15,000 square feet of lawn at the Canyon View Community Center (CVCC). The irrigation clock at CVCC is currently set to water 2 days per week (Tuesday & Saturday). There are 9 stations currently being used on the clock with 10 minutes of time per station. (10 minutes X 9 stations = 1 hour, 30 minutes per day). In 2014, the lawn was watered 3 days per week, 15 minutes per station. (15 minutes X 9 stations = 2 hours, 15 minutes per day)

There is only one water meter for CVCC. In Fiscal Year 2014/2015, the total bill was \$4,618.10. Of that amount, staff expensed \$2,462.25 to irrigation.

Recommendation for the Board of Directors

Review and provide direction.

The Finance Committee discussed ways to make changes to the front lawn area that would greatly reduce, but not eliminate all of the turf. A landscape plan can be designed that leaves some of the area with grass and the rest with drought tolerant plants and trees.

Staff agrees with the committee recommendation, with the understanding that 1) changes will need to be approved by Reclamation and 2) ARD Facility and Grounds staffing and Landscape Architect Pamela Vann's workloads are currently at maximum capacity. Work on landscape design and planting would not be able to occur until, at best, fall.

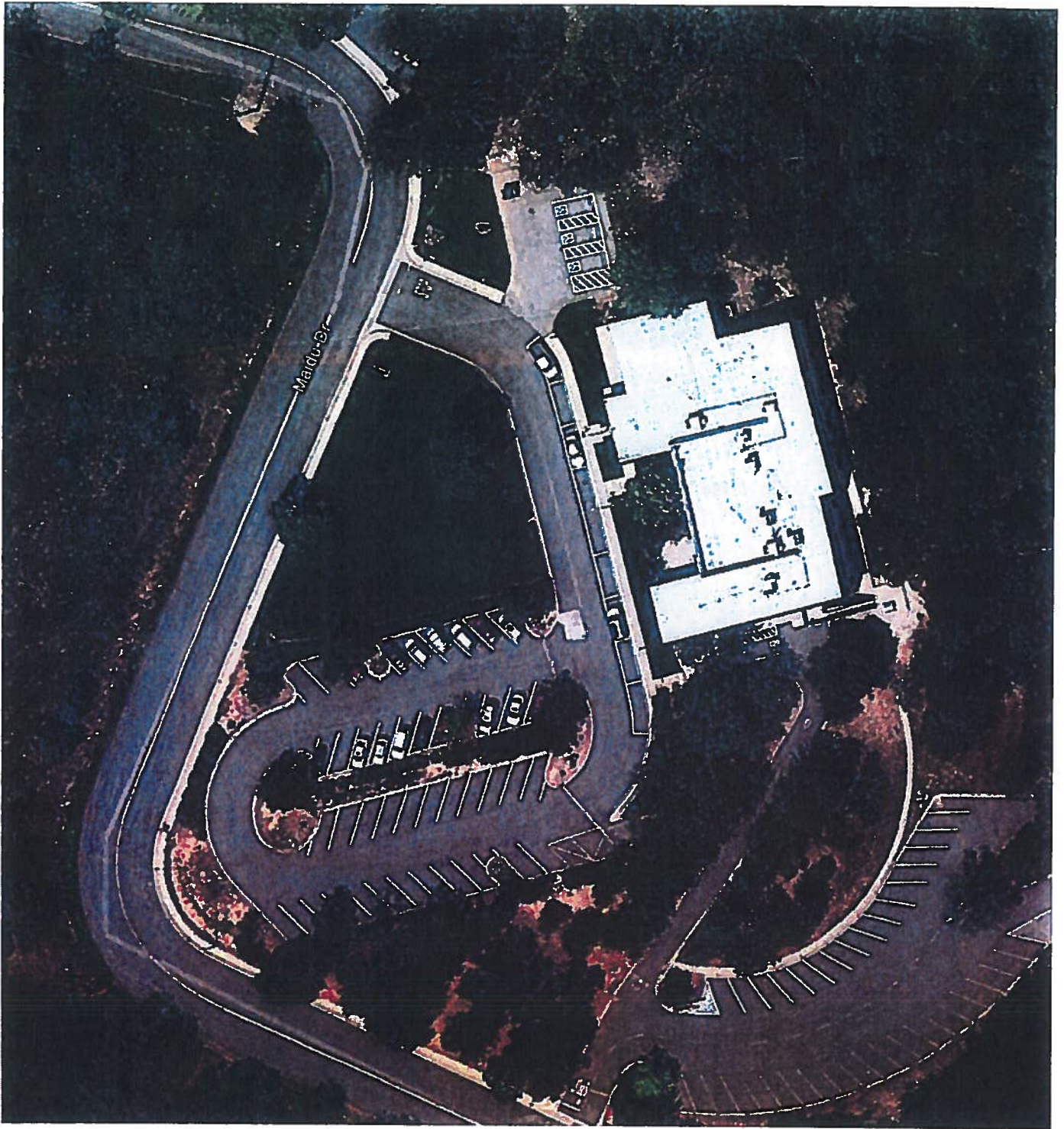
Fiscal Impact

The estimated fiscal impact to stop irrigating the lawns at CVCC for the rest of the Fiscal Year is approximately \$2,400.

Staff researched closing sports fields in 2012 as a way to save money. A document of conversations with various turf experts is attached.

Attachments

Aerial photograph CVCC
Closing Sports Fields



Closing Sports Fields

Regarding the question of closing playfields and subsequent issues with revitalizing them, staff contacted several qualified individuals to get their thoughts and experiences with such an action.

Dr. M. Ali Harivandi, a PhD at University of California Cooperative Extension, is considered a leading expert in the field of sports turf and sports fields. We talked about a scenario where the sports fields are predominantly a hybrid Bermuda grass with some over-seed of Rye and/or Fescue/Bluegrass. Dr. Harivandi was asked what the rehabilitation of such a field would be if all irrigation and mowing were shut off for a minimum of one year and then for two years or more. He said:

- The Bermuda is very tough and if irrigation were shut off for one year and only one early spring mowing was done to knock down the incoming winter weeds, we should see a rebounding of the Bermuda "pretty quickly". However, the perennial and/or annual grasses would not recover well. Also, this scenario improves if the field has also been shut down to any use. If we needed to re-seed the annual or perennial grasses then we could actually face needing a whole season to re-establish. So the more the Bermuda the better the story.
