

Item # 8.2 Cover Sheet for Increase in Minimum Wage

Auburn Area Recreation and Park District Policy Committee November 2015; Board of Directors meeting November, 2015

The Issue: Shall the Auburn Recreation District change pay scales for certain job descriptions, based on upcoming mandated minimum wage increases?

Background: The minimum wage in California is set to increase to \$10.00 on January 1, 2016. The attached spreadsheet shows the new minimum wage ranges along with adjustments to wages of staff who supervise or lead those that are the subject of minimum wage increases. The fiscal impact to the District is estimated to be \$12,000 - \$15,000 for the 2016/2017 fiscal year.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the policy committee send this item to the full board with a positive recommendation.

Fiscal Impact: \$12,000 - \$15,000 (est)

Attachments:

Job description wage changes

Job Description Changes

<u>Assistant Coach - Competitive Swimming</u>				<u>Youth Services Program Leader I</u>			
Current	9.00	To	11.37	Current	9.18	To	11.60
New	10.00	To	12.62	New	10.00	To	12.62
<u>Assistant Coach - Synchronized Swimming</u>				<u>Youth Services Program Leader II</u>			
Current	9.00	To	11.37	Current	9.36	To	12.90
New	10.00	To	12.62	New	10.20	To	14.06
<u>Head Swim Coach - Synchronized Swimming</u>				<small>(Non Calpers) OR Seasonal/Temporary non union position</small>			
Current	10.61	To	14.21	Current	9.18	To	12.29
New	11.78	To	15.77				
<u>Cashier - Pool</u>				<u>Youth Services Program Leader III</u>			
Current	9.00	To	11.37	Current	11.15	To	14.53
New	10.00	To	12.62	New	12.15	To	15.84
				<small>(Non Calpers) OR Seasonal/Temporary non union position</small>			
<u>Lifeguard</u>				Current	10.62	To	14.24
Current	9.28	To	12.44				
New	10.00	To	12.62				
<u>Head Lifeguard</u>							
Current	10.61	To	14.21				
New	11.00	To	14.75				
<u>Swim-Aide</u>							
Current	9.00	To	11.37				
New	10.00	To	12.62				
<u>Swim Lesson Instructor</u>							
Current	9.70	To	13.01				
New	10.77	To	14.44				
<u>Recreation Aide I</u>							
Current	9.00	To	11.37				
New	10.00	To	12.62				
<u>Recreation Aide II</u>							
Current	9.55	To	12.79				
New	10.60	To	14.20				
<u>Scorekeeper</u>							
Current	9.18	To	11.86				
New	10.00	To	12.62				
<u>single scorekeeper</u>							
Current	13.28	To	17.80				
New	14.00	To	18.76				

Item 8.3 Cover Sheet for Change in District Policy regarding purchase of Equipment

Auburn Area Recreation and Park District Board meeting November, 2015

The Issue: Shall the Auburn Area Recreation and Park District change its policy for the purchase of equipment?

Background: Current District Policy regarding the purchase of equipment valued at over \$25,000 (see below for current policy) has assumed that the District was following State regulations.

IV. Competitive Bidding

D. Purchases of Equipment Valued Over Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000). Contracts for the purchase of such equipment shall be let by competitive bid and awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

Upon further research, staff has discovered that the District has mis-interpreted California Public Contract Code and should change District Policy to reflect the Code. The District has been operating under the assumption that “materials and supplies” included equipment. Staff contacted the State of California Office of Procurement for interpretation of the highlighted section below and were advised that equipment does not fall into this category. Staff consulted the Districts auditor, Craig Fechter for further clarification and he confirmed that equipment does not fall under the category of “materials and supplies”.

PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE SECTION 20815-20815.5

20815. The provisions of this article shall apply to contracts by recreation and park districts as provided in the Recreation and Park District Law, Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 5780) of Division 5 of the Public Resources Code.

- 20815.1. (a) All contracts for new construction estimated to cost in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder after competitive bidding.**
- (b) All contracts for alterations, maintenance, or repairs estimated to cost in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder after competitive bidding.**
- c) All contracts for materials and supplies not related to new construction, alterations, maintenance, or repairs estimated to cost in excess**

of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder after competitive bidding.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the District change its policy for the purchase of equipment as stated below:

- D. Purchases of Equipment valued over Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000). For equipment estimated to cost more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000), three quotations from different vendors will be sought, when available. Contracts for equipment costing more than \$25,000 shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

Fiscal Impact:

The change of current policy to the staff recommended policy may potentially save several hundred to several thousand dollars by eliminating the need to publicly bid for equipment purchases

SECTION: 8.0

**ITEM: 8.4 PLACER COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION-(LAFCO)-CALL FOR NOMINATION-
SPECIAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE**

DESCRIPTION:

INFORMATION: SEE ATTACHMENT

**STAFF
RECOMMENDATION: REVIEW INFORMATION, MAKE NOMINATION**

PLACER COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

110 MAPLE STREET, AUBURN, CALIFORNIA 95603 - 530-889-4097
LAFCO@PLACER.CA.GOV

October 22, 2015

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LINDA WILKIE
*CLERK TO THE
COMMISSION*

WILLIAM WRIGHT
LAFCO COUNSEL

Presiding Officer/Chair and Board of Directors

Re: Call for Nomination--Special District Representative

Dear Presiding Officer/Chair:

This letter is the official call to open the nomination period for the Alternate Special District representative seat on the Placer Local Agency Formation Commission.

The current Special District representatives are Ron Treabess (LAFCO term expires May, 2018) from the Tahoe City Public Utility District and Gray Allen (LAFCO term expires May, 2016) from the Placer County Water Agency. Due to the unfortunate passing of Brian Sheehan who served as the alternate Special District representative, it is necessary to select a new alternate Special District representative to serve the remainder of the term, which expires in May of 2016. In early spring, we will be sending out nominations for election of a Special District member as well as the Alternate Special District member.

Under Section 56332 of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act, the Executive Officer calls meetings of the Special District selection committee. The committee consists of the Presiding Officers of each independent Special District within the County (or members appointed by the legislative bodies to attend in the presiding officer's place). There are forty (40) such independent Special Districts in the County. A quorum would consist of one more than half of this number, twenty-one (21).

In the past, it has proven difficult, given the busy schedules of most board members, to select a time when a sufficient number of Presiding Officers could be assembled to achieve a quorum. Recognizing that it may be infeasible to hold a meeting at a time that is convenient for a quorum to attend, Section 56332(c) allows for the Executive Officer to conduct the election for Special District representatives in writing. Under this procedure, the Executive

Officer calls for nominations to be submitted in writing within thirty (30) days, allowing sufficient time for Directors of the districts to take formal action on nominations. To facilitate districts that don't meet every month, this office is allowing extra time. At the end of the nominating period, the Executive Officer prepares a ballot with voting instructions and sends the ballot to each district, allowing thirty (30) days for balloting. The Executive Officer then tallies the ballots and announces the results.

