

**AUBURN AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
AGENDA  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**6:00 P.M.**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2014  
CANYON VIEW COMMUNITY CENTER, BOARD ROOM  
471 MAIDU DRIVE  
AUBURN, CA**

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**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

**FLAG SALUTE (Pledge to the Flag)**

The Board of Directors of the Auburn Area Recreation and Park District welcomes you to its meetings. Regular meetings are scheduled at 6 p.m. the last Thursday of each month. Your attendance and interest is encouraged and appreciated. Special accommodations may be made upon request to the District Administrator 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

**Roll Call**

Smith \_\_\_\_\_ Holbrook \_\_\_\_\_ Gray \_\_\_\_\_ Ainsleigh \_\_\_\_\_ Ferris \_\_\_\_\_

**2.0 INTRODUCTIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Presentation from Sports Coordinator Jerry Fisher to February 2014 volunteer of the month, YDL Coach Joe Arsenith.

**3.0 AGENDA REVIEW, CHANGES, AND APPROVAL**

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Second by \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gray \_\_\_\_\_ Smith \_\_\_\_\_ Holbrook \_\_\_\_\_ Ainsleigh \_\_\_\_\_ Ferris \_\_\_\_\_

**4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT** – This is the time wherein any person may comment on any item not on the agenda within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board of Directors. After you are recognized by the Board Chairperson, please come to the lectern and state your name, and address for the record (optional). There is a time limitation of three minutes.

**5.0 CONSENT ITEMS** – (roll call vote) All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are to be considered routine by the Board of Directors and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless, before the Board votes on the motion to adopt, a member or members of the Board, staff or the public requests a specific item to be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion and action.

\_\_\_\_\_ **5.1 Review and Approval of Minutes of the January 30, 2014 Meeting of the Board of Directors**

Review and approval of minutes.

\_\_\_\_\_ **5.2 Review of Cash Requirements for January, 2014 (Standing Finance Committee)**

This item was reviewed and approved by the Standing Finance Committee and forwarded to the Board of Directors for review and approval.

\_\_\_\_\_ **5.3 Overlook Park Security Gates Notice of Exemption**

Shall the Auburn Area Recreation & Park District Board of Directors adopt Resolution Number 2014-02, approving the Notice of Categorical Exemption for the security gate and fence proposal at Overlook Park?

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Second by \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Gray \_\_\_\_\_ Smith \_\_\_\_\_ Holbrook \_\_\_\_\_ Ainsleigh \_\_\_\_\_ Ferris \_\_\_\_\_

**Roll Call Vote**

**6.0 ADMINISTRATOR'S AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Please see reports, fee waiver log, project list and vandalism report under item 6.0.

**7.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**8.0 NEW BUSINESS**

\_\_\_\_\_ **8.1 Preliminary Budget for 2014-2015 (Standing Finance Committee)**

Shall the Auburn Area Recreation & Park District Board of Directors approve the Preliminary Budget for 2014 - 2015?

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Second by \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Gray \_\_\_\_\_ Smith \_\_\_\_\_ Holbrook \_\_\_\_\_ Ainsleigh \_\_\_\_\_ Ferris \_\_\_\_\_

**Roll Call Vote**

\_\_\_\_\_ **8.2 Sports Field Rental Fee Increase (Program, Personnel, Policy & Fee Committee)**

Shall the Auburn Area Recreation & Park District Board of Directors approve the sports field rental fee increase?

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Second by \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gray \_\_\_\_\_ Smith \_\_\_\_\_ Holbrook \_\_\_\_\_ Ainsleigh \_\_\_\_\_ Ferris \_\_\_\_\_

**Roll Call Vote**

\_\_\_\_\_ **8.3 Cell Tower Site at Recreation Park (Acquisition & Development Committee)**

Shall the Auburn Area Recreation & Park District Board of Directors approve a new site for Verizon Wireless at Recreation Park?

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Second by \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gray \_\_\_\_\_ Smith \_\_\_\_\_ Holbrook \_\_\_\_\_ Ainsleigh \_\_\_\_\_ Ferris \_\_\_\_\_

**Roll Call Vote**

\_\_\_\_\_ **8.4 Project List Amendment for Solar Panels at Recreation Park (Acquisition & Development Committee)**

Shall the Auburn Area Recreation & Park District Board of Directors amend the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Project List for the design and engineering of solar panels at Recreation Park?

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Second by \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gray \_\_\_\_\_ Smith \_\_\_\_\_ Holbrook \_\_\_\_\_ Ainsleigh \_\_\_\_\_ Ferris \_\_\_\_\_

**Roll Call Vote**

\_\_\_\_\_ **8.5 Resolution Number 2014-01, Resolution Directing the Preparation of the Engineer's Report for Atwood III**

Shall the Auburn Area Recreation & Park District Board of Directors adopt Resolution Number 2014-01, A Resolution Directing the Preparation of the Engineer's Report for Atwood III?

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Second by \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Gray \_\_\_\_\_ Smith \_\_\_\_\_ Holbrook \_\_\_\_\_ Ainsleigh \_\_\_\_\_ Ferris \_\_\_\_\_

**Roll Call Vote**

\_\_\_\_\_ **9.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Project List Approval/Revised Ten Year Plan Update (Acquisition & Development Committee).
2. Bell Road Concept Plan (Acquisition & Development Committee).
3. Goose control (Acquisition & Development Committee).
4. ARD Drought Strategies.

\_\_\_\_\_ **10.0 BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

**No action will be taken at this time on any item announced or reported by a Board Member. The Board or a member of the Board may provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, request staff to report back to the body at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter so reported, or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **11.0 CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATIONAL**

1. Correspondence from Duke & Christy Jay of Atown Bikes and response from Kahl Muscott.
2. Correspondence from Lisa Kodl of Auburn Bike Works and response from Kahl Muscott.
3. Correspondence from Ralph Smith of Auburn Gold Country Rotary and response from Kahl Muscott.

\_\_\_\_\_ **12.0 PUBLIC COMMENT** This is the time wherein any person may comment on any item not on the agenda within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board of Directors. After you are recognized by the Board Chairperson, please come to the lectern and state your name, and address for the record (optional). There is a time limitation of three minutes.

\_\_\_\_\_ 13.0 CLOSED SESSION

13.1 Public Employee Performance Evaluation. (Gov. Code, 54954.5, subd. (e), 54957.)

Title: District Administrator

13.2 Conference with Labor Negotiators (Gov. Code, section 54954.5, subd. (f), 54957.6)

Agency Designated Representatives: Kahl Muscott, District Administrator;  
Joe Fecko, Administration Services Manager

Employee Organization: IUOE, Stationary Engineers Local 39

\_\_\_\_\_ 14.0 OPEN SESSION – REPORT/ACTION ON OR ABOUT CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

AUBURN AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

This agenda is hereby certified to have been posted as follows:

2-21-14  
Date

1:10 PM.  
Time

P. Larson  
Clerk to the Board

**SECTION: 5.0**

**ITEM: 5.1 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE  
JANUARY 30, 2014 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS**

**DESCRIPTION:**

**INFORMATION: SEE ATTACHED MINUTES**

**STAFF  
RECOMMENDATION: BOARD OF DIRECTORS REVIEW & APPROVE  
MINUTES**

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Auburn Area Recreation and Park District  
Minutes  
of the Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Thursday, January 30, 2014, 6:00 p.m.  
Canyon View Community Center  
471 Maidu Drive  
Auburn, CA**

**Board Members**

**Present:** Chairman Curt Smith  
Director Jim Gray  
Director Jim Ferris  
Director Gordon Ainsleigh

**Board Members**

**Absent:** Director Holbrook

**Staff Present:**

Kahl Muscott, District Administrator  
Joe Fecko, Administrative Services Manager  
Larry Gray, Facilities & Grounds Manager  
Manouch Shirvanioun, Customer Service/Marketing Manager  
Pamela Vann, Landscape Architect  
Patricia Larson, Recording Secretary

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

The Meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Smith.

**2.0 INTRODUCTIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**3.0 AGENDA REVIEW, CHANGES AND APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Director Gray and seconded by Director Smith to approve the agenda.

4 – 0 Motion carries.

**4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**

Craig Saunders from the group named SIRS (Sons In Retirement) gave public comment requesting ARD to build bocce ball courts.

Pete Thompson, an Auburn resident involved with the SIRS group gave public comment that a lot of people are involved in bocce ball and they need more courts.

Don Sherman, a Newcastle resident involved with the SIRS group gave public comment that they would like to have four or possibly six courts so they can have tournaments.

Donna Williams an Auburn resident gave public comment regarding being accused of a slanderous comment she did not make.

Bocce ball will be a topic at the February Acquisition & Development Committee meeting.

## **5.0 CONSENT ITEMS**

- 5.1 Review and Approval of Minutes of the December 19, 2013 Meeting of the Board of Directors**
- 5.2 Review and Approval of Minutes of the October 30, 2013 Meeting of Friends of the Auburn Area Recreation and Parks, Inc. 501 (c) (3)**
- 5.3 Review of Cash Requirements for December, 2013 (Standing Finance Meeting)**
- 5.4 Review of Financials for December, 2013 (Standing Finance Meeting)**
- 5.5 Fee Waiver Request from Janeen Steinheimer, Placer High Grad Night (Standing Finance Meeting)**
- 5.6 Outdoor Facility & Fee Rentals – Proposed Policy Changes (Program, Personnel, Policy & Fee Committee Meeting)**

A motion was made by Director Ainsleigh and seconded by Director Ferris to approve the consent calendar with item 5.5 being moved for discussion.

### **Roll Call Vote**

4 – 0 Motion carries, Director Holbrook was absent.

- 5.5 Fee Waiver Request from Janeen Steinheimer, Placer High Grad Night (Standing Finance Meeting)**

A motion was made by Director Ainsleigh and seconded by Director Gray to approve the fee waiver request from Janeen Steinheimer, Placer High Grad Night.