- Prolonging the shut-down with no irrigation for two years or more would result in a minimum 50% loss of the Bermuda and total loss of any annual/perennial grasses and recovery would take a season or more.
- If we were to irrigate the fields once monthly during the dry season and mow occasionally to keep weeds down, the scenario improves.

Bottom line is the Bermuda recovers quickly after only one season, but would suffer a 50% loss after two years of no irrigation. If we were to shut down a field for one year, the Bermuda would recover, but we would face costs to re-establish over-seeded grasses and that would probably take about one season. Of course, this all is dependent upon natural rains also keep the Bermuda roots alive during the rainy season. If we experience drought years, this picture changes accordingly.

Staff then spoke with Craig Thordsen with Sierra Pacific Turf and Gregg Roberts, Director of Construction Management with the Placer Union High School District. There were several questions posed to each of these individuals. A summary of their responses is shared after each question.

Question: If we close a sports field, what are the consequences of only mowing it every other week or once/month?

Mowing a sports field every other week will produce what is called hedge rows. Hedge rows are created by a mower deck unable to deal with the amount of grass being mowed. Instead of the grass being mulched into the ground it accumulates under the mower deck and creates stripes on the field. Left on the field this excessive amount of grass will turn the turf yellow. Due to the longer growing time, the mowing time will also increase. Monthly mowing will create conditions that our mowers may not be able to handle, due to the extreme length of the grass. The deck heights of the mower can be raised, but this will mean 3 to 4 times the amount of mow time.

Question: How does this question change if we severely limit the irrigation (1-2x week)

Watering twice weekly will keep the turf area green and in relatively good shape. Changing temperatures will mean longer irrigation cycle times for deeper watering. Once a week watering will produce a turf area that will be sustainable in the milder climate months, but will do poorly during the

hot weather periods. One advantage of less water time is the slow down of the growth cycle, meaning less mowing.

Question: What are the consequences of closing a sports field, turning off all irrigation and essentially not maintaining the field? Will the grass eventually come back? Will the weeds take over in the dry turf?