A nominee must be the presiding officer or a member of the legislative body of an independent Special District. The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act encourages the selection of Special District representatives to represent the diversity of the districts with respect to population and geography.

The nomination period shall close at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, November 30, 2015. Nominations must be submitted by that time to:

Placer LAFCO
110 Maple Street
Auburn, CA 95603.

Upon the closing of the nomination period, staff will prepare and mail a ballot to each Special District with voting instructions. Ballots will be due thirty (30) days after mailing.

If you have any questions about this procedure, please feel free to this office.

Sincerely,



Kristina Berry, AICP
Executive Officer

Discussion Item #9.1 Cover sheet – Letter to CA State Parks re: ASRA

Auburn Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors meeting November, 2015

The Issue

Shall the Auburn Area Recreation and Park District (ARD) send a letter to California State Parks regarding comments and thoughts on the forthcoming Auburn State Recreation Area (ASRA) General Plan?

Background

The Auburn State Recreation Area (ASRA) is comprised of forty miles of river canyon along the North and Middle Forks of the American River. California State Parks is collaborating with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) to prepare a joint General Plan/Resource Management Plan (GP/RMP) for ASRA. California State Parks manages ASRA through a Managing Partner Agreement (MPA) with Reclamation.

Why a General Plan/Resource Management Plan is important

The GP/RMP will define a long term vision for the park unit, provide guidelines for the protection and management of natural and cultural resources, determine management of many recreation activities which will occur here, and identify any additional facility improvements. An Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) will be prepared as part of this project, to describe potential GP/RMP environmental effects.

The GP/RMP is a programmatic document that will outline broad goals and guidelines for management of Auburn SRA and will provide the basis for developing future focused management plans, specific project plans, and other proposals which implement the GP/RMP goals. However, the GP/RMP will not define detailed methods, plans or designs for fulfilling these goals.

ARD borders much of ASRA, and many ASRA users utilize ARD parks as access points, most notably at Overlook Park. ARD is also in the process of finalizing plans for the proposed Auburn Bike Park. A component of the Bike Park is a trail reroute that will go through ASRA property.

Recommendation for the Board of Directors

Staff recommends the ARD Board of Directors provide input on a letter be sent from ARD to California State Parks regarding the ASRA General Plan. A copy of a proposed DRAFT letter is attached.

Input on this letter needs to be to the District Administrator by November 24th.

Fiscal Impact

Not applicable

Attachments

Proposed letter to California State Parks

ASRA General Plan/Resource Management Plan informational flyer

ASRA General Plan/Resource Management Plan Public Comment form

ARC Park handout

ASRA GP/RMPlan
c/o Cheryl Essex, California State Parks
One Capital Mall, Suite 410
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Cheryl,

The Auburn Area Recreation and Park District (ARD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the forthcoming Auburn State Recreation Area (ASRA) General Plan/Resource Management Plan. As the local agency entrusted with providing parks and recreation for the 43,000 residents in our 100 square mile district, ARD encourages the expansion and improvement in all recreation areas surrounding our borders.

Specifically, ARD would like to comment on two items:

- 1) Improvements to Overlook Park: ARD is in the process of developing an Operations and Development Plan per our Management Agreement with the United States Bureau of Reclamation (“Reclamation”). As part of this plan, ARD is proposing to make improvements to Overlook Park, situated on the western edge of ASRA. Overlook Park provides a jumping off point for many ASRA users, as well as a gathering place for events and other activities. ARD would like to ensure the continued trail connectivity to Overlook Park, and hopes to add some new trails as part of other improvements that would include an observation area, information kiosk, public art displays and a small gathering area.
- 2) The creation of the Auburn Bike Park and improvements to a Bike Park bypass: ARD is in the environmental review process associated with the creation of a proposed Bike Park off of Maidu Dr., just south of Overlook Park. This bike park will provide recreation opportunities for thousands of bike enthusiasts. As part of the mitigations being proposed, ARD has been working with State Park and Reclamation officials to provide a bypass around the bike park site. This bypass would improve upon an existing road and trail situated on ASRA property. ARD would like to ensure that this proposed bypass be part of the ASRA General Plan.

ARD is excited to be part of the ASRA General Plan process and encourages collaboration between our two agencies. Together, our two agencies can provide improved recreational opportunities for the residents and visitors to our great area.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments or thoughts. I can be reached at (530) 885-0611 ext. 102 or at kmuscott@auburnrec.com

Sincerely,

Kahl Muscott, District Administrator



AUBURN STATE RECREATION AREA

November 2015



PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE IS UNDERWAY!

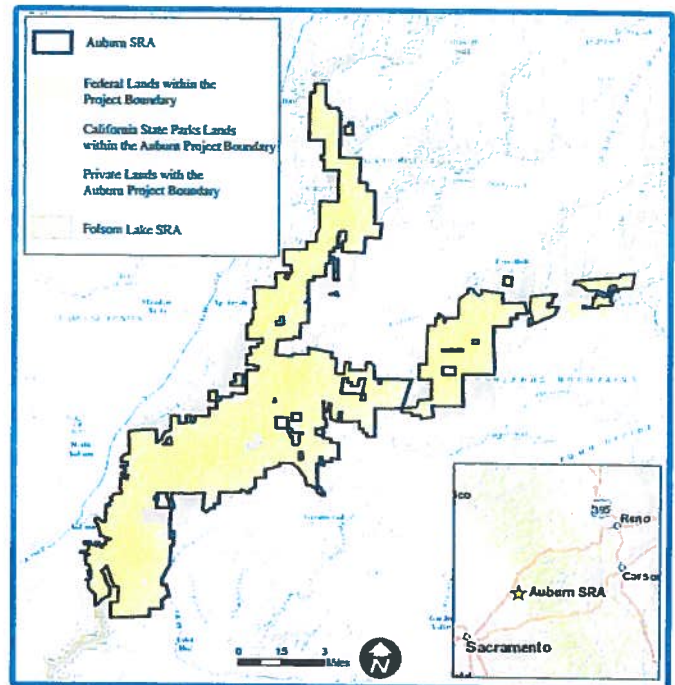
California State Parks and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation are collaborating to plan for the future of the Auburn State Recreation Area (SRA). Initiated in 2006, and later temporarily suspended awaiting a revised management agreement between State Parks and Reclamation, the planning process for Auburn SRA has resumed.

State Parks and Reclamation are preparing a joint General Plan/Resource Management Plan (GP/RMP) to meet both agencies' needs. The GP/RMP will define a long-term purpose and vision for Auburn SRA. It will also outline broad goals and guidelines for use, facility development, and operation of Auburn SRA. It will provide the basis for preparing future, focused management plans, specific project proposals, and other initiatives that implement the GP/RMP goals.