### **Roll Call Vote**

3 – 1 – 0 Motion carries, Director Smith voted no, Director Holbrook was absent.

## **6.0 ADMINISTRATOR'S AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Board reports, the fee waiver log, project list and vandalism report were provided to the Board under separate cover.

## **7.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.



## **8.0 NEW BUSINESS**

### **8.1 Committee Meeting & Related Policies (Program, Personnel, Policy & Fee Committee)**

A motion was made by Director Ferris and seconded by Director Gray to approve amending its policies related to committee meetings and legal review should be the District Administrator and two Board Members designated by the Chairman.

Motion was withdrawn.

A motion was made by Director Smith and seconded by Director Ferris to approve the motion that was previously made by Director Ferris.

#### **Roll Call Vote**

2 yes votes, 2 no votes, 1 absent – motion failed.

A motion was made by Director Ainsleigh to send this item back to the Program, Personnel, Policy & Fee Committee for further review. There was no second to this motion. Motion died for lack of a second.

There was Board consensus to postpone this item until the February 2014 Board meeting.

**The meeting recessed at 7:14 p.m. and reconvened at 7:21 p.m.**

### **8.2 Amending Friends of ARD 501 (c) (3) Policy & Procedures**

A motion was made by Director Ferris and seconded by Director Ainsleigh to approve the amendments to the ARD 501 (c) (3) Policies and Procedures.

#### **Roll Call Vote**

5 - 0 Motion carries, Director Holbrook was absent.

## **9.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Sports Field Rental Fee Increase, see attachment. (Program, Personnel, Policy & Fee Committee) There was discussion and Board consensus to place this item on the February 2014 Board agenda as an action item. User groups will be informed to attend the meeting.

## **10.0 BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

No action will be taken at this time on any item announced or reported by a Board Member. The Board or a member of the Board may provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, request staff to report back to the body at a subsequent Meeting concerning any matter so reported, or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.

**11.0 CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATIONAL**

**12.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**

**13.0 CLOSED SESSION – Closed Session began at 7:28 p.m.**

**14.0 OPEN SESSION – Open Session began at 8:20 p.m.**

No reportable action.

**ADJOURNMENT** - As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. by Chairman Smith.

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Board Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**SECTION: 5.0**

**ITEM: 5.2 REVIEW OF CASH REQUIREMENTS FOR  
JANUARY, 2014**

**DESCRIPTION: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

**INFORMATION: SEE ATTACHED INFORMATION**

**STAFF  
RECOMMENDATION: THIS ITEM WAS REVIEWED BY THE STANDING  
FINANCE COMMITTEE AND FORWARDED TO  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR REVIEW AND  
APPROVAL**

**FISCAL IMPACT: \$148,780.24**

Auburn Rec & Park  
 VENDOR CHECK REGISTER REPORT  
 Payables Management

Ranges: From: To: From: To:  
 Check Number First Last Check Date 1/1/2014 1/31/2014  
 Vendor ID First Last Checkbook ID UMPQ UMPQ  
 Vendor Name First Last

Sorted By: Check Date

\* Voided Checks

Check Number	Vendor ID	Vendor Check Name	Check Date	Checkbook ID	Audit Trail Code	Amount
56798	F0004	Court-Ordered Debt Collections	1/3/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002102	\$83.69
56799	S0016	Sam's Club	1/3/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002102	\$657.40
56800	S1007	Stationary Engineers, Local 39	1/3/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002102	\$240.30
56801	S1010	State Disbursement Unit	1/3/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002102	\$87.50
56802	C0044	Gold Country Reg Chapter CSDA	1/3/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002103	\$30.00
56837	U0019	US Bank	1/8/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002105	\$18,570.88
56803	1099-203	Susan Thomas	1/10/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002104	\$330.20
56804	1099-218	Auburn Gymnastics Center	1/10/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002104	\$6.50
56805	1099-252	Donna Lisa Otto	1/10/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002104	\$292.50
56806	1099-285	Amanda Rogers	1/10/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002104	\$68.25
56807	1099-291	Isaac Humber	1/10/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002104	\$97.50
56808	1099-49	Paula Duffy	1/10/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002104	\$1,004.25
56809	A0014	AT&T	1/10/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002104	\$738.35
56810	A0018	Auburn Chamber of Commerce	1/10/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002104	\$295.54
56811	C0004	CAPRI	1/10/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002104	\$46,030.00
56812	C0072	CIT Technology Fin. Serv., Inc	1/10/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002104	\$532.13
56813	C0111	CENTRAL VALLEY BROADBAND	1/10/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002104	\$189.90
56814	C0113	Cooks Portable Toilets & Septi	1/10/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002104	\$698.38
56815	D0025	Dawson Oil Company	1/10/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002104	\$1,896.21
56816	G0022	Gold Country Printing	1/10/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002104	\$6,116.46
56817	G0077	Gold Country Water	1/10/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002104	\$89.50
56818	I0015	Innovative Playgrounds Company	1/10/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002104	\$799.79
56819	J0012	Deere Credit, Inc.	1/10/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002104	\$990.63
56820	K0011	Kaiser Foundation Health Plan,	1/10/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002104	\$21,137.00
56821	L0027	Pat Larson	1/10/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002104	\$43.97
56822	M0019	Kahl Muscott	1/10/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002104	\$43.87
56823	M0028	Maki Heating & A/C, Inc.	1/10/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002104	\$259.00
56824	M0048	Joanna McNutt	1/10/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002104	\$25.00
56825	M0071	Mission Protection Systems Inc	1/10/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002104	\$189.00
56826	M0098	Meadow Vista County Water Dist	1/10/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002104	\$369.68
56827	N0003	Norris Electric, Inc.	1/10/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002104	\$4,605.01
56828	P0007	Pacific Gas & Electric Company	1/10/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002104	\$43.81
56829	P0058	Pitney Bowes Credit Corporatio	1/10/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002104	\$125.78
56830	P1001	Principal Life Insurance Co-Gr	1/10/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002104	\$2,187.72
56831	R0066	Michael A. Willis	1/10/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002104	\$750.00
56832	S0110	Sierra Sports Service	1/10/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002104	\$364.00
56833	T0019	Tricon Construction, Inc.	1/10/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002104	\$3,529.15
56834	T0028	The Bank of New York Mellon Tr	1/10/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002104	\$3,300.00
56835	V0007	Verizon Wireless	1/10/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002104	\$321.53
56836	A0111	AllGood Driving School, Inc	1/10/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002104	\$56.25
56698	A0018	Auburn Chamber of Commerce	1/15/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002107	\$337.50
56838	F0004	Court-Ordered Debt Collections	1/17/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002106	\$83.69
56839	P0021	Petty Cash	1/17/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002106	\$87.29
56840	R0057	Reserve Account	1/17/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002106	\$500.00
56841	S1007	Stationary Engineers, Local 39	1/17/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002106	\$240.30
56842	S1010	State Disbursement Unit	1/17/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002106	\$87.50
56843	U0028	U.S. Bank Equipment Finance	1/17/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002106	\$383.82
56844	1099-104	Thomas Seibel	1/24/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002108	\$32.50
56845	1099-218	Auburn Gymnastics Center	1/24/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002108	\$175.50
56846	1099-239	Macintosh-Oddo	1/24/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002108	\$2,330.25
56847	1099-243	Phillip Dallas	1/24/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002108	\$260.00
56848	1099-269	Deborah Lynn	1/24/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002108	\$58.50
56849	1099-277	Foothill Karake Do	1/24/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002108	\$175.50
56850	1099-295	Juli Land-Marx	1/24/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002108	\$350.00
56851	A0001	Recology Auburn Placer	1/24/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002108	\$752.18
56852	A0021	Auburn Journal, Incorporated	1/24/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002108	\$149.

Auburn Rec & Park  
 VENDOR CHECK REGISTER REPORT  
 Payables Management

\* Voided Checks

Check Number	Vendor ID	Vendor Check Name	Check Date	Checkbook ID	Audit Trail Code	Amount
56853	A0027	Recology Auburn Placer	1/24/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002108	\$1,202.77
56854	C0111	CENTRAL VALLEY BROADBAND	1/24/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002108	\$129.95
56855	C0113	Cooks Portable Toilets & Septi	1/24/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002108	\$900.00
56856	D0066	De Lage Landen	1/24/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002108	\$562.12
56857	D0077	Dudek	1/24/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002108	\$960.00
56858	G0006	Gold Country Media Publication	1/24/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002108	\$65.00
56859	I0018	ITS A GAS	1/24/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002108	\$1,150.00
56860	M0099	George Eric Menig DBA Menig We	1/24/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002108	\$4,800.00
56861	N0003	Norris Electric, Inc.	1/24/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002108	\$775.00
56862	P0007	Pacific Gas & Electric Company	1/24/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002108	\$7,219.38
56863	P0058	Pitney Bowes Credit Corporatio	1/24/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002108	\$85.30
56864	P0107	Parent's Resource Guide	1/24/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002108	\$250.00
56865	R0066	Michael A. Willis	1/24/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002108	\$250.00
56866	S0034	Sierra Chemical Co.	1/24/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002108	\$745.31
56867	S0110	Sierra Sports Service	1/24/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002108	\$3,638.00
56868	S1000	State Of California/DOJ	1/24/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002108	\$96.00
56869	S1003	Sutter Medical Foundation	1/24/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002108	\$120.00
56870	S1015	Sutter Medical Foundation	1/24/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002108	\$113.46
56871	T1000	Transamerica Life Insurance	1/24/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002108	\$400.00
56872	U0025	Umpqua Bank	1/24/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002108	\$50.00
56873	V0013	Pam Vann	1/24/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002108	\$44.95
56874	C0116	Custom Tops	1/31/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002109	\$1,150.00
56875	S0016	Sam's Club	1/31/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002109	\$680.34
56876	S1010	State Disbursement Unit	1/31/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002109	\$87.50
56877	TEMPK	Heidi Krupp-Meekie	1/31/2014	UMPQ	PMCHK00002109	\$105.00

Total Checks: 81

Total Amount of Checks: \$148,780.24

## **Item # 5.3 Cover sheet – Overlook Park Security Gates Notice of Exemption**

February, 2014 Board of Directors meeting

**Subject: CEQA Notice of Categorical Exemption for Security Gate Improvements at Overlook Park**

**The Issue:** Shall the Auburn Area Recreation and Park District adopt Resolution #2014-02, approving the Notice of Categorical Exemption for the security gate and fence proposal at Overlook Park?