Turning off the irrigation will mean almost complete loss of the turf area after an extended period of time. Grasses such as Bermuda, Rye and some Fescues have a root system that allows them to recover even after long periods drought. They will however disappear and be replaced by weeds such as Star thistle. With wet weather the remaining grass roots will come back as small patchy clumps mixed with the now established weeds

Question: What are some of the expected costs and labor considerations to bringing a field back on line after a lengthy closure with no irrigation or maintenance?

Allowing for the condition of the field a time table for the expected reopening will have to be established. Up to six months of time will be required to reseed a field and have a playable surface. Sod is a much faster solution, but costs considerably more. It is recommended to apply a herbicide to remove unwanted weeds before laying down the sod. Sod takes about 3 weeks to take root and 6 to 8 weeks to be playable. This time will be shortened or extended due to weather conditions

Staff also spoke with Don Franklin from Hunter Industries (irrigation system specialists) about turning off an irrigation system for an extended period of time. Don indicated that the irrigation valves are the weak link in the system. Extended periods of non-use can lead to clogging of the valves and damage to the internal parts, including the diaphragm. Valve prices average \$90.00 to \$150.00 for a typical Hunter 2 inch valve and diaphragm are \$28.00 to \$55.00. Labor to replace a valve can be 2 to 8 hours depending on location and accessibility. Running the irrigation system 1 or 2 times per week will keep the valves in operating condition and prevent costly repairs. Typical repairs to the sprinklers will be plugged filters. Repair times average 15 to 30 minutes per sprinkler.

Conclusion

It has been recommended by three different sources to not abandon a sports field in order to save money. The investment in existing plant material has to be considered before making such a drastic decision as well as considering how much has already been spent to get the field to the now playable condition. It will cost much less to do minimal maintenance than to renovate after an extended closure.

SECTION: 8.0

ITEM: 8.5 CARPD 2015 SLATE OF BOARD OFFICERS

DESCRIPTION:

INFORMATION: SEE ATTACHED INFORMATION

STAFF

RECOMMENDATION: REVIEW INFORMATION, PROVIDE DIRECTION



TO: CARPD Member Districts

FROM: Pat Cabulagan, Executive Director

SUBJECT: 2015 SLATE OF BOARD OFFICERS

DATE: March 23, 2015

The CARPD 2015 Board of Directors election will be held on May 15, 2015 during the CARPD Spring Conference in South Lake Tahoe at the General Membership Meeting.

In accordance with CARPD Association Bylaws the Nominating Committee shall submit a slate of qualified candidates for the offices to the membership.

Any qualified candidate may submit his/her nomination prior to or during (Floor Nomination) the election process. If elected the candidate must provide the President with a resolution from the District Board endorsing the nominee. The candidate will not take office until such time as the authorizing resolution is presented.

All interested candidates wishing to be included on the ballot should send in their Board resolution endorsing the nominee by May 1, 2015.

Attachment: CARPD 2015 Slate of Officers

CARPD 2015 Slate of Board Officers

President – Elect

**Joe Gibson
Conejo Recreation and Park District**

Secretary

Maryalice Faltings
Livermore Area Recreation and Park District**

**Director at Large
(Odd Year)**

Two Board Officer Positions to be elected

Mark Johnson
Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District**

Gene Hostetler
Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District**

**Administrator Representative
(Odd Year)**

One Board Officer Position to be elected

**Tarry Smith, General Manager **
Carmichael Recreation & Park District**

** Incumbent

Discussion Item # 9.1 Cover sheet – California Drought and Possible Drought Related Policies

Auburn Area Recreation and Park District (ARD) Policy Committee Meeting April, 2015; Board of Directors meeting April, 2015

The Issue

A discussion of possible drought related policies and procedures.

Background

As California suffers through a continued drought, ARD will explore and research new policies and procedures related to water conservation in our parks and facilities.

A spreadsheet of ARD parks and facilities and the type of water used is attached.

Recommendation for the Board of Directors

The Policy Committee recommended sending this item to the Board as a discussion item to solicit ideas from the Board and the public. The Policy Committee and staff suggested some possible components of drought related policies, including:

- All future projects will take into consideration use of water and water conservation
- Watering of dirt infields will be prohibited during droughts
- Washing of ARD vehicles will be prohibited during droughts

Staff agrees with this recommendation and asks that the Board provide their thoughts and ideas to staff before May 13th, allowing time to get the information put into the agenda packet for the May Policy Committee meeting.