The GP/RMP will provide goals and guidelines for the protection of important natural and cultural resources in the SRA. It will guide approaches for the management of sensitive resource areas and balance their protection with recreation activities that occur in the SRA. An Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) will be prepared in tandem with the planning document to evaluate and help minimize the environmental effects of the GP/RMP.



State Parks' mission is to provide for the health, inspiration and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the state's extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation.



WHAT IS AUBURN SRA?

The Auburn SRA consists of lands set aside by the Federal government for the construction of Auburn Dam and Reservoir. Auburn SRA has been managed by State Parks through an agreement with Reclamation since 1977. The Auburn SRA includes over 33,000 acres of lands along over forty miles of river canyon on the North and Middle Forks of the American River. Auburn SRA is located south of Interstate 80 in both Placer and El Dorado counties.

Recreation uses include hiking, river access, boating, fishing, camping, mountain biking, gold panning, swimming, picnicking, rock climbing, horseback riding, and off-highway vehicle riding. Whitewater recreation is also very popular on both forks of the river with Class II, III, IV, and V rapids.

The mission of the **Bureau of Reclamation** is to manage, develop, and protect water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner in the interest of the American public.



HISTORY OF AUBURN SRA

In 1965, Congress authorized construction of the Auburn Dam and Reservoir. Lands were acquired to provide for the needs of water supply, hydropower generation, outdoor recreation, and fish and wildlife enhancement. After Reclamation acquired the dam and reservoir lands, State Parks entered into an agreement to manage the land as a State Recreation Area. In 1979, the first general plan was created to direct SRA management, assuming Auburn Dam would be completed.

About the time the 1979 plan was completed, construction of the Auburn Dam was halted because of complications, including seismic and cost concerns. With the indefinite delay in dam construction, Reclamation and State Parks prepared an Interim RMP in 1992 that provided guidance for SRA management with the assumption that the river canyons would eventually be inundated by a reservoir. A new GP/RMP is necessary to replace the Interim RMP and provide a long-term and comprehensive framework for the management of the existing river and canyons in Auburn SRA. It is still possible that Congress could authorize dam and reservoir construction in the future. If so, State Parks and Reclamation would amend the GP/RMP to reflect a long-term plan that includes the dam and reservoir.

There have been other major changes in the 23 years since the Interim RMP was prepared that necessitate preparation of a new plan. Population in the area around Auburn SRA and recreation use of the SRA have increased. In 1992, there were approximately 250,000 visitors to Auburn SRA; today, nearly 1 million people visit Auburn SRA each year. Other changes include the closure of the Auburn Dam Diversion Tunnel, restoration of the de-watered section of river, and the development of interim management guidelines for the Mammoth Bar OHV area. The new GP/RMP will address these and many other changes which have occurred in the area.

WHAT ARE GENERAL PLANS AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANS?

State Parks and Reclamation intend to create a combined Auburn SRA GP/RMP that meets the planning needs of both agencies. This effort will also include an EIR/EIS that will evaluate the environmental effects of the GP/RMP.

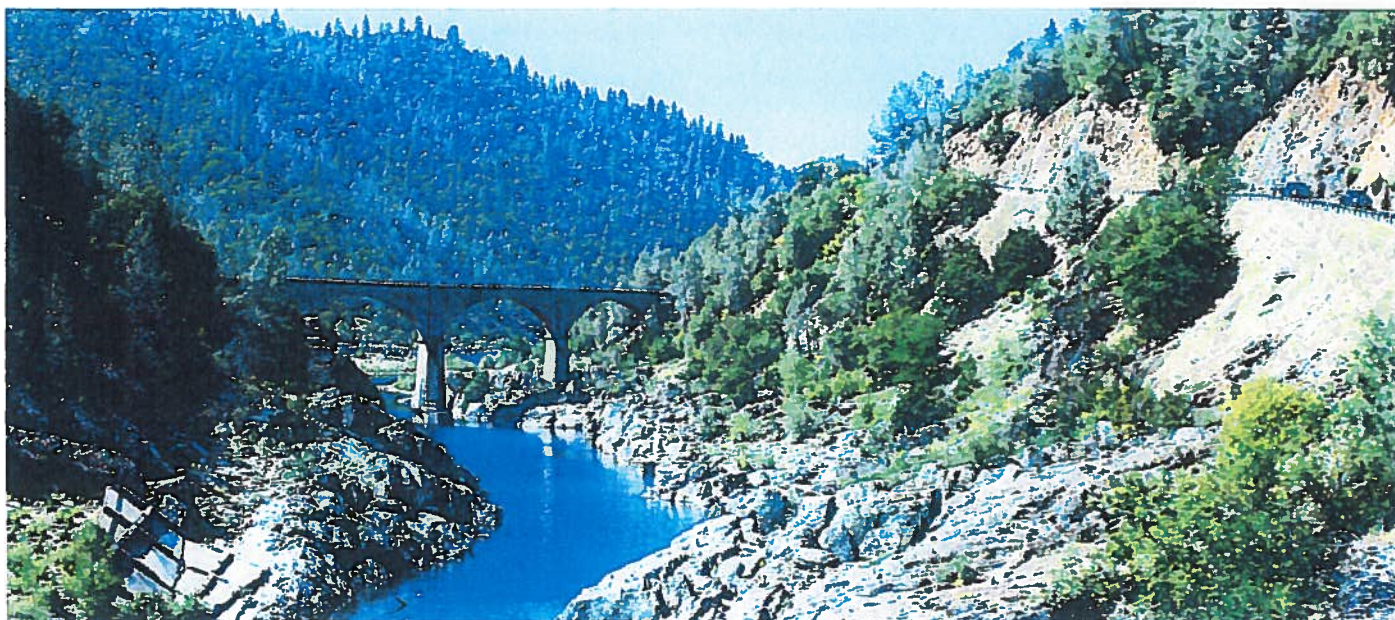
A General Plan (GP) is State Parks' primary management document for a park unit. It provides programmatic, long-term direction through a framework of broad goals and guidelines for natural and cultural resource stewardship, recreation use and management, interpretation, public safety, and other program areas.

The GP includes both park-wide and area-specific direction. A GP does not, however, define the specific methodologies, timelines, or project designs to implement the goals and guidelines. This more detailed planning would occur in subsequent management plans and project-specific plans.

A Resource Management Plan (RMP) is the planning document that guides Reclamation's management decisions, activities, and actions affecting the resources under its jurisdiction. The RMP establishes goals and objectives for the management area, identifies desired future conditions, defines land uses, and provides direction that seeks to balance recreation uses and facilities with the protection of natural and cultural resources.