**Background:** The ARD Board of Directors approved a design and plan to install security gates at Overlook Park at the November 21, 2013 Board of Directors meeting. As lead agency, ARD has authority to determine what level of CEQA environmental review, if any, is required. Staff has reviewed the currently adopted CEQA Guidelines and determined that the project qualifies for a NOE (Notice of Categorical Exemption.) As the project qualifies for an NOE, the project is exempt from CEQA based upon the following:

- Section 15301 Existing Facility Class 1
- Section 15304 Minor Alternation to Land Class 4

As a project within an existing developed park area, the project would not have a significant effect on the environment and none of the exceptions to the applicability of a categorical exemption (section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines) apply to the project. Please refer to the attached NOE for a more detailed explanation of why the project is exempt under the above referenced Sections.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends the ARD Board of Directors approve Resolution #2014-02 and the NOE for the Railhead Park.

This NOE was not ready for approval for the February, 2014 A&D Committee and was not reviewed at that time.

**Fiscal Impacts:** There is a nominal filing fee with Placer County of approximately \$50.00.

**Attachments:**

- Notice of Categorical Exemption
- Resolution #2014- 02

## Notice of Categorical Exemption

**To:**

- Office of Planning and Research  
Or
- County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar  
Placer County  
2954 Richardson Drive  
Auburn, CA 95603

**From:**

Auburn Recreation District  
471 Maidu Drive  
Auburn, CA 94603

**Project Title:** Overlook Park Security Enhancements

**Project Location:** 855 Pacific Avenue, Auburn, CA

**Project Location - County:** Placer

**Project Description:**

The Auburn Area Recreation and Park District (ARD) manages Overlook Park as part of Management Agreement between ARD and the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Contract No. 00-LC-20-7281, February 3, 2000). Overlook Park provides many recreational opportunities, including access to several trailheads, views of the American River Canyon, the Auburn Skate Park and a modular building. The parking lot at Overlook Park is situated in such a way that law enforcement has difficulty patrolling from Pacific Avenue. The parking lot is large, and the far east end is dark. These features have made the park a target for residents and non-residents looking for a place to congregate, loiter, party with loud stereos, and consume/deal alcohol and drugs. Neighbors hear the boisterous activities of the park users in the evenings. ARD proposes installing gates, posts and chains in certain locations of the park, allowing the park to be closed on a nightly basis. ARD also proposes to keep the back, far east loop, closed on a daily basis. The loop would only be open for permitted events and gatherings. The proposal allows the park to be locked up each evening while still maintaining limited parking, including ADA parking in front of the modular building. The gates would be locked on a nightly basis by a private, unarmed security company. Park users who find themselves locked in would have the option of contacting Hall's Towing. Hall's would have a key for the gate and would unlock the gate for an applicable fee. Access to the keys and locks would be shared with Bureau of Reclamation, the Auburn Police Department, the Auburn Fire Department and Auburn State Parks. Events and gatherings with a Special Permit, to be issued by ARD, may alter the opening and closing times of the gates.

**APN:** Not available

**Lead Agency:** Auburn Recreation District

**Exempt Status:** (check one)

- Ministerial Project
- Declared Emergency
- Section 15301 Existing Facilities, Class 1; Section 15304 Minor Alteration to Land Class 4
- Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:

**Reason why project is exempt:** The project is within a developed park area and would not have a significant effect on the environment and none of the exceptions to the applicability of a categorical exemption (Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines) apply to the project. The proposed security gate and fence proposal is consistent with the definition of Existing Facilities, Class 1 exemptions in that it relates to the operations of an existing public facility and involves no expansion of use. Section 15304, Class 4 provides that projects involving minor alterations to land are categorically exempt from provisions of CEQA. This allows for filling of earth into previously excavated land with material compatible with the natural features of the site and backfilling where the surface is restored. Therefore the digging of post holes for gates, fences and signs is allowed and exempt from CEQA.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Kahl Muscott, District Administrator  
**Telephone:** 530-885-0611. X102

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**Signature**

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**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Title**

**Date Received for Filing:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2014

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County Clerk



RESOLUTION NUMBER 2014 - 02  
A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
AUBURN AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT ADOPTING NOTICE OF  
EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15301 IN  
CONNECTION TO THE INSTALLATION OF SECURITY GATES AND FENCING  
AT OVERLOOK PARK

**WHEREAS** on November 21, 2013, the Auburn Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors approved the design and concept of installing security gates and fencing at Overlook Park, Auburn, California; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) requires a lead agency to consider the potential environmental effects of any project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Auburn Area Recreation and Park District staff evaluated the proposed project and recommended a CEQA Notice of Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301, (existing facilities) and 15304 (minor alterations to land).

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that the Auburn Area Recreation and Park District finds the Projects to be exempt from the provisions of CEQA under Class 1 Categorical Exemption Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and Class 4 Categorical Exemption Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), and approves the filing of the CEQA Notice of Exemption.

APPROVED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED ON February 27, 2014 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Scott Holbrook  
Vice Chairman of the Governing Board

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk to the Governing Board

**SECTION: 6.0**

**BOARD REPORTS, FEE WAIVER LOG, PROJECT  
LIST AND VANDALISM REPORTS**

**INFORMATION:**

**SEE ATTACHMENTS**

**District Administrator**  
**Report to the Board of Directors**  
**February, 2014**

- The Sock Hop was well received by those in attendance. The band, roller-derby girls and Justice of the Peaceful and the only *Pale Rider*-preacher west of the Pecos (a.k.a Director Ainsleigh) were the highlights of a very fun evening.
- Staff continued to work on tightening the FY 14/15 budget.
- The rains led to some wet fields. Most were closed through Wednesday after the rain.
- Leak issues from this month's big rain:

Recreation Park Main Building

- Hallway behind copy room that leads to kitchen. This is being addressed in-house (it looks like the wind was blowing the rain under a seam).

Regional Park Lakeside Room

- Several leaks, upon investigation it is recommended to replace the entire roof on the lakeside room plus the interior of the mance.
- Current roof is tar and gravel and the plywood has deteriorated, much like the plywood on the room over the restrooms in the community center at Regional did.
- Upon inspection there is standing water on the ceiling
- The recent rains has caused collateral damage inside the Lakeside Room, there is separation around the light boxes in the ceiling as well as a crack in the ceiling that appears to have increased in size over the weekend.
- We are getting quotes from three roofing companies for repair or replacement.

Regional Park Community Center Women's Restroom

- Leak coming out of light fixture. This was repaired.

Regional Gym

- Both vents for the heaters leaked over the weekend, most likely caused by the winds blowing water in to the heaters as well as the ducting compromised
  - o Ordering a product to seal duct work (CCWI181), will apply as soon as weather clears up
- Persistent leak at south end of gym. Staff investigated and found that it is a result of consistent condensation. Staff will re-evaluate the options, including spray foam insulation on the ceiling.

Regional Community Center (related to the issues with the Lakeside Room)

- Alarm activated the weekend of the big storm; cause is likely from water leaking into the smoke detector in the Lakeside Room, we have the alarm disarmed with the alarm company and the fire department has been notified.

**Events/meetings attended**

2/4: Rotary

2/5: Dudek Environmental Consultants re: USBR Operation and Development Plan

2/5: Meadow Vista MAC re: funding request for Ashford Park bathroom remodel  
2/6: USBR, State Park representatives re: Maidu Bike Park  
2/7: Jeff Patton, PUHSD Facilities Manager re: Railhead Park; Regional C field water  
2/7: Jim Logan, 49er United Soccer President  
2/11: Nancy Neuburger re: pickle ball courts at Regional Park  
2/11: Rotary  
2/11: North Auburn MAC re: funding request for Ashford Park bathroom remodel  
2/12: Meeting with Local 39 re: negotiations for upcoming contract  
2/13: Mayor Bridget Powers and Lisa Kodl re: Bike Park tour and discussion of City of Auburn support  
2/13: Bike Park group re: site design  
2/15: Sweetheart Sock Hop  
2/18: Rotary Board meeting  
2/18: Rotary  
2/18: Finance Committee  
2/18: A&D Committee  
2/19: Jessica Daugherty, Placer Land Trust re: Bell Rd. environmental enhancement project  
2/19: Rich Ramirez, Interim City Manager  
2/19: Policy Committee  
2/20: Auburn Community Festival committee

**Meetings scheduled to attend:**

2/24: Diana Boyer and Lisa Kodl re: grant for Bike Park  
2/25: Rotary  
2/26: Chamber Board meeting

**Administrative Services Manager**

**Report to the Board of Directors**

**February, 2014**

Working on new labor contract.  
Working on new Cell tower lease.  
Working on solar panel proposals.  
Working on revisions to Personnel Policy manual.

**Facilities & Grounds Manager**

**Report to the Board of Directors**

**February, 2014**

Replace artificial turf James Field (runway strips outside of dugouts).  
Ball field preparation all District fields (bolt rip, screen drag).  
Mowing of District turf areas.  
Replace landscape dark Atwood Park.  
Repair broken water pipe Overlook Park (under roadway at entry).  
Shade structure remodel Meadow Vista Park (near front entry of park).  
Walking Trail bridge repair (replace several broken deck boards).  
Repaint Sierra Pool guard house (inside).  
Reseal duct work above Regional Gym (all seams recoated to stop leaks).  
Irrigation repair Railhead Park (checks system, replace and adjust heads  
Stain picnic structure Recreation Park (rear park area).