Fiscal Impact

Unknown at this time

Attachments

Water sources at ARD Parks and Facilities

Article on possible drought restrictions at the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District

Drought information from the City of Roseville

Drought information from the City of Elk Grove

Drought information from the City of Denver, CO

Water sources at ARD Parks and Facilities

PARK/FACILITY	PCWA untreated	PCWA treated	NID untreated	NID treated	MV Water Dist.
Recreation Park					
General irrigation	X				
Buildings, dugouts		X			
Railhead Park					
Field irrigation	X				
bathroom, landscape irrigation		X			
CVCC		X			
Overlook Park		X			
Ashford Park					
Dog park and general irrigation	X				
bathroom, landscape irrigation		X			
Christian Valley Park		X			
Sugar Pine Ridge	X				
MV Park					
Field and general irrigation	X				
Bathroom					X
Placer Hills Park					X
Atwood Park				X	
Regional Park					
Field and general irrigation			X		
Lakeside/gym, bathrooms, "C" field				X	

Park District May Limit Play on Some Sports Fields

Posted: Thursday, April 16, 2015 12:00 am

The drought may cause the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District to limit play on some sports fields, and could lead to closure of some of them.

The Board of Directors heard a report from staff member Bruce Aizawa last week on measures the district is taking to comply with the mandatory reduction in water use.

The state has set a mandate of 25% reduction water use. Aizawa told the board that the district has reduced use by 50% outdoors in order to meet the mandate. To do so, it has changed its approach to maintenance and building parks and facilities.

Plans are to explore use of well water, replace overhead sprinkler heads with low flow drop irrigation for trees and shrubs, suspend planting new vegetation, not wash district vehicles, and use mulch to reduce the need to water. In some places, water has been turned off and the turf replaced with mulch.

Sports fields are monitored. In order to ensure they are safe to play on, watering will be cut back drastically in other areas. He stated, "We may have to close some of the natural turf fields." Sports leagues will be asked to use the artificial turf fields more by scheduling earlier starts and staying later.

Staff is looking at stressed trees. Aizawa anticipates that more trees, shrubs and turf will die. "We will continue to plan for the worst," he stated.

Assistant General Manager John Lawrence told the board that wells are a limited resource, so may not be available. The district worked with local water retailers, who agreed to allow the district not to abide by the watering days, but to water when necessary. Lawrence said that the district doesn't have enough water pressure to water all of the fields based on the watering days.

Board member Steve Goodman stated, "It's pretty sobering. Water is a valuable resource. We will have to change our personal habits, as well."

In other action, the board honored two district award winners with recognitions.

LARPD received two awards this year from the California Park and Recreation Society (CPRS). At the meeting, General Manager Tim Barry presented Chief Ranger Pat Sotelo and Park Ranger Amy Wolitzer with the 2014 Award of Excellence in Marketing and Communications for the monthly Valley Wilds newsletter.

Board Chair Bob Coomber presented an engraved award to Tim Barry, which commemorates his installation as Board President of CPRS. Both recognitions were part of the annual CPRS banquet held in March in Sacramento.



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- Parks Saving Water
- Smoke-Free Parks
- Streetscapes

In 2007 the State of California s mandated reducing water usage by 20% before the year 2020. We have already met that goal. Now with the City's declaration of Drought Stage 2, which requires 20% reduction for households and a 30% reduction in irrigation for businesses, we continue to look for ways to be more efficient with our water resources in addition to the reductions that have already been achieved.

Irrigation Practices

We do not have a set schedule for our irrigations systems. With 72 parks and facilities it would be very difficult due to usage demands. However, most of our street landscapes are consistent. Our irrigation schedules are largely based off of evapotranspiration rates (ET) and then programmed by staff to meet that need.

ET rates provide exactly the amount of water loss through plant use and evaporation. This is measured by staff using soil probes and calculated by plant types, in this case turf grass. So you may very well see several days of water in a row as it is supplied incrementally to replenish what was lost. We reduce the percentage not the days of water based on ET to achieve our reduction. For example, if the ET called for 1 gallon, we are only giving 3/4 of a gallon. This is a much more efficient way to deliver irrigation water. We achieve an overall reduction in water use while optimizing plant health, even though you will see water on multiple days and sometimes on multiple days in a row.