This planning process will develop a single, joint document that fulfills both of these similar purposes.





KEY ISSUES FOR SRA PLANNING

State Parks and Reclamation invite and encourage your input about key issues to be studied and addressed during the planning process.

What planning issues do you think are important to study? Please read “Ways to Get Involved” for information on how to provide your input.

Natural and Cultural Resources: The GP/RMP will include goals and guidelines for the protection of wildlife, fisheries, sensitive habitats, Native American sites, and historic resources. What natural and cultural resources do you value the most? What resources and areas would you suggest should have the highest priority for protection?

Recreation Opportunities: The management and enjoyment of Auburn SRA’s many recreation opportunities will be an important topic in the GP/RMP. What recreation experiences do you value the most in this park? What, if anything, is missing in regional outdoor recreation opportunities? How can recreation opportunities be improved?

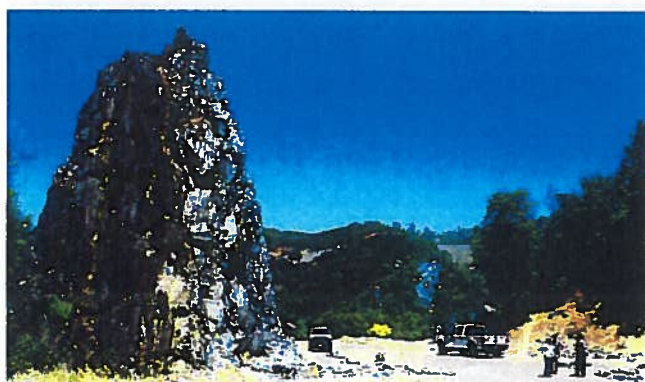
Operations and Facilities: The maintenance and operation of existing roads, parking, campgrounds, utilities, and other facilities will be addressed in the GP/RMP. The GP/RMP will also determine whether upgraded or additional facilities are appropriate. What facility changes, improvements, or additions would you like, or not like, to see?

LEARNING ABOUT THE SRA

Developing a GP/RMP begins with a thorough investigation of the park to understand the existing natural and cultural resources and the recreation uses of the area. By the time the investigation is complete, planners, scientists, and resource specialists will have compiled information about the natural, cultural, aesthetic, and recreational resources of the area, including archaeological and historical resources, native vegetation and wildlife, special-status species, invasive species, geologic features, and hydrology.

This study also includes an assessment of the existing recreation demands, activities, trends, and use patterns within the SRA. Recreation uses and opportunities within Auburn SRA are evaluated in the contexts of their local, regional, and state values.

This resource and recreation information will be used in the development of a long-term vision, the exploration of GP/RMP alternatives, and the selection of a preferred plan concept for the Auburn SRA.



WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

There are several easy ways for you to participate:

Get on the mailing list: Throughout the planning and environmental review process, we will email updates and newsletters informing you of ongoing work, alternatives being considered in the GP/RMP, and plan progress. If you did not receive this newsletter by email, please email a note to plan.general@parks.ca.gov and ask to be added to the mailing list.

Visit our website: Information about the planning process is available online at: www.parks.ca.gov/PlanASRA.

Attend the public workshops: We will host three public workshops during the development of the GP/RMP. The purpose of the first public workshop is to seek input on planning issues and information to help us prepare the GP/RMP. The date, time, and place are:

Thursday, November 12, 2015
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Skyridge Elementary School
800 Perkins Way
Auburn, CA 95603

During this workshop, we will seek public input to help us capture important planning issues and prepare plan alternatives to bring back to the second workshop. An introductory presentation will be given at 6:10 p.m. followed by an open house with information stations. Staff will be present to discuss your ideas, concerns, and suggestions for the SRA. At future workshops, we will conduct environmental scoping, review conceptual planning alternatives, and present the preferred alternative plan.

Our schedule shows approximate dates of future input opportunities.

PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

November 12, 2015, 6 - 8 pm

1st Public Workshop

Skyridge Elementary School
800 Perkins Way, Auburn, CA

Learn about the plan and let us know what is important to you.

Spring 2016

2nd Public Workshop (Scoping)

Provide input on plan alternatives.

Fall 2016

3rd Public Workshop

Provide your feedback on the proposed plan.

Spring 2017

Public Review Period

Provide comments on the draft environmental review document.

Send us your comments:

- Download a comment form at www.parks.ca.gov/PlanASRA.
- Mail us a letter (see address below).
- Send an email to plan.general@parks.ca.gov.

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Contact:

ASRA GP/RMPlan
c/o Cheryl Essex, California State Parks
One Capitol Mall, Suite 410
Sacramento, CA 95814
or call (530) 885-4527



AUBURN STATE RECREATION AREA
General Plan/Resource Management Plan and
Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement



Mid-Pacific Region
Sacramento, CA



California Department
of Parks and Recreation

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Please submit comments today, email to plan.general@parks.ca.gov or mail before December 1, 2015.

Your email address _____

The Planning Process: How can the Planning Team best capture diverse opinions, including from youth?

Valuable Resources: What natural and cultural resources do you value the most?

What resources and areas would you suggest should have the highest priority for preservation?

Recreation Opportunities: What recreation experiences do you value the most in this park?

What, if anything, is missing in regional outdoor recreation opportunities?

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Facilities: What types of uses or improvements would you suggest for various park areas?

Do you have suggestions for park projects that could bring in additional revenue to support needed staffing?

Other comments: How can the park best provide for the health, inspiration and education of Californians while preserving its valuable resources for future generations?

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Place
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Cheryl Essex, ASRA Project Lead
California Department of Parks and Recreation
One Capitol Mall Suite 410
Sacramento CA 95814

ARC American River Confluence Park park

Let's make the connection! ARD overlook to China Bar Bridge to Cool

- * Boost local economic opportunities.
 - * Improve trail connectivity from Auburn to Cool and Georgetown Divide trails and communities.
 - * Provide convenient river trail crossing for organized and competitive athletic events.
 - * Diversify use of a "naturally" recovering industrial area currently under-used in the Auburn SRA.
 - * Decrease recreational pressure from the over-used, congested Confluence Area.
 - * Design geologic and historical interpretive panels for education.
 - * Improve access for river recreation, including fishing, kayaking, rafting, canoeing, and paddleboarding.
- Create the beautiful big "backyard" and Overlook downtown Auburn deserves.

For more information on Protect American River Canyons go to www.PARC-Auburn.org

Email comments on the Auburn SRA to: www.parks.ca.gov/PLANASRA



SECTION 11.0

ITEM: CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATIONAL

1. Correspondence from Randy Hackbarth, President of the Action Coalition for Equestrians regarding the Auburn Bike Park and response from District Administrator Kahl Muscott.