Sock Hop preparation (set up stage, tables, chairs, return stage).  
Stain shade structure Placer Hills Pool.  
Repaint backstop and equipment boxes (Winchester Park).  
Goose droppings Regional Park (walkways).  
Repair Regional Gym score board (replace circuit board).  
Repair Sierra Pool lights (shorted out wire) outside contractor.  
Scheduled cleaning of all District buildings.  
Maintenance of Sierra Pool for High School and Masters swimming.

## **Landscape Architect**

### **Report to the Board of Directors**

**February, 2014**

- **Miscellaneous Items:** Miscellaneous project research, update of project lists, monthly Board report. Miscellaneous project coordination with Larry Gray and Pat Shane.
- **PG&E Land Trust Donation Application:** Continued communication with PG&E and Stewardship Council. Staff meetings and ongoing communication with Placer Land Trust and Stewardship Council. Coordination with consultants on Wetland Study and Topographic Survey work. Coordinated survey work for Christian Valley boundary final survey. Meeting with Stewardship Council, Placer Land Trust and ARD (conference calls). Continue work on concept plans for Bell Road based on topography and wetland delineation. Ongoing coordination on Conservation Easement for Christian Valley property. Multiple staff meetings and discussions. Prepare packet for Placer County pre-development meeting. Phone conference with Stewardship Council to discuss results of site visit with their Board. Continued conversation regarding enhancement project potential at Bell Road site. Meeting with Placer Land Trust to discuss project potential. Developed project outline and research.
- **Bike Park/Pump Track Project:** Multiple staff meetings. Site walks with designer and bike committee. Research. Public meeting at A&D Committee. Consultations with Bureau of Reclamation.
- **Project List Update:** Work on project list updates and 10 year master plan changes. Meeting with Kahl and Joe.
- **Ashford Restroom Remodel:** Phone calls with contractors, project pending mitigation funding approvals.
- **Railhead Park Playgrounds:** Tracking project with Bureau.
- **Railhead Park Design:** Tracking project with Bureau.
- **Regional Park Gym Floor:** Continued site monitoring including site visits and coordination with contractor.
- **Bureau of Reclamation Operation and Development Plan:** Research on planning process. Multiple staff meetings, phone calls with Bureau contacts, work on outline. Meeting with consultant regarding CEQA/NEPA process.
- **Bocce Ball at Recreation Park:** Met with two Bocce ball committee members at Rec Park to discuss site potential. Ongoing research.
- **Pickleball Courts at Regional Park:** Meeting with Kahl to discuss potential conversion of tennis court.

**Customer Service/Marketing Manager**  
**Report to the Board of Directors**  
**February, 2014**

	1/23/14 – 2/20/14	1/24/13-2/21/13
Activity Registrations	\$16,000	\$21,000
Day Care/Discovery payments	\$22,000	\$20,000
Facility payments/reservations	\$11,000	\$12,000

**Recreation Services Manager**  
**Report to the Board of Directors**  
**February, 2014**

- Meetings attended: AAUW Board, ACF
- New calendar is printed. I am working on getting it distributed.
- Prepared 2014 sponsor packets, currently distributing to potential donors.
- Finished meetings with instructors for summer classes. Text is ready for the graphic artist. Hired a new graphic person for the guide as.
- Had meetings with group of Women in Business regarding. Secured sponsor for Expo; currently soliciting vendors.
- Sent than you notes to all volunteers from the Sock Hop.
- Met with Ukulele planning committee.
- Met with representatives from the Waldorf School to finalize camps we are going to co-sponsor for summer.
- Met with Journal Editor Dennis Noone to see how we can work together.
- Met with Mors Rowe from the Visitor Center to see how we can collaborate. She is particularly interested in helping promote the Community Festival and Ukulele Festival.
- Met with the Endurance Committee to report on the ARD component

**AAUW-American Association of University Women, SHF-Auburn Senior Health Fair, PIP-Party in the Park, VFCAL-Valley Foothills Competitive Aquatics League , ACF-Auburn Community Festival, WIN- Women in Network, NNO-National Night Out**

**Coming up this Month**

<b>March 4</b>	<b>Mermaid Conditioning begins.</b>	<b>Sierra Pool</b>
<b>March 9</b>	<b>Mermaids Clinics begin.</b>	<b>Sierra Pool</b>
<b>March 14</b>	<b>Spring Lifeguarding Classes begin</b>	<b>Sierra Pool</b>
<b>March 29</b>	<b>Trivia Bee</b>	<b>Regional Park Gym</b>
<b>March 31</b>	<b>Robalos Stroke and Turn begins</b>	<b>Sierra Pool</b>

**Youth Services Manager**  
**Report to the Board of Directors**  
**February, 2014**

- Flyers sent to Auburn El. and Skyridge for incoming Transitional Kindergarten and kindergarten registrations.
- All three sites have passed the yearly licensing visits with no deficiencies.
- Sites are participating in the 'Be Kind to Animals Poster and Writing contest' being offered by Placer SPCA.
- Purchasing for after school sites, day camp and Sock Hop.
- Planning/participation for Sock Hop on Feb. 15.
- Day Camp on Feb. 10 for Auburn Union School District.
- Day Camp on Feb. 18-21 for Newcastle and Placer Hills school districts.
- Meeting with parents & principal at Newcastle regarding their 2014-15 school calendar.
- Observed the Skyridge Elementary emergency-preparedness drill procedures.
- Summer Day Camp preparation for themes and field trip/event reservations.
- Planning for Spring Break day camp.

FEE WAIVER LOG

DATE	NAME	ORGANIZATION	RENTAL FEES	CUSTODIAL AND PERMIT FEES	WAIVED FEES	CO-SPONSORED EVENT	MONTHLY TOTAL	YTD TOTAL
Apr-13	John Kirkpatrick	Gold Country Wildlife Rescue-Sierra Room, Kitchen, Sunset Rm, Education seminar	\$800.00	\$30.00	\$800.00	No		
Apr-13	Karen Neal	Cub Scout Pack 6-Meadow Vista-Regional Park Picnic sites and Amphitheater-Annual meeting	\$200.00	\$10.00	\$200.00	No		
Apr-13	Bart O'Brien	Auburn Rotary-Outgoing President	\$120.00	\$30.00	\$150.00	No		
							\$1,150.00	\$1,150.00
May-13	James Moore	Auburn "Host" Lions Club- Picnic sites at Recreation Park	\$100.00	\$60.00	\$100.00	No		
May-13	Barbara Crowell	Senior Health Fair-Regional Gym and Lakeside Room	\$1,360.00	\$360.00	\$1,040.00	Yes		
May-13	Kerri Rondoni	Placer Hills School District-Meadow Vista Picnic Sites-End of year party	\$150.00	\$90.00	\$150.00	No		
							\$1,290.00	\$2,440.00
Jul-13	Barbar Whitley	Girl Scouts-Recreation Picnic area- Group meeting	\$50.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	No		
Jul-13	Patrick King	Auburn Moose Lodge Picnic- Recreation Park Picnic	\$75.00	\$60.00	\$75.00	No		
Jul-13	Joshua Freeman	Auburn Church of Christ-Fundraising evnet	\$150.00	\$90.00	\$150.00	No		
Jul-13	Christine Bunnell	Tracey Bunnell-CANCELLED	\$840.00	\$60.00	\$840.00	Yes		
							\$1,115.00	\$3,555.00
Aug-13		Adjustment for Bunnell's cancellation					\$275.00	\$2,715.00
Aug-13	John Gillmore	Boy Scouts of America-Pack 57; Picnic #1, Rec. Park-Pack Meeting	\$80.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	No		
Sep-13	Barbara Webb	Placer Hills Education Foundation: Meadow Vista Picnic Sites-Fundraiser for PHEF	\$225.00	\$130.00	\$225.00	No		
Sep-13	John Gillmore	Boy Scouts of America-Pack 57; Picnic #1, Rec. Park-Pack Meeting	\$50.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	No		
							\$50.00	\$2,765.00



FEE WAIVER LOG

DATE	NAME	ORGANIZATION	RENTAL FEES	CUSTODIAL AND PERMIT FEES	WAIVED FEES	CO-SPONSORED EVENT	MONTHLY TOTAL	YTD TOTAL
Sep-13	Ed Easton	Gold Country Toy Run-Annual Ride... Regional Gym and Picnic sites at Rec. Park	\$710.00	\$30.00	\$740.00	Yes		
							\$1,015.00	\$3,780.00
Oct-13	Katrina Kane	Placer County Sheriff Search & Rescue Recertification Prg. At Overlook Park	\$226.00	\$60.00	\$226.00	No		
Oct-13	Patrick Little	Special Olympics-Recreation Gym	\$643.50	\$165.00	\$643.50	No		
Oct-13	Veona Galbraith	Girl Scout Troop 1589-Lakeside Room	\$120.00	\$30.00	\$120.00	No		
							\$989.50	\$4,769.50
Nov-13	Will Taylor	Health and Human Services, Placer County- Recovery Happens. Recreation Park Picnic Sites	\$240.00	\$90.00	\$240.00	No	\$240.00	\$5,009.50
Dec-13	Alexandra Hastings	Auburn Zombie Run-Recreation Park Picnic Sites	\$150.00	\$60.00	\$150.00	Yes		
Dec-13	Tim Helmer	Auburn Area 45 Club-Fundraising Christmas Event for Children-Sierra Room and Kitchen	\$230.00	\$60.00	\$230.00	No		
Dec-13	Susan Rushton	AAUW-Annual Trivia Bee Fundraising-Regional Gym and Lakeside Room	\$2,160.00	\$90.00	\$2,160.00	No		
							\$2,440.00	\$7,729.50
Jan 014	Ralph Lucas	Western States Endurance Run holding a communication training session in Sierra Room	\$360.00	\$60.00	\$360.00	Per MOU with WSTF		
Jan 014	Janean Steinheimer	Placer High Grad Night- Recreation Park Building and Pool	\$4,880.00	\$635.00	\$4,880.00	Yes		
							\$5,240.00	\$13,329.50
Feb-14	John Demello	Placer Sportsmen-Recreation Gym for fundraising: Fishing Derby at Regional Park	\$507.00	\$90.00	\$407.00	Yes		