Priority Water Scheduling

In order to meet the 30% irrigation reduction required in Drought Stage 2, we have chosen to prioritize trees and actively used turf areas including sports field, open grassy areas where families may play catch. You may notice streetscapes and non-functional turf begin to appear stressed. Non-functional turf is a section of grass that is not utilized for recreational activities such as open play, cultural and sports events, athletic activities and picnics. The primary purpose of non-functional turf is aesthetic or ornamental.

Turf Conversion Program

We have converted some landscape areas from non-functional turf to drought friendly landscapes. We are currently identifying further areas for conversion. You will soon see signs in these areas and information here identifying the conversion area and estimated water savings. Fifteen acres have been identified for conversion from non-functional turf to drought friendly landscape.

At the January 21, 2015 City Council meeting the first turf conversion projects were approved. The first conversion will be a total of approximately two acres at [Crestmont Park, Roseville Electric Utility and the Roseville Corporation Yard](#). You can find the location of the conversion areas by clicking on the link in the location name.

Alternative Water Resources

We currently used recycled water in 25% of our parks, including our two golf courses and even more streetscapes. Recycled water is produced at both of the City's wastewater treatment facilities. Recycled water has been treated to the highest level required by the California Department of Health Services and is approved for many uses, except drinking. Because recycled water is made from water waste and isn't drinkable, it isn't subject to the reductions required from the drought.

We are looking at ways to expand our use of recycled water to additional streetscapes and parks. We hope to see the conversion of Mahany Park to recycled water in the near future. Mahany Park is 225 acres so conversion of this park to recycled water would be a great asset to the community.

[Check out the park water sources map.](#)

We Need Your Help

Although we are part of the City operations, we are also a water customer. Which means we are required to achieve the same 30% reduction as business customers in addition to paying the surcharge. While we perform regular checks of our irrigations systems, with tens of thousand of sprinkler heads throughout Roseville's streetscapes and 72 parks, we can't be everywhere at once. So if you see a broken sprinkler head or waterline, please let us know by emailing (parks@roseville.ca.us) or calling (916) 774-5748 during regular business hours. Outside of regular business hours, call us at (916) 746-1274.

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- Request a free landscape irrigation audit or water efficiency review through your water agency

Elk Grove Residential Watering Schedules

- If your water provider is [Elk Grove Water District](#):
- If your water provider is [Sacramento County Water Agency](#):
- California Drought Update: [California American Water, Watering Restrictions](#)

Water Conservation Citywide

The City of Elk Grove is taking steps to conserve water citywide and at City facilities. Water conservation measures include:

- The City is using reclaimed water for irrigation when available
- Facility building landscape watering reduced by 20%
- Water conservation at City facilities, including new appliances, faucets and plumbing that require significantly less water
- The Cosumnes Community Services District (CSD) manages all landscape and parks irrigation including City-owned landscaping and parks. Beginning August 1, 2014, the Cosumnes CSD is implementing new restrictions mandated by the State of California to help address record dry conditions.

Actions by the CSD include:

- Watering landscape turf a maximum of 3 days per week.
- Watering landscape plants a maximum of 3 days per week.
- Closing spraygrounds which do not have a recirculating water system. Closed locations are: Backer Park, Kunsting Park, Stephenson Park, and Wright Park. These spraygrounds were scheduled to be open until September 15, but will close July 31.
- Spraygrounds at Derr-Okamoto Park and Morse Park will continue to operate through September 15 because these spraygrounds use a recirculating water system.
- For more information, go to www.yourcsd.com/waterless.

Water-Wise Gardening: Elk Grove's Rain Garden Plaza Features Drought-Friendly Landscaping

The City of Elk Grove's Rain Garden Plaza, located on Laguna Springs Drive across from Colton Park, is the first comprehensive large-scale rain garden in the Sacramento region and the State of California. The Plaza is designed to educate and build community awareness to conserve water resources, improve water quality, and promote watershed stewardship through both passive learning and hands-on fun interactive educational components. It features low-impact development (LID) practices that work with nature to manage stormwater as close to its source as possible by incorporating "river-friendly" landscaping techniques. The Rain Garden Plaza acts like a living laboratory teaching people of all ages to have fun as they learn about sustainable stormwater practices.



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DPR DROUGHT RESPONSE – 2013 STAGE 2 DROUGHT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

DPR's 2003 Water Conservation Plan balances the Departments' needs with a high priority of service to the citizens and the reality of our climate and current weather conditions. The plan is based upon those values expressed by the people of Denver and staff and are reflected in the Game Plan: sustainability, equity, engagement, and sound economics. The Game Plan also identified youth and youth facilities as the priority users and uses.