Action Coalition for Equestrians 501(c) 3

Dedicated to preserving safe equestrian trails and activities in Northern California

October 19, 2015

David Murillo, Regional Director
Bureau of Reclamation
Mid-Pacific Regional Office
Federal Office Building
2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, CA 95825-1898

Drew Lessard, Area Manager
Bureau of Reclamation
Central California Office
7794 Folsom Dam Road
Folsom, CA 95630-1799

To All Concerned,

Action Coalition for Equestrians and its members respectfully request that the Bureau of Reclamation deny the Auburn Recreation District's (ARD) plans to locate a bicycle pump park below the Canyon View Community Center off Maidu Drive, above the North Fork of the American River, and near the former construction site of the Auburn Dam, in Auburn, California.

The choice of this location is bad for a number of reasons and other, better alternatives exist, such as Auburn Regional Park or the ARD property on Shockley Road.

Our members feel that it is paramount to protect and preserve the scenic American River Canyon and Western States Pioneer Express Trail with its hiking and horseback riding opportunities. It is important to maintain the relative quiet for the residents of the Canyon View area as well as the recreational opportunities for equestrians and hikers who use the nearby trails. Decisions need to be made that will discourage additional crime and trail poaching in the vicinity, reduce the risk of exposure to NOA, and honor the intent of the Bureau's Management Agreement with ARD.

Please see our attachment of explanations for our viewpoint.

Sincerely,



Randy Hackbarth
President

Cc: FSRA - Richard Preston, ASRA – Mike Schneider and Auburn Recreational District

OVERVIEW

In 2013 the Auburn Recreation District (ARD) Board of Directors considered several sites on which to build a skills course and bike pump track for mountain bicyclists. On December 19, 2013 the ARD Board voted on locating their "Bike Pump Park" on Maidu Drive near the Canyon View Community Center overlooking the North Fork American River canyon. The Western States Pioneer Express National Recreational Trail and the PCWA canal trail are both within the boundaries of the project site. The Eagle's Nest/Rosemary Drive neighborhood, where homes enjoy canyon views, is situated just above the Community Center. The topography varies from steep to rolling. The Board ruled out three other sites: Auburn Overlook Park, Auburn District Regional Park, and ARD land off of Shockley Road in the Shockley/Luther Road neighborhood.

The Auburn District Regional Park or Shockley Road would be much more suitable locations for a bike park for several reasons.

Auburn District Regional Park is located on Richardson Drive in north Auburn and is home to a wide array of recreation venues including disc golf, volleyball, basketball courts, and sports fields. Existing amenities include BBQ pits, picnic areas, restrooms, and parking. According to the Bike Park website, <http://www.auburnbikepark.org/about/>, there are 24 acres here including undeveloped space in which a variety of location options for the Bike Pump Park are available.

The site in the Shockley Road area, acquired by ARD in March of 2009, consists of 28 acres of undeveloped land. There is plenty of room for a Bike Pump Park at this location

RATIONALE

Locating the Bike Pump Park at the Canyon View/Maidu Drive site is a poor decision for the following reasons:

Preserve Our Beautiful American River Canyon

Our verdant American River Canyons are unique and incredibly beautiful. The Maidu Drive site offers deep canyon views with forested ridges and the sparkling river below. People come here to enjoy the wildlife, see the beautiful views, and recreate in nature. Protecting this valuable and irreplaceable resource is paramount to preserving it for generations to come. We need to responsibly care for this local gem; a Bike Pump Track in such a beautiful area is not good stewardship and is also incompatible with its current use.

A Bike Pump Track located at Auburn District Regional Park or Shockley Road, would be more compatible with their current use as they are not in areas known for natural beauty and wildlife such as the American River Canyon.

Protect the Western States Pioneer Express National Recreational Trail

Birders, hikers, runners, walkers, and equestrians can be spotted on the Auburn State Recreation Area (ASRA) trails that run throughout the Maidu Drive site. Locating a Bike Pump Park here would result in bicycle traffic and activities that run not only adjacent to but *across* the Western

States Pioneer Express National Recreational Trail. This trail was designated for use by hikers and equestrians only.

Reference, The Oversight on the National Trails System Act of 1968, subtitled Oversight Hearings before the Subcommittee on National Parks and Recreation of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, House of Representatives, Ninety-Fourth Congress, Second Session, which reads:

“Western States Pioneer Express Trail, Placer County. 50 miles. Foot and horseback trail. California Department of Parks and Recreation. Designated October 1975. This trail is the site of the annual Tevis Cup 100-mile one-day ride that attracts up to 200 rider units. It extends from Folsom Lake State Recreation Area to the border of Tahoe National Forest and follows the main stem of the American River to Auburn, passing orchards, grazing lands and undeveloped hillsides. Above Auburn, the trail generally parallels the Middle Fork American River and passes through semi-wild, heavily forested countryside. This is a portion of the historical route of Adams Express Company and Wells Fargo and Company Express riders.”

See also, Attachment 1, a map of the proposed Bike Pump Park from the Auburn Bike Pump Park website <http://www.auburnbikepark.org/>

This scenario would create an extremely dangerous situation for equestrians and hikers who would be next to unpredictable speeding and airborne bicycles. Hikers, runners, birders, and dog walkers would be subject to any fugitive dust, which even when a watering plan is in place, is an inevitable outcome of a Bike Pump Park.

ARD has proposed two potential re-routes of this National Recreational Trail (which during early meetings they even denied existed) to mitigate the intrusion by the Bike Pump Park. Neither proposal is safe and would most likely result in accidents, with current users no longer coming to enjoy the trail. One suggested re-route skirts the Bike Park border with a drop-off directly onto the asphalt of Pleasant Street. The other proposed re-route is along an old gravel road above the Auburn dam site with drop offs straight down rock canyon walls. Additionally, neither re-route is in any way equivalent to the beautiful single track that currently meanders through the oak tree-studded property.

Neither Auburn Regional Park nor the Shockley Road property bisects a National Recreational Trail in a State Park nor is in an area used by equestrians and other walking trail users, so it would not have the aforementioned safety issues.

Maintain Equestrian Access

Equestrians who come to the area with horse trailers are limited to parking on Maidu Drive due to the parking lot being paved over during the PCWA Pump Station Project. Parking on the road is less than ideal but there is no other option and this section of Maidu Drive currently has little or no traffic on the weekends. The additional traffic and parking due to a Bike Pump Park would make it unsuitable for horse trailers to park on the street. Other equestrians ride through the site on the trail, having started their ride elsewhere, but the additional traffic would also make the road crossing unsafe for these riders as the Pioneer Express Trail actually crosses Maidu Drive where the Bike Pump Park site is being proposed. See map, Attachment 1

There is no plan currently being considered to make the equestrian parking area and road crossing safe. As mentioned previously the two proposed trail re-routes both have dangerous drop offs and would not solve these parking or trail safety issues.