**2013/2014 Project List**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>Est. Cost</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Est. completion date</b>
<b>Ashford Park</b>			
Restroom Remodel	35,000	Meetings with local agencies for mitigation funding approval ongoing.	May-14
Ashford Path Of Travel Renovation	27,000	Project complete	Oct-13
Path Of Travel Rest Stops	4,000	Cannot construct rest stops because code compliant slopes are not buildable	
Parking Lot Renovation	40,000	Project complete	Oct-13
Playground Replacement	68,000	Playground completed and inspected	Jul-13
ADA Signage	500	Install directional signage throughout park	Mar-14
Pond mucking	6,850	Work completed	Oct-13
<b>Recreation Park</b>			
ADA Signage	1,500	Ordered signage, waiting for installation	Mar-14
Begg's Safety Netting	1,500	Contractor scheduled for installation	Mar-14
Expansion Joint Pool	35,000	Project Completed	Oct-13
<b>Regional Park</b>			
24 Acres Walking Path - In Kind	235,000	DG pathway by Western Care; project on hold due to issues with Timberline Project	TBD
MP Field Improvements	12,500	Work to begin April 1, 2014	July, 2014
<b>Canyon View Community Center</b>			
Roof Repair	10,000	Project completed	Mid November, 2013
<b>Railhead Park</b>			
Shade Structure and Hardscape	121,200	Packet submitted to Bureau February 5, 2014	Jun-14
Playground Replacement	61,000	Packet submitted to Bureau February 5, 2014	Jun-14
<b>Meadow Vista Park</b>			
Pathway Repairs	23,000	Project Completed	Sep-13
Pond mucking	18,149	Work completed	Oct-13
Total Projects Fiscal Year	700,199		
Updated February 12, 2014			

Feb-14

**Vandalism Report**

DATE	LOCATION	VANDALISM	LABOR COSTS	MATERIAL COSTS
2/2/2014	Regional Park	Toilet paper dispenser broken, graffiti	\$30.00	\$55.00, acetone to remove graffiti and two new toilet paper dispensers
2/3/2014	Overlook	Car drove through two grass areas, pieces of car picked up	\$10.00	Possible tree loss, will have to wait and see if it survives
2/13/2014	Meadow Vista	Coyote taken	\$0.00	\$50 to replace
2/14/2014	Regional C-Field	Score Booth, broken in, turbine ripped off roof	\$60	\$125, new turbine for roof, new hasp for door

Total Labor	\$100	Total Material	\$230
Total for Year	\$430	Total for Year	\$1,405.46

Jan-14

**Vandalism Report**

DATE	LOCATION	VANDALISM	LABOR COSTS	MATERIAL COSTS
12/11/2014	Overlook Park	Graffiti, men's bathroom wall	\$20	\$10, paint to cover graffiti
12/11/2014	Regional Park	Broken bubble on play set	\$40	\$800, replacement bubble
12/21/2013	Regional Park	Broke into A & C Field Score Booth	\$20	\$15, replacemnt hasps
12/25/2013	Regional Park	Broke into C Field score Booth	\$20	\$35.46, new lock set
12/30/2013	Regional Park	Toilet paper dispensers taken	\$20	\$34, two new dispensers
1/2/2014	Winchester	Broke into Soccer Storage Unit		\$13, new lock replacement
1/5/2014	Regional Park	Broke in B Field Score Booth	\$30	\$23, new hinges
1/8/2014	Skate Park	Graffiti, table	\$20	\$15, paint
1/15/2014	Regional Park	Cayote taken from A Field	\$0	\$55, to replace cayote
1/22/2014	Recreation Park	Broke into gated storage area stole gas, cut gas lines on equipment, cut chain link fence for entry	\$160	\$175, chain link fence, gas, gas lines

**Total \$330.00 Total \$1,175.46**

## **Item # 8.1 Cover Sheet for 2014/2015 Preliminary Budget**

Auburn Area Recreation and Park District Finance Meeting and Board of Directors meeting February 2014

**The Issue:** Shall the Board approve the preliminary budget?

**Background:** As proposed by staff, the preliminary budget reflects an estimated surplus of \$41,000. The following assumptions have been made:

1. 3% increase in property tax revenues or approximately \$71,500.
2. Reduction of \$45,000 in rental revenue due to a large renter moving out (church) and the loss of \$25,000 in Sprint tower rental revenue.
3. \$5,000 increase in fuel costs due to projected increases of oil.
4. \$5,000 increase in maintenance costs at all parks for new bark at playgrounds, goose control, debris box service.
5. Increase of \$7,000 for additional hours of service for the landscape architect.
6. Increase of \$2,000 for uniform allowance for maintenance staff.
7. 20% increase in medical insurance premiums beginning December 1, 2014 or approximately \$15,000 for the four months beginning December 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015.
8. \$50,000 towards the equipment reserve is included in the budget as is \$5,000 towards the ADA reserve.
9. Debt service for the Regional gym has been eliminated as the final payment will be made from a reserve account that was set up at Deutsche Landesbank.

**Recommendation:** The finance committee moved this item to the Board with a positive recommendation. Staff recommends that the Board approve the preliminary budget.

**Attachments:**

1. Departmental summary budgets
2. District wide budget summary

**AUBURN AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT  
BUDGET SUMMARY**

**2014/2015 Preliminary Budget**

	Program revenue	Facility revenue	Misc. revenue	Grants	Interest revenue	Project revenue city/city mitigation	Tax revenue	In Kind	Transfer in from reserves	Atwood III taxes	RDA passthru	Debt service	Contingency Reserve (ADA reserve) Eq Res	TOTAL	% of Total
Administration F&G			9,000		28,000		2,470,945				25,875			2,533,820	60%
Cust Service Recreation	7,000	139,362	1,100		1,800	352,800		40,000	400,446	20,190				955,698	23%
Youth Services	272,200		2,500	19,750										294,450	7%
Aquatics	308,100		3,600											311,700	7%
	115,400	3,000												118,400	3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>702,700</b>	<b>142,362</b>	<b>16,200</b>	<b>19,750</b>	<b>29,800</b>	<b>352,800</b>	<b>2,470,945</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>400,446</b>	<b>20,190</b>	<b>25,875</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,221,068</b>	<b>100%</b>
						8.4									
<b>Program expense</b>															
Administration		106,650		18,650		85,000	329,848	127,778	5,000					672,926	0%
F&G		114,600	177,775	1,500	205,800		665,749	351,258	41,400	793,246		15,424	55,000	2,421,752	16%
Cust Service		44,050		3,750			105,155	44,274						197,229	58%
Recreation	167,250	42,800		500			140,512	55,655	2,050					408,767	5%
Youth Services	20,300	4,845			3,400		221,449	71,389						321,383	10%
Aquatics	9,800	1,790	11,200		25,000		90,056	17,541	2,500					157,887	8%
														157,887	4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>197,350</b>	<b>314,735</b>	<b>188,975</b>	<b>24,400</b>	<b>234,200</b>	<b>85,000</b>	<b>1,552,769</b>	<b>667,895</b>	<b>50,950</b>	<b>793,246</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,424</b>	<b>55,000</b>	<b>4,179,944</b>	<b>100%</b>
								19.0							
														<b>41,124</b>	<b>0.97%</b>



**AUBURN AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT  
BUDGET SUMMARY**

**2014/2015 Preliminary Budget**

	2013/2014 year end	% of total	2014/2015 Preliminary Budget	
<b>Operating Revenues</b>				
Program Revenue	\$ 697,400	17.1	702,700	16.6
Facility Revenue	\$ 223,561	5.5	142,362	3.4
Misc. Revenue	\$ 31,400	0.8	16,200	0.38
Donations, Grant Revenue and In Kind	\$ 20,750	0.5	59,750	1.42
Interest Income	\$ 42,350	1.0	29,800	0.7
Projects Revenue	\$ 495,000	12.2	352,800	8.4
Tax Revenue	\$ 2,374,296	58.3	2,496,820	59.2
Transfer in from Cap Construction Fund	\$ -	0.0	400,446	9.5
Misc	\$ 185,459	4.6	20,190	0.5
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 4,070,216</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>4,221,068</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Program Expense	\$ 199,650	5.0%	197,350	4.7
Operating & Supplies	\$ 292,676	7.4%	314,735	7.5
Utilities Expense	\$ 203,955	5.1%	186,975	4.5
Professional Services	\$ 57,500	1.5%	24,400	0.6
Building & Grounds Maintenance	\$ 251,125	6.3%	234,200	5.6
Property Tax Admin.	\$ 52,200	1.3%	85,000	2.0
Wages	\$ 1,376,977	34.8%	1,552,769	37.1
Benefits & Payroll Costs	\$ 606,695	15.3%	667,895	16.0
Fixed Asset Expense	\$ 103,459	2.6%	50,950	1.2
Capital Improvement Projects Mitigation	\$ 578,000	14.6%	793,246	19.0
Capital Improvement Projects General Fund	\$ 154,942	3.9%	-	0.0
Debt Services	\$ -	0.0%	15,424	0.4
Special Departmental Expenses	\$ 35,000	0.9%	-	0.0
Project Expenditures	\$ -	0.0%	-	0.0
Misc Expense	\$ -	0.0%	-	0.0
Equipment Reserve	\$ 50,000	1.3%	55,000	1.3
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 3,962,179</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4,179,944</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Net Revenue Over Expenditures	<b>108037</b>		<b>41,124</b>	
Annual Equip Replacement Fund	\$ 558,531	(current)	529342	
Future Capital Construction Fund	\$ 682,329	(current)	588884	
Contingency Reserve	\$ 444,950	(current)	444950	
ADA reserve	\$ 79,335	(current)	46335	
<b>TOTAL RESERVES</b>	<b>\$ 1,765,145</b>	<b>(current)</b>	<b>\$ 1,609,511</b>	