Implementation of the Water Conservation Plan, first and foremost, is based on monitoring weather and water supply to determine the corresponding level of response.

DPR prioritizes watering for public park land in descending order:

- Trees and long-lived plant materials
- Turf areas for youth activities (balanced geographically)
- Swimming pools
- Regional park high activity use areas
- Golf Courses

A Stage 2 Drought declaration by Denver Water in 2013 impacts parks operations in the following way:

- DPR is considered a large volume irrigator, meaning the Board approves the use of water budgets with a maximum allowable amount of water, within which the irrigators will be permitted flexibility to choose how to irrigate without exceeding the budget. DPR is exempt from the limited 2 day a week watering, however, overall water use is reduced by 20%.
- Use of potable water at 1,853 irrigated acres is limited to a water allotment by Denver Water of 1.17 billion gallons of water; 205 irrigated acres utilizing raw water are also limited in water use to 130 million gallons. Sites using recycled water, 860 irrigated acres or approximately 30% of irrigated acres, will not be restricted in water use.
- All flower beds will be watered with irrigation and will not be reduced in number or size.
- Trees will be watered as usual and will utilize the Save our Shade recommendations developed by Forestry experts.
- 5 Interactive Fountains to remain open (Bear Creek, Central Park, Parkfield, City Park H2Odysey & Argo) as well as one water quality fountain (City Park Prismatic Fountain in Ferrel Lake); all other fountains (26) will be closed however normal startup and shutdown procedures will be followed in the Spring and Fall to protect fountain infrastructure.
- All pools and pool water features will remain open and in use.
- Establishment watering will be tracked and permitted by Denver Water and DPR will try to schedule establishment watering for Spring and Fall where possible on construction projects.
- An Athletic Field closure response and policy has been developed that requires DPR to assess field conditions monthly and give 30 days notice if field will be closed.

DPR is enhancing communications with Denver Water and staff during a Stage 2 drought, including:

- Information on the Water Conservation webpage
- Establishment watering communications with contractors working on City Projects as well as signage in parks where activity is taking place
- Monthly water budget meetings with field staff
- Training 3-1-1 Operators
- Utilizing the 24-hour 7day/week water line that allows staff to react to leaks/waste quickly
- Enhanced signage for irrigation maintenance activities
- Typical media communications through press releases and social media



Key dates to be aware of:

- April 1 Stage 2 Drought measures start
- April 8 Major athletic fields begin watering & irrigation systems starting up
- May 1 Full irrigation start up & irrigation improvement projects/maintenance taking place during working hours
- May 15 Flower beds begin being planted
- July 1 Irrigation Association Smart irrigation month
- July 15 Athletic Fields analyzed for fall closure as necessary
- Oct 15 Irrigation season recap

Impacts of Stage 2 Drought for Golf Courses

Use Reduction Target: 20% reduction based on 2010 use.

Response Target: 79 million gallons annually conserved. 317,702,643 gallons used, mostly from raw water sources.

- Response Measures:
 - All Stage I response measures;
 - Finish in-progress construction projects;
 - Discontinue initiation of projects or practices requiring seed or sod establishment;
 - Raise HOC of rough, fairways, tees, and surrounds as necessary;
 - Discontinue mowing of stressed turf areas;
 - Eliminate mowing whenever possible
 - No herbicide applications;
 - No golf carts after a significant rain event;
 - Pre stress conditioning; and
 - Discontinue irrigation of conservation areas; ornamental and landscape;
 - Irrigate to 55-60% ET on greens; tees, fairways, and 50-55% rough;
 - Hand water hot spots on greens, tees, and fairways.
 - Limit equipment washing to once per week;
 - Some facilities may require carts only down middle of marked lane on fairways;
 - Fertilize only on greens, tees, and fairways; and
 - Irrigation use recorded daily and reported weekly and upon request.

SECTION 11.0

**ITEM: CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS AND
INFORMATIONAL**

1. Thank you letter from Susan Rushton regarding the Trivia Bee.

April 8, 2015

Dear Kathi,

With ARD's support, Auburn AAW's fourth annual Trivia Bee was a resounding success. We had a great time and entertained a lot of people, with your considerable help. ARD's collective assistance and enthusiasm made our job easier in putting on this event, which helped us raise funds for our scholarship program.