Neither the Auburn Regional Park nor the Shockley Road property is in an equestrian area so they would not have these concerns.

Remote Location

There have been longstanding problems at the nearby Auburn Skate Park that should be addressed before another park is considered in the vicinity. There are many accounts of loitering, drug use, loud music, vulgar language, truancy, underage drinking, garbage, and graffiti. Without supervision, and clearly out of the public's eye, these activities go mostly unchecked. Relying on the occasional passersby to call in any mischief has not proven to be effective. Lacking supervision, peer pressure has resulted in excluding and intimidating many children from enjoying this skate park. Parks of this nature are more effectively managed when they are not located in remote areas.

Currently ARD is looking into solving some of the Skate Park problems. This includes installing a gate at the entrance, closing the park during off hours, and developing a plan of supervision and management.

Auburn Regional Park and the Shockley Road property are not in remote locations.

Trail Poaching

The entire American River canyon area adjacent to the Maidu Drive site is currently experiencing trail safety issues caused by bicyclists illegally riding (poaching) on the Western States Pioneer Express National Recreational Trail. This trail is designated as hiker-equestrian, according to the above-referenced National Trails System Act of 1968. Until this unsafe and illegal trail use is brought under control, encouraging additional bike use in the area could potentially exacerbate the problem. The area has steep sections and single-track trail that bike riders might find inviting; spreading the zone of impact from its original intent. Cyclists might find it hard to stay within the confines of the Bike Park and not ride on adjacent lands. In the Public Comment section of the ARD Board Meeting of March 27, 2014, one cyclist boasted that he regularly rode these trails, evidence of the behavior and attitude of some of the local mountain bikers who are unconcerned with Park rules or endangering other users. The Bureau of Reclamation and CA State Parks should be involved in any decision that has an effect on the safety of users on their trails.

Auburn Regional Park and the Shockley Road property are far from the canyon trails so safety issues resulting from additional illegal trail use would not be an issue.

NOAs (Naturally Occurring Asbestos)

According to the Department of Conservation, California Geological Survey, November 4, 2006, the Maidu Drive Pump Park site is in an area "Most likely to contain NOA" which is the highest asbestos risk of the 3 ratings levels presented. This site is also in "Areas of faulting or sheared rock

that may locally increase the likelihood for the presence of NOA where they exist in or adjacent to areas most or moderately likely to contain NOA". The assessment, analysis, construction, and maintenance of a Bike Pump Park, whose riders would be creating dust and causing erosion, in such an area may warrant exorbitant costs let alone pose a potential ongoing safety risk to the Bike Pump Park users, community members, neighbors, and passersby.

Bureau of Reclamation Agreement

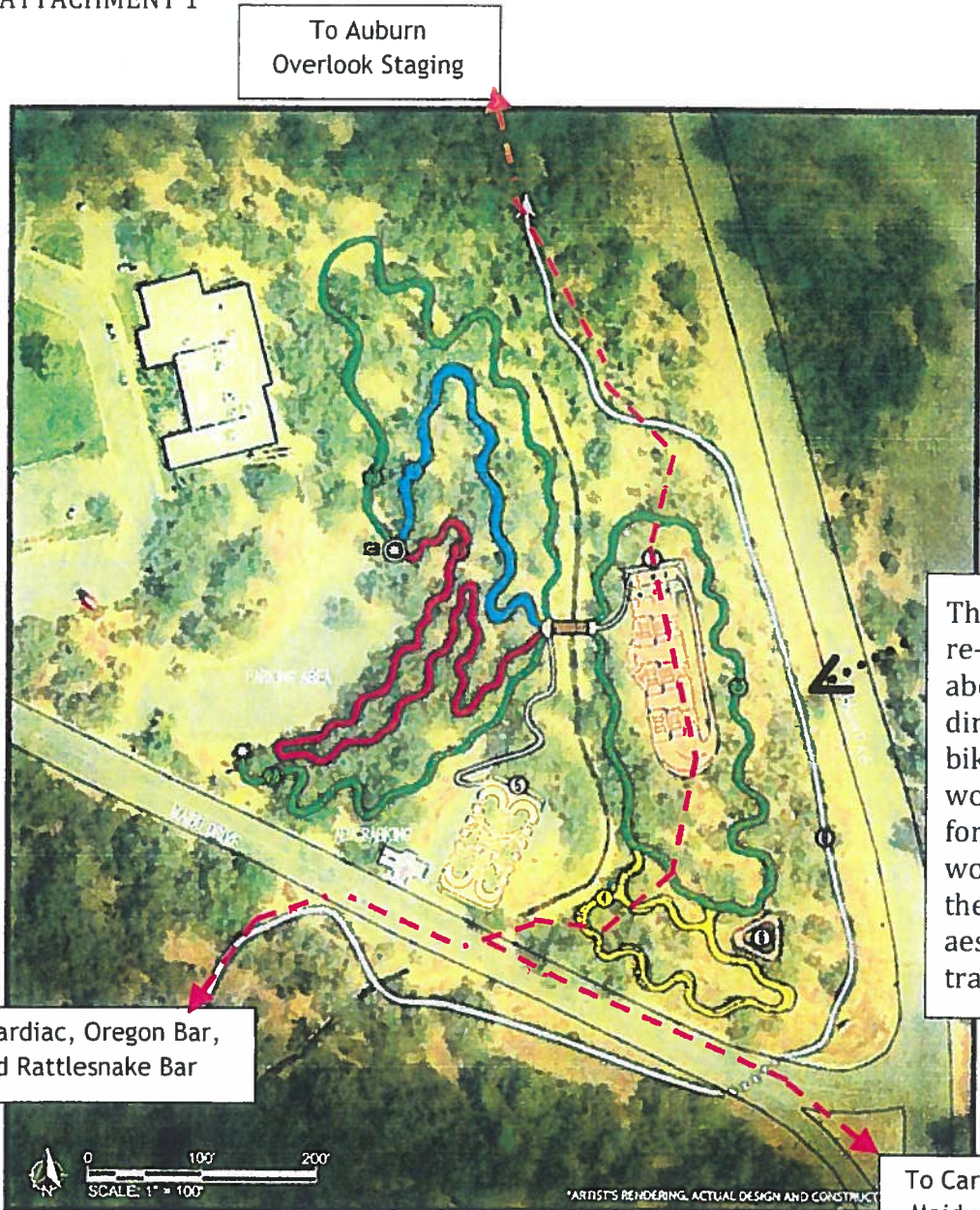
The Maidu Drive Bike Pump Park site is on Federal Land owned by the Bureau of Reclamation. On February 3, 2000, a Management Agreement between the Bureau and ARD was developed and signed, which includes the Maidu Drive Pump Park site. Page 2 of this agreement states, "The United States is willing to permit the District to manage and develop said additional Auburn Dam and Reservoir Area Lands as such use is not, at the time, incompatible with the purpose for which such land was acquired and is now being administered." The current use of this land is not compatible with that of a Bike Pump Park.