## Administration 13-14 budget Revenues

	Actual 13-14	Mid yr Revision 13-14 budget	Prelim 14-15
Misc. Income -w/c div and other	8,403	16,104	9,000
Misc Income - Liability Ins dividend	5,790	-	0
501c3 receivable	-	-	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,193</b>	<b>16,104</b>	<b>9,000</b>

Donations - Admin	-	-	0
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### Interest Income

Interest Revenue - County	30,378	32,914	28,000
Interest Revenue other	922	863	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31,300</b>	<b>33,777</b>	<b>28,000</b>

### Other Financing Sources

Transfers fro the Equipment Reserves	-	-	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>

### Taxes & Gov't Revenues

Current Sec Prop Tax General	2,179,232	2,224,917	2,255,679
Homeowner's Prop. Tax Reduction	15,433	28,148	14,559
Current Unsec Prop Tax General	59,118	57,639	55,889
Suppl. Prop Tax Current	37,242	28,057	37,620
Unitary & Op Non-unitary Tax	88,127	86,142	91,211
Prior Unsec Prop Tax	-	-	0
Timber Tax Guarantee	1	1	0
Prior Supplemental Tax Rev	-	-	0
Prior Secured Prop Taxes	-	-	0
Railroad Unitary Prop Taxes	1,481	1,294	986
RDA Pass - Throughs	18,726	43,726	15,000
Redemptions Gen Taxes	-	-	0
Tax Adjustment	-	-	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,399,360</b>	<b>2,469,924</b>	<b>2,470,945</b>

**Total Revenues** 2,444,853 2,519,805 2,507,945

### Expenditures

Operations & Supplies	Actual 13-14	13-14 budget	Prelim 14-15
Discounts Taken	-	-	0
CalCard Incentive	(1,936)	(1,723)	-100
Telephone (CVCC) - Admin	4,309	4,389	4,350

Postage - Admin	1,185	1,479	1,350
Bank Service Charges	1,213	1,230	1,200
Office Supplies - Admin	4,441	4,998	4,050
Duplication Costs- Admin	1,183	1,581	950
Office Equip. Rental- Admin	7,340	6,165	7,200
Office Equip Maint - Admin	-	-	0
Dining Expense	736	919	750
Gas/Mileage Expense	910	831	900
General Admin Exp	100	300	300
Liability Insurance	59,643	59,820	64,500
Board Expense	1,416	1,502	1,650
Public Relations/Mktg.	2,203	3,328	0
Dues & Subscriptions	12,282	7,875	11,000
Staff Appreciation	63	-	0
Staff Development	1,224	1,724	1,650
Uniform Expense	-	-	0
Safety Supplies - Administration	-	-	0
Theft	-	-	0
Small Office Equipment	1,435	876	1,200
Penalties	-	-	0
Finance Charges	54	54	400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>97,801</b>	<b>95,348</b>	<b>101,350</b>
		-	
Legal Fees	6,315	12,830	4,500

**Professional Services**

	Actual 13-14	13-14 budget	Prelim 14-15
	100	-	0
Professional Services	5,845	6,745	4,750
Accounting/Auditor Fees	12,580	12,580	9,400
Environmental Services	-	-	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,525</b>	<b>19,325</b>	<b>14,150</b>

**Property Tax/Election Expense**

Property Tax Administration	51,435	51,435	52,500
Election Expense	-	-	30,000
LAFCO Fees	1,668	2,668	2,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>53,103</b>	<b>54,103</b>	<b>85,000</b>

**Salaries/Wages Expenses**

Actual 13-14      13-14 budget      Prelim 14-15

Wages - Admin - Full Time	134,655	139,443	173,098
Wages - Admin - Part Time	53,863	56,355	48,050
Wages- Admin - Board Pay	29,950	29,950	30,000
Wages - District Administrator	94,572	96,328	78,700
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>313,040</b>	<b>322,076</b>	<b>329,848</b>

**Benefits & Payroll Costs**

ER -Taxes - Admin	23,703	24,891	26,983
Employment Expense - Admin	-	-	0
Fingerprinting	-	-	0
Benefits Expense - Admin	45,188	41,178	54,431
Employer Retirement Exp.	44,521	46,195	42,971
Worker's Compensation	3,375	3,329	3,393
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>116,787</b>	<b>115,593</b>	<b>127,778</b>

**Fixed Assets- Equipment**

Fixed Assets	1,000	1,000	0
Computer Purchases - Admin.	11,647	11,647	5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,647</b>	<b>12,647</b>	<b>5,000</b>

501 C3 donation	-	-	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>

Reserve for future capital construct		-	0
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**Total Expenditures**

<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>618,218</b>	<b>631,922</b>	<b>667,626</b>
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<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>2,444,853</b>	<b>2,519,805</b>	<b>2,507,945</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>618,218</b>	<b>631,922</b>	<b>667,626</b>
<b>Contingency Fund 1% of total exp.</b>	<b>6,182</b>	<b>6,319</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Gain (Loss)</b>	<b>1,820,453</b>	<b>1,881,564</b>	<b>1,840,319</b>

**Aquatics  
13-14 budget  
Revenues**

	Actual 13-14	Mid yr Revision 13-14 budget	Prelim 14-15
Adult Aquatic Activities	6,060	6,060	4,500
Adult Aquatic Activities Placer Hills	1,375	1,375	1,350
Master Swim	5,045	5,045	4,000
Stroke & Turn	3,757	3,757	3,800
Public Swim	34,521	30,319	35,500
Public Swim - Placer Hills Pool	4,175	4,175	4,250
Swim Lessons	23,838	23,838	22,350
Swim Lessons - Placer Hills Pool	8,963	8,963	8,900
Swim Team	26,977	26,822	25,750
Synchro Team	5,605	5,605	5,000
Misc Income PH pool	0	0	0
Misc Income	-1,478	1,080	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>118,838</b>	<b>117,039</b>	<b>115,400</b>
<b>Rents &amp; Concessions</b>			
Sierra/Splash Pool Rental	1,500	1,500	1,250
Placer Hills Pool rental	1,900	1,900	1,750
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>3,000</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>122,238</b>	<b>120,439</b>	<b>118,400</b>

**Expenditures**

		Mid yr Revision 13-14 budget	
<b>Program Expenditures</b>			
Instructors - Aquatics	3,150	3,150	3,500
Adult Aquatic Activities Exp.	1,577	1,577	1,700
Public Swim Expenses	2,220	2,220	2,050
Public Swim Expenses PH	385	385	500
Swim Lessons Expenses	15	15	0
Swim Team Expenses	1,040	1,540	1,150
Synchro Team Expenses	-317	-567	900
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8,070</b>	<b>8,320</b>	<b>9,800</b>

**Operations & Supplies**

Telephone - Placer Hills Pool	167	164	90
Gas Mileage	146	146	150
Staff Appreciation- Aquatics	0	0	0
Small Equipment Sierra Pool	25	25	1,550
Small Equipment PH Pool	0	0	0
Staff Development- Aquatics	81	-39	0
Uniform Exp	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>1,790</b>

**Utilities**

Gas/Electric - Sierra Pool	20,945	22,554	22,100
Gas/Electric - Placer Hills	5,193	4,898	5,500
<b>Reimbursement - Gas/Electric</b>	<b>-11,329</b>	<b>-12,000</b>	<b>-11,000</b>
Water - Sierra Pool	5,061	6,067	6,000
Water - Placer Hills	704	1,011	600
<b>Totals</b>	<b>20,574</b>	<b>22,530</b>	<b>23,200</b>

**Maintenance**

Maintenance - Sierra Pool	24,402	26,799	26,000
<b>Reimbursement - Maintenance</b>	-5,795	-4,780	-6,000
Maintenance - Placer Hills pool	4,413	3,986	5,000
<b>Totals</b>	23,020	26,005	25,000

**Salaries/Wages Expenses**

	Actual 13-14	13-14 budget	Prelim 14-15
Wages - Aquatics Coordinator	15,877	16,105	15,856
Wages - Aqua Coord - Placer Hills	0	0	0
Wages - Aquatic Activities	2,318	2,318	3,700
Wages - Public Swim	36,698	36,621	38,000
Wages - Public Swim - PH Pool	6,354	6,354	3,500
Wages - Swim Lessons	5,465	5,465	11,500
Wages - Swim Lessons - PH Pool	2,275	2,275	1,500
Wages - Master Swim	2,261	2,261	1,450
Stroke & Turn	0	0	0
Wages - Coaches (Swim Team)	6,532	6,532	10,350
Wages - Coaches (Synchro)	4,093	4,093	4,200
<b>Totals</b>	81,873	82,024	90,056

**Benefits & Payroll Costs**

ER -Taxes	10,067	10,148	10,740
Employment Exp- Aquatics	1,640	760	1,750
Fingerprinting Exp- Aquatics	396	396	550
Calpers Exp.	3,039	3,047	2,645
Worker's Comp	1,318	1,327	1,856
<b>Totals</b>	16,460	15,678	17,541

**Equipment & Fixed Assets**

Fixed Assets - Aquatics	2,620	4,620	2,500
<b>Totals</b>	2,620	4,620	2,500

<b>Total Expenditures</b>	151,534	159,473	169,887
<b>Total Revenues</b>	122,238	120,439	118,400
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	153,036	159,473	169,887
<b>Contingency 2% of expenses</b>	1,649	1,595	0
<b>Net Gain (Loss)</b>	-32,447	-40,629	-51,487