We thank you for ARD's generous contributions - and for your support of our wonderful community.

Sincerely,

Susan Rushton

Trivia Bee Committee

Auburn AAW

Talking about the drought, again

I realize that I wrote about this recently, but I thought it would be good to update everyone on how the drought will be effecting your Recreation and Parks District. Like everyone else, ARD will be reducing the amount of irrigation to its parks, ball fields and other facilities. ARD staff met with representatives from the Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) to discuss what to expect and our plans for this year. In short, expect more brown grass.

As you will recall, last year found many of our parks with large swaths of dry turf. Barring a miracle April/May/June of rain, you will see even more of the same. ARD staff will be working on keeping key areas of the parks as irrigated as possible, areas such as grass infields on baseball fields (this is a safety issue). Keeping these areas safe and green(ish) will require us to "borrow" water from other areas of the park, causing even more browning.

We will also be working with PCWA to review our irrigation systems at a couple of parks and facilities in an effort to find efficiencies and water savings. The management and staff at PCWA have been great partners with ARD during this water crunch, and I thank them for their expertise and leadership.



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Congratulations to the winner of the Fourth Annual Auburn AAUW Trivia Bee: Placer United — Mike Holmes, Jim Holmes and Leah Rosasco. But this talented trio wasn't the only winner at the Bee last Saturday, March 28. The audience — our biggest ever — enjoyed a terrific dinner catered by Laura Kenny. The teams — all 22, the most that have ever competed — dressed up and carried on and celebrated being together and competing.

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Future is now for Auburn pickleball players

New North Auburn courts expand reach of growing sport

By: Gus Thomson of the Auburn Journal



The spanking new, bright-blue courts at North Auburn's Regional Park filled with players Friday to celebrate expansion of pickleball playing facilities.

The Auburn Recreation District has converted two tennis courts at the park into six pickleball courts, creating an opportunity to grow the game further into the Auburn area from the current four courts at Meadow Vista Park.

Cherry DuLaney of Auburn was one of the first to take to the court after the official ribbon cutting by recreation district brass. Pickleball players had stepped up to contribute \$8,300 of the \$16,000 cost to resurface the lighted courts and install new posts and netting.

"It's been a huge community effort to grow a really fun sport," DuLaney said. "It's a great workout and addictively fun."

Citing changing demographics and needs, including the graying of the Auburn-area population it serves, the district board voted in February to the changeover from tennis. The move comes over objections from some tennis players who have used the Regional Park courts.



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Four other tennis courts remain for players of that sport, including two constructed five years ago at a cost of \$135,000.

Pickleball has been played at Meadow Vista Park for the past five years. It's a fast-growing sport - particularly for players wanting something less rigorous than tennis - that employs paddles and a whiffleball. Depending on who your source is, it's either named for the sport inventor's dog, Pickles, or as a reference to "pickle boats" in rowing that hold castoffs from other crews.

Scott Holbrook, one of pickleball's most ardent supporters on the recreation district board, thanked players for funding a large share of the project.

"They not only put money where their mouth is but also put their heart and soul into this," Holbrook said.

Another board member - Meadow Vista's Gordy Ainsleigh - had opposed the board's recommendation in February to go forward. With more than two dozen pickleball players listening to his words at the ribbon-cutting, he explained that he wasn't against

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pickleball and in fact had wanted a 12-court facility at Railhead Park in Auburn in addition to some Regional Park courts.

Watching the hoopla as they finished up a game of doubles, some players on the larger tennis courts were still unhappy with the pickleball presence on former tennis courts. At the February meeting, they had cited the "conking" noise of pickleball bat hitting ball as among their concerns.

Longtime tennis player Johan Rooze said that he was surprised by the numbers of pickleball players turning out Friday.

"But their joy came at our expense," Rooze said. "I've got nothing against pickleball but why did they have to take our tennis court away?"

Rooze said that the district may eventually have to resurface the court again for tennis.

"How long will it last?" Rooze said. "For tennis, we have a history."

Meanwhile, the district is moving forward on another adjustment to fit local demands. At Recreation Park, work should be completed by June on a bocce ball court to replace a sand volleyball facility, District Administrator Kahl Muscott said.

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