Neither Auburn Regional Park nor the Shockley Road property is under this Bureau of Reclamation agreement. Current use of Auburn Regional Park is compatible with additional recreational facilities of this type and they could be developed at the Shockley Road site.

Public Sentiment

The opinions of the citizens are strongly divided about locating the Bike Pump Park at the Maidu site, but at the Public Comment portion of the Auburn Recreational District's Board Meeting on February 27, 2014, comments were heard from local residents, equestrians, and a few bicyclists, and were overwhelmingly against locating the Bike Pump Park at the Canyon View/Maidu Road site. Reference the ARD archived minutes at <http://www.auburnrec.com/meetings-archives.php>, as well as a newspaper article from the Auburn Journal dated Friday March 28, 2014; <http://www.auburnjournal.com/article/ard-board-votes-begin-environmental-review-pump-track> , and personal notes made by Donna Furlow , see Attachment #2

ATTACHMENT 1



Superimposed on the Auburn Bike Park's concept plan is the approximate location of the current Pioneer Express Trail indicated by a red dashed line.

This outer proposed trail re-route sits on a bank above a paved road directly adjacent to the bike park activities and would therefore not be safe for horses to use and would greatly compromise the quiet oak studded aesthetics of the current trail for all trail users.

To Cardiac, Oregon Bar, and Rattlesnake Bar

To Cardiac trails and Maidu Drive Parking

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| ● ALL MOUNTAIN TRAIL | Ⓟ PUMP TRACK |
| ● NATURALIZED TECHNICAL TRAIL | Ⓢ STRIDER TRACK |
| ○ TRAILHEAD W/SIGNAGE | Ⓝ DIRT JUMP AREA W/RETURN TRAIL |
| ▣ STORAGE SHED | Ⓢ CONNECTOR TRAIL |



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ATTACHMENT 2

Notes taken at the Auburn Recreation District Board of Directors Meeting, February 27, 2014, Regarding the Proposed Bike Pump Park by Donna Furlow

In new business, Agenda Item 8.1, the Board voted unanimously to revoke the approval of the bike park at the Maidu Drive location, citing their legal counsel's advice to wait until an environmental impact report was completed. Item 8.2, "Authorization of Staff to Initiate Preliminary Design and Appropriate Environmental Analysis of the Proposed Bike Park/Pump Tract at the Maidu Drive Site", was unanimously approved by the Board. The Board members agreed to deviate from the Agenda and hear public comments about the bike park at this point in the meeting.

Public Comments:

- An LeBarre, retired DVM, lives near the proposed park, and frequently rides out her back gate to get on the (Pioneer Express Trail (PET)). She will no longer do this if the pump park goes in. The presence of mountain bikes on this section of trail will jeopardize her safety as an equestrian and the safety of her horses.*
- Diane Dixon-Johnson, runner, equestrian and mountain biker, wants to know what kind of law enforcement will be in effect if the new park is built at the Maidu site. She is very concerned because this location is not in the jurisdiction of the Auburn Police Department nor the State of California Auburn State Recreation Area. She called on a change-of-use review by the State. Diane also called for consideration of the Shockley location.*
- Diane Dixon-Johnson also spoke for her neighbor, indicating similar concerns.*
- Bob Stafford was concerned for his safety while riding his horse on this part of the trail if he has to share it with bicyclists. He is disabled and can only access the canyon on horseback and is afraid his horse will spook at bikes.*
- Peggy _____, neighbor of the proposed park, lives on Riverview Drive and says the canal trail borders her property. She fears added personal liability problems if mountain bicyclists use the trail.*
- Sarah Konst, of Auburn, stressed the importance of preserving such a naturally beautiful and irreplaceable landscape dotted with oak trees and providing gorgeous canyon views for current and future park users. She was very concerned about destroying such a unique and naturally beautiful landscape for the sake of creating a bike park that could be located elsewhere and would completely change the current quiet use of the area. Mentioned that even the Canyon View Community Center itself is named for the beautiful view bestowed upon from below. Other concerns included several safety issues and loss of trails used for decades.*
- Lori McDonegal, lives in the neighborhood and walks the canal trail frequently. She is concerned for her safety if bicyclists use the trail which will likely happen if the pump track goes in here.*
- Paul Klentos, organizer of the American River 50 Mile Classic Endurance Race, thinks that preservation of the historic Pioneer Express Trail should be addressed, and that vandalism has already been a problem.*
- Bruce (Anderson?)(Sanderson?) cited the California Geological Survey map that shows naturally occurring asbestos in the area of the proposed park. He expressed concern that dust stirred up by frequent and fast-moving bicyclists would pose a health hazard.*
- Donna Williams, longtime equestrian and formally recognized by California State Parks for her trail marking project in 1995, said the bike park was a good idea, but locating it here was a bad idea.*
- Cheryl Bryant, a hiker, is worried about her safety on the trail if speeding bikers continue to illegally use the Pioneer Express Trail*
- Paula Campbell, Granite Bay, has a home that borders FLSRA. She testified to the damage to the environment and safety hazards to equestrians that have been caused by mountain bikers continually creating their own illegal pump tracks in the State Park.*
- Harry Wyeth, a runner, mountain biker and equestrian, was concerned for the safety of all users of the PET in that area as bike riders from the proposed park would likely use the park to illegally access the narrow Trail. Because horses are prey animals, no amount of desensitization training can prevent the ingrained fright-flight reaction when confronted with a bicycle which they perceive as a predator.*
- Eunaine Wolf, Meadow Vista, said user safety was jeopardized when bicyclists used the trail meant for only equestrians and hikers.*