## Customer Service 13-14 Budget Revenues

Actual 13-14      Budget Revision      Prelim 14-15

### Revenue

Out of Dist Fees	9,185	8,185	7,000
Return Check Fees	190	130	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,375</b>	<b>8,315</b>	<b>7,000</b>

### Rents & Concessions

	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### Miscellaneous Revenue

	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>		

### Grant Revenue

	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>9,375</b>	<b>8,315</b>	<b>7,000</b>
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## Expenditures

### Expenditures

Cash short/over	-1	-1	0
Merchant fees	5,484	5,618	5,200
Telephone expense	9,288	8,763	8,400
Gift Certificates	505	390	0
Postage	500	500	600
Office Supplies	2,778	2,709	1,650
Duplication costs	4,701	3,847	2,550
Office Equipment rental	11,603	12,081	12,000
Office equipment Maintenance	0	0	0
Gas/Mileage Expense	773	598	650
Public Relations/Marketing	14,010	12,721	15,000
Dues and Subscriptions	145	295	250
Staff Appreciation	21	21	0
Staff Development	99	349	0
Theft Expense	0	0	0
Bad Debt	1,156	4,248	500
Small Office equipment	235	719	250
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>51,297</b>	<b>52,858</b>	<b>47,050</b>





**Facilities & Grounds  
13-14 Budget  
Revenues**

	Actual 13- 14	Mid Yr Revised 13-14 budget	Prelim 14-15
Fee Waivers- Public	(10,934)	(14,590)	(10,000)
Fee Waiver Offset	11,900	15,540	10,000
Fee Waivers-CVCC Public	(966)	(950)	0
Blue Bird Room - CVCC	1,150	1,650	0
Stella Irving - Rec	0	0	0
Lakeside - Reg	3,898	4,783	4,000
Sierra Room Rental- CVCC	14,050	13,210	8,000
Sunset Room Rental- CVCC	2,110	2,090	600
Canyon View Room Rental-CVCC	5,065	6,195	1,000
Foothills Room Rental- CVCC	6,416	8,066	2,400
Oak Room Rental-CVCC	270	270	0
American River Room	4,250	3,800	4,250
Conference Room Rentals	0	0	0
Board Room Rental - CVCC	2,916	3,416	2,250
Conference Modular - Overlook	7,686	7,686	8,000
Gazebo - Rec	410	410	450
Gym - Rec	539	480	500
Gym - Reg	9,465	13,847	15,000
Tutor Totter Lease Agreement	5,843	5,843	6,012
Kitchen - Rec	80	80	0
Kitchen - Reg	0	0	0
Kitchen-CVCC	2,080	2,720	550
Picnic Area - Rec	8,218	7,918	7,900
Picnic Area - Reg	1,665	2,850	1,950
Picnic Area - Ashford	720	720	800
Picnic Area - Meadow Vista	2,865	2,355	2,600
Field - Recreation	3,832	3,684	3,400
Field A - Reg	363	52	0
Field - Softball MV	4,026	2,336	3,000
Field - Christian Valley	3,101	2,150	1,750
Field Soccer/Baseball-Winchester	3,956	2,512	2,350
Field "Beggs" - Rec	4,678	4,678	3,500
Field B - Reg	3,636	3,636	1,900
Field "James" - Rec	11,770	12,639	8,950
Field "Chana" - Reg	5,095	5,159	4,500
Field Soccer - Reg	5,166	5,166	4,000
Field Soccer A- MV	0	0	0
Field Soccer A- Railhead	12,439	10,297	10,000
Field Placer Hills	1,039	1,039	500
Field Soccer B- MV	760	760	750
Field Soccer B- Railhead	12,409	12,214	10,750
Field "Pee Wee Soccer" Rental - MV	0	0	0
Field Lining Revenue - Reg	0	0	0
Misc Rents & Concessions	26,618	26,385	2,500
Custodial Fees	13,670	14,510	13,750
Set up and Take Down Fees	1,600	1,960	1,500
<b>TOTAL RENTS &amp; CONCESSIONS</b>	<b>193,854</b>	<b>197,566</b>	<b>139,382</b>

**Miscellaneous Revenues**

	Actual 13- 14	Mid Yr Revised 13-14 budget	Prelim 14-15
Misc Income - F & G	4,874	500	0
Alcohol permit	1,860	1,680	1,100
	0	0	0
<b>Total Misc Revenue</b>	<b>6,734</b>	<b>2,180</b>	<b>1,100</b>

**Grants & Donations**

	Actual 13- 14	Mid Yr Revised 13-14 budget	Prelim 14-15
In-Kind Donations	251,200	235,000	0
Donations F&G	7,953	6,505	0
<b>TOTAL GRANTS &amp; DONATIONS</b>	<b>259,153</b>	<b>241,505</b>	<b>0</b>

Interest Revenue - City Trust	2,763	2,922	1,800
<b>TOTAL Interest Income</b>	<b>2,763</b>	<b>2,922</b>	<b>1,800</b>

**Project Revenue - Government**

	Actual 13- 14	Mid Yr Revised 13-14 budget	Prelim 14-15
County Mitigation	183,300	183,300	0
City Mitigation Revenue	(20,892)	15,504	0



**Total Project Revenue - Gov** 162,408 **198,804** **0**

**Other Financing Sources**

Transfers from Future Capital Constr.	93,445	<b>93,445</b>	<b>0</b>
Transfers from Equipment Reserv	29,189	<b>29,189</b>	<b>0</b>
Transfers from ADA Fund	33,000	<b>33,000</b>	<b>0</b>
City Mitigation Apportionment	130,533	<b>94,137</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Project Revenue - Gov</b>	286,167	<b>249,771</b>	<b>0</b>

**Taxes & Government Revenue**

Atwood III Tax Revenue	20,254	<b>20,254</b>	<b>20,190</b>
<b>Total Taxes &amp; Gov't Revenue</b>	20,254	<b>20,254</b>	<b>20,190</b>

**TOTAL REVENUES** 931,333 **913,002** **162,452**

**Expenditures**

Operations & Supplies	Mid Yr Revised		
	Actual 13-14	13-14 budget	Prelim 14-15
Telephone - F & G	6,760	<b>7,035</b>	<b>7,800</b>
Office Supplies - F & G	1,014	<b>820</b>	<b>800</b>
Duplication Cost - F & G	100	<b>150</b>	<b>50</b>
Gas/Mileage Expense - Fac & Gr..	27,175	<b>28,222</b>	<b>33,000</b>
Membership & Dues - F & G	272	<b>272</b>	<b>100</b>
Staff Appreciation - F & G	31	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>
Staff Development - F & G	0	<b>500</b>	<b>0</b>
Safety Supplies - F & G	2,977	<b>2,403</b>	<b>2,400</b>
Restroom Supplies - Rec Park	1,937	<b>1,912</b>	<b>1,200</b>
Restroom Supplies - Reg. Park	1,820	<b>1,831</b>	<b>1,200</b>
Restroom Supplies - Ashford	1,145	<b>1,121</b>	<b>1,200</b>
Restroom Supplies - M.V. Park	1,122	<b>1,075</b>	<b>1,200</b>
Restroom Supplies - Railhead Park	1,162	<b>1,131</b>	<b>1,200</b>
Restroom Supplies - Overlook Park	1,096	<b>1,072</b>	<b>1,200</b>
Restroom Supplies - Winchester Park	487	<b>501</b>	<b>600</b>
Restroom Supplies - Rec. Comm Ctr	1,461	<b>1,123</b>	<b>1,200</b>
Restroom Supplies - Reg. Comm. Ctr	1,116	<b>800</b>	<b>1,200</b>
Restroom Supplies - CVCC	2,016	<b>1,900</b>	<b>2,250</b>
Rec Park - Debris Box	8,027	<b>6,677</b>	<b>9,750</b>
Sanitation- Regional Park - Debris	6,272	<b>5,497</b>	<b>9,000</b>
Sanitation- Rec Park- Port. Toilet	2,743	<b>1,540</b>	<b>3,450</b>
			<b>0</b>
Sanitation- Regional Park- Port. Toilet	6,299	<b>5,949</b>	<b>8,400</b>
Sanitation- CV - Port. Toilet	0	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Sanitation- Winchester Park- Port. Toilet	5,700	<b>5,350</b>	<b>3,900</b>
Sanitation-Reg ADA portable toilet	2,444	<b>2,097</b>	<b>2,450</b>
Sanitation- MV Park- Debris	5,122	<b>4,938</b>	<b>7,450</b>
Sanitation- CVCC - Debris	3,896	<b>3,793</b>	<b>3,300</b>
Small Tools and Equipment-Rec Park	3,195	<b>5,292</b>	<b>4,500</b>
Small Tools and Equipment-Reg Park	1,129	<b>1,489</b>	<b>4,250</b>
Small Tools and Equipment-MV Park	567	<b>567</b>	<b>2,350</b>
Small Tools and Equipment-CVCC Fac	107	<b>200</b>	<b>1,700</b>
Field Marking Expense	419	<b>788</b>	<b>800</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATIONS &amp; SUPPLIES</b>	97,666	<b>97,161</b>	<b>114,600</b>