- *Diana G_____ has 2 properties near the Community Center and was against locating the pump park in this neighborhood.*
- *A letter from Rho Bailey was read by Donna Furlow, Granite Bay. Rho said she has had years of experience riding this part of the PET and it was too dangerous to allow bicycle riders on this narrow and steep trail, and that locating a pump track here would invite bike riders to illegally use the trail and endanger equestrians and pedestrians.*
- *Diana Boyer told the Board that "we" worked hard to create this pump park and had gathered over 1000 signatures on a petition supporting locating the park at the Maidu site.*
- *Beverly Jensen, ER nurse, said that the social element, or user intent, should be a more important criterion for deciding the location of the park. Hikers and equestrians' purpose is to enjoy the scenery therefore move relatively slowly, and that mountain bicyclists as a group are interested in competition and skills improvement, therefore move fast over jumps and around curves. The nature of the groups is at odds.*
- *Chuck Anderson, neighbor of the proposed park, was concerned about the condition of the roads in the vicinity. They have not been properly maintained and the increased traffic from visitors to a bike park would cause additional damage.*
- *Karen Wyeth, retired land use planner, indicated that neither CEQA nor NEPA had considered the proposed site, and thought the Board was acting prematurely.*
- *Lisa Kodl from the Auburn Bike Park Committee insisted that there is no proof that the PET goes through the proposed site. "We have the right to enjoy the canyon!" she asserted.*
- *Sheri Krueger, from south Auburn, has been an equestrian for 25 years and said that expecting hikers and equestrians to share the trail with mountain bicyclists was simply not safe.*
- *Mike Thompson, an avid mountain bicyclist and proponent of the Maidu location for the park, stated that he had ridden ALL the canyon trails, and that there were no safe places for local children to ride their bikes.*
- *Kim O'Brien, member of Folsom Lake State Recreation Area Mounted Patrol, stressed that locating the park here where bicyclists would illegally access the PET was a bad idea, and said that combining two user groups who by nature will never get along, endangered the safety of equestrians.*

Closing comments from members of the Board: Smith, Holbrook, Gray, Ainsleigh, Ferris:

- *Ainsleigh: seemed to refute all public comment topics about the trail, said he agreed the Shockley location should be considered, that the neighbors in the north Auburn Regional Park location would have equally negative comments about locating a park in that neighborhood and implied this was good rationale for keeping Maidu location, North Auburn Regional was too dangerous a location because kids had to use Hwy 49 to get there, he will close the PET completely if NOAs are found because horses with their metal shoes stir up more dust than mountain bikes.*
- *Holbrook: we WILL build the bike park here*
- *Gray: acknowledged the poor condition of the roads in the neighborhood*
- *Smith ? Ferris?*

Additional notes

List of Attendees: Members of the public in attendance? No sign-in sheet was evident.

Questionable/illegal behavior on the part of a Board member may have occurred. Bob Stafford, noted to me after the meeting that one Board Member (Smith?) was seen in an adjacent room conversing with the Auburn Bike Park Committee members before the meeting.

A reporter from the Auburn Journal was in attendance and also took photos.

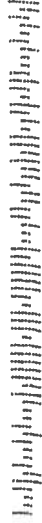
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Re: Letter from ACE to Bureau of Reclamation regarding the proposed Auburn Bike Park

Dear Randy,

The Auburn Area Recreation and Park District (ARD) is in receipt of your letter dated 10/19/15. The District will consider your concerns during our due diligence and environmental review processes for this proposed project. These environmental reviews are currently underway.

Please contact me with any questions. I can be reached at (530) 885-0611 ext. 102 or kmuscott@auburnrec.com

Sincerely,

Kahl Muscott, District Administrator

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For ARD youth basketball league coaches, fundamentals are key

Signup deadline for new season has been extended

By: Jaime Carrillo

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When it comes to teaching kids basketball, Auburn Recreation District instructor Chris Packard is not unlike Larry Bird: all about the fundamentals.

“I’m all about laying a solid foundation for kids to grow on,” Packard said. “Dribbling, passing, shooting, rebounding. All the skills that they can build on later.”

Packard has been involved in Auburn basketball since he was in the 3rd grade, playing for Rock Creek Elementary, E.V. Cain, Placer High School and even a few college leagues. Once his own son got involved in the ARD’s extensive basketball program, Packard decided to become a coach.

Packard is about to start his fourth year with ARD, which teaches boys and girls from 2nd all the way through 8th grade. The younger the group, the more playful it is, with skills woven into games to keep kids engaged. When it comes to imparting skills, his approach is the same through all age groups.

“Teach first, the rest comes second,” Packard said. “They’ll grow out of me, move on to coaches that know a lot more.”

Fellow ARD Youth Development League instructor Jerry Fischer respects Packard’s tenacity.

“He has a lot of determination,” Fischer said. “That no-quit attitude.”

Fischer praised the entire ARD Youth Development League for its ability to engage kids that come to learn.

“I believe success isn’t based on winning every game,” Fischer said. “It’s about winning the hearts and minds of the kids so they’ll want to come back year after year.”

The ARD has extended the deadline for Youth Development League Basketball signups. ARD is currently registering boys and girls second through eight grade for the upcoming season. For more information or to register call the ARD at 530-885-8461 ex. 0 1 or Fischer personally at 530-863-8612.

Keeping kids enthusiastic about remains paramount among the instructors in the league, according to Fischer.

“I want kids to tell their parents, not ‘I have to go to class,’ but ‘I get to go to class.’”

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ARD proposes new safety measures for Regional Park Board to vote on gates, ordinances, cameras at today's session

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Auburn Recreation and Parks District administration welcomed police and concerned community members to discuss their plans for improved safety in the park Tuesday night.

"We're really blessed here," ARD Director Scott Holbrook said. "We all have to work on every level how to adapt and change how we do things."

In recent months, the biggest problems the park has faced include vandalism left overnight, visitors tipping over porto-johns, and during the day, public drinking and intoxication. North Auburn resident Ellen Stephens no longer visits the Dry Creek playground area at the park with her grandkids, for fear of safety.

“It’s my favorite place to bring them, but there are too many crazy people out there,” Stephens said. Others in attendance recounted experiences of coming across individuals at the Regional Park yelling loudly, and making them feel unsafe and uncomfortable.

ARD District Administrator Kahl Muscott laid out a comprehensive presentation, and proposed safety implementations. Some will be implemented soon, such as locking up bathrooms overnight. Others such as stronger penalties for breaking park ordinances, the proposed gating of the Dry Creek playground and security cameras must be voted by the ARD Board of Directors on Oct. 29.

The proposed security cameras Regional Park location will be placed in three strategically placed areas around the park including in the north, near the Dry Creek picnic area, the main gymnasium and the maintenance room to the south.

~~Placer County Sheriff’s Office Lt. Troy Minton-Sander was supportive of the proposed surveillance system.~~

“Cameras do prevent crime,” Minton-Sander said. “In many instances they help investigations, that lead to arrests.” Stephens as well as other community members in attendance were also supportive of the proposed cameras.

Despite the park’s recent difficulties, both ARD leaders and PCSO believed that there has been a major improvement in recent weeks. Both were also in agreement that if anyone notices a problem at the park, that they report it as soon as possible to PCSO through their non-emergency hotline at 530-886-5375.

“We’re trying and we’re going to keep trying, but we can’t do anything unless you call,” Minton-Sander said. “Stay involved, stay engaged, be a partner.”

As the park implements these new safety measures, Holbrook hopes many will flock back to the Regional Park.

“There’s been a dramatic difference in the last month or so,” Holbrook said. “Please come back and enjoy the park. The more people here, the better.”

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