Lights- Rec Pk Beggs Field (LL)	Mid Yr Revised		
	Actual 13-14	13-14 budget	Prelim 14-15
Lights- Rec Pk Beggs Field (LL)	2,542	<b>2,259</b>	<b>2,050</b>
Lighting Reimbursements - Beggs Fld.	(2,456)	<b>(2,013)</b>	<b>(2,150)</b>
Lights- Rec Park James Field (LL)	3,943	<b>3,836</b>	<b>4,000</b>
Lighting Reimbursements - James Fld.	(3,648)	<b>(3,352)</b>	<b>(3,600)</b>
Lights- Recreation Field (LL)	761	<b>758</b>	<b>750</b>
Lighting Reimbursements - Rec Fld.	(1,070)	<b>(959)</b>	<b>(750)</b>
Gas/Electric - Rec Comm Ctr	21,904	<b>21,713</b>	<b>22,000</b>
Gas/Electric - Reg Comm Ctr	9,474	<b>9,409</b>	<b>9,200</b>
Gas/Elec. - Chr Vly Comm Ctr	1,162	<b>1,213</b>	<b>1,125</b>
Electric Reimbursements - Chr Vly CC	(485)	<b>(421)</b>	<b>0</b>
Gas/Electric - CVCC	24,159	<b>25,136</b>	<b>23,500</b>
Gas/Electric - Recreation Park	7,580	<b>7,158</b>	<b>7,500</b>
Gas/Electric - Reg Park	17,841	<b>18,445</b>	<b>18,000</b>
Lighting Reimbursements - Reg Park	(6,237)	<b>(5,887)</b>	<b>(2,300)</b>
Gas/Electric - Ashford Park	2,343	<b>2,581</b>	<b>2,300</b>
Gas/Elec. - MV Park	5,983	<b>5,733</b>	<b>6,300</b>

Electric - Railhead	3,096	<b>2,922</b>	<b>2,700</b>
Lighting Reimbursements - Railhead	(1,302)	<b>(1,518)</b>	<b>(1,300)</b>
Gas/Electric - Overlook Park	0	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Gas/Electric- Winchester Park	1,521	<b>1,692</b>	<b>1,500</b>
Water - Rec Comm Ctr	2,621	<b>2,783</b>	<b>2,550</b>
Water - Reg Comm Ctr	1,624	<b>1,661</b>	<b>1,700</b>
Water - Chr Vly Comm Ctr	1,845	<b>1,625</b>	<b>1,750</b>
Water - CVCC	3,167	<b>2,221</b>	<b>2,250</b>
Water - Recreation Park	4,056	<b>4,966</b>	<b>3,400</b>
Water - Regional Park	7,260	<b>8,789</b>	<b>8,100</b>
Water - Ashford Park	3,473	<b>3,500</b>	<b>3,500</b>
Water - MV Park	9,464	<b>7,942</b>	<b>8,600</b>
Water - Chr Vly Park	3,339	<b>3,700</b>	<b>3,200</b>
Water - Railhead Park	3,381	<b>3,186</b>	<b>3,250</b>
Water - CVCC (Park)	1,596	<b>3,323</b>	<b>1,800</b>
Water - Overlook	6,257	<b>5,875</b>	<b>4,300</b>
Water - Placer Hills Park	4,786	<b>3,784</b>	<b>4,100</b>
Water - Winchester Park	0	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Water - Atwood	4,635	<b>2,521</b>	<b>3,100</b>
Water - Chana Field	100	<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>
Sanitation - Rec Park (Sewer)	7,295	<b>7,955</b>	<b>8,000</b>
Sanitation - Railhead (Sewer)	136	<b>136</b>	<b>250</b>
Sanitation - Regional Park - (Sewer)	12,930	<b>13,000</b>	<b>13,000</b>
Sanitation - Ashford Park (Sewer)	1,406	<b>5,500</b>	<b>6,000</b>
Sanitation - Overlook (Sewer)	575	<b>575</b>	<b>600</b>
Sanitation - CVCC (Sewer)	7,955	<b>7,295</b>	<b>7,500</b>
<b>TOTAL UTILITIES</b>	<b>175,012</b>	<b>179,092</b>	<b>177,775</b>

**Professional Services**

Mid Yr Revised

Professional Services - Atwood III	1,346	<b>478</b>	<b>1,250</b>
Professional Services	228	<b>228</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>Total Professional Services</b>	<b>1,574</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>1,500</b>

**Building & Grounds Maintenance**

Mid Yr Revised

District Vehicles Maint - F & G	13,457	<b>14,445</b>	<b>12,500</b>
Equipment Rental - F & G	485	<b>340</b>	<b>350</b>
Maint & Repairs - Equipment	11,864	<b>14,528</b>	<b>11,500</b>
Maint - Recreation Field	3,724	<b>3,824</b>	<b>1,000</b>
Maint - James Field	10,053	<b>9,407</b>	<b>14,100</b>
Maint - Beggs Field	8,115	<b>8,036</b>	<b>4,250</b>
Maint- Rec Park - Irrigation Pump	0	<b>0</b>	<b>1,000</b>
Maint- Reg Park - Irrigation Pump	0	<b>0</b>	<b>1,000</b>
Maint- Ashford Park - Irrigation Pump	0	<b>0</b>	<b>1,000</b>
Maint- MV Park - Irrigation Pump	0	<b>0</b>	<b>1,000</b>
Maint - M.V. Soccer Field	0	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Maint- Winchester Field	250	<b>250</b>	<b>250</b>
Maint - M.V. Tennis Courts	1,274	<b>1,254</b>	<b>1,000</b>
Maint - Recreation Park	17,924	<b>17,206</b>	<b>18,000</b>
Maint - Regional Park	17,428	<b>19,495</b>	<b>15,000</b>
Maint - Ashford Park	6,142	<b>3,704</b>	<b>5,250</b>
Maint - Meadow Vista Park	16,233	<b>14,738</b>	<b>19,650</b>
Maint - Christian Valley Park	2,557	<b>2,079</b>	<b>3,000</b>
Maint - Railhead Park	5,748	<b>6,134</b>	<b>4,000</b>
Maint- CVCC Park	2,346	<b>2,244</b>	<b>2,350</b>
Maint - Overlook Park	3,893	<b>3,553</b>	<b>3,550</b>
Maint - Placer Hills Park	1,618	<b>1,572</b>	<b>4,100</b>
Maint - Pocket Parks	317	<b>304</b>	<b>200</b>
Maint - Mt. Vernon Park	1,092	<b>1,092</b>	<b>950</b>
Maint - Winchester Park	1,667	<b>1,211</b>	<b>1,050</b>
Maint - Atwood III	1,832	<b>3,267</b>	<b>1,750</b>
Maint-Shockley	2,302	<b>4,402</b>	<b>4,000</b>
Maint-Ashley dog park	715	<b>1,015</b>	<b>1,600</b>
Maint - Recreation Comm Ctr	34,336	<b>31,542</b>	<b>29,250</b>
Maint - Regional Comm Ctr	5,094	<b>9,656</b>	<b>11,150</b>
Maint - Christian Valley Comm Ctr	2,350	<b>2,850</b>	<b>1,000</b>
Maint - CVCC	6,404	<b>7,839</b>	<b>6,500</b>
Maint - Overlook Modular	607	<b>409</b>	<b>900</b>
Maint - Regional Tennis Courts	1,231	<b>981</b>	<b>600</b>
Maint - Regional Field Soccer	2,713	<b>2,225</b>	<b>2,000</b>
Maint - Regional Field A	2,030	<b>1,095</b>	<b>1,500</b>
Maint - Regional Field B	2,030	<b>1,095</b>	<b>1,500</b>
Maint - Regional Field C	3,214	<b>6,220</b>	<b>2,250</b>

Tree Maint Rec Park	300	4,500	3,000
Tree Maint Reg	980	0	3,000
Tree Maint Ashford	3,005	3,005	2,500
Tree Maint MV park	548	0	5,000
Tree Maint Pocket Parks	0	0	0
Vandalism Repairs Exp.	3,996	4,098	2,250
<b>TOTAL MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>199,874</b>	<b>209,615</b>	<b>205,800</b>

<b>Salaries/Wages Expenses</b>		<b>Mid Yr Revised</b>	
Wages - Fac Attend - Rec Park	35,913	35,607	28,800
Wages - Fac Attend - CVCC	22,314	22,186	17,200
Wages - Fac Attend - Reg Park	10,703	10,045	9,800
Wages - Fac Atten - Overlook	0	0	0
Wages - Management	104,509	101,831	105,400
Wages - Rec Park	195,031	199,080	224,300
Wages - Reg Park	113,050	109,559	112,000
Wages - Ashford Park	18,077	17,472	14,700
Wages - Meadow Vista Park	29,699	28,402	13,000
Wages - CV Comm Ctr	3,847	3,703	5,700
Wages - Railhead Park	8,200	8,488	4,000
Wages - CVCC	11,838	11,063	13,000
Wages - Overlook Park	10,446	9,917	6,600
Wages - Placer Hills Park	8,828	7,992	7,800
Wages - Pocket Parks	5,223	4,802	2,000
Wages - Mt. Vernon Park	857	1,069	1,000
Wages - Winchester Park	3,232	3,214	3,500
Wages - Atwood	8,100	7,995	7,000
Wages - Shockley	2,208	3,908	200
Wages - (Proj) - Watering Trees	528	680	800
Wages - (Proj) - Ashford Pond	0	88	1,600
Wages - (Proj) - MV Restruct Pathway	947	949	83,349
Wages - (Proj) - Ashford Path of Travel	1,190	1,356	0
Wages - (Proj) - Ashford Landscaping	3,291	3,300	0
Wages - (Proj) - Ashford ADA Playground	473	523	0
Wages - (Proj) - MV Pond	148	150	0
Wages - Uniform Allowance	1,775	1,775	4,000
Wages - (Proj) - Other Projects	25,592	25,954	0
		0	0
	<b>626,019</b>	<b>621,108</b>	<b>665,749</b>

	<b>Actual 13-14</b>	<b>Mid Yr Revised 13-14 budget</b>	<b>Prelim 14-15</b>
ER -Taxes - F & G (7.65%)(12.65%)	60,909	58,728	57,372
Employment Expense - F & G	1,261	773	0
Fingerprinting Exp. - F & G	176	176	0
Benefits Expense - F & G	130,371	134,760	147,037
Employer Retirement Exp.	93,893	94,818	89,424
Worker's Comp.	50,506	49,731	57,425
Worker's Comp.(volunteers)	2,700	2,700	0
<b>TOTAL BENEFITS &amp; PAYROLL COSTS</b>	<b>339,816</b>	<b>341,686</b>	<b>351,258</b>
<b>TOTAL SALARIES, BENEFITS</b>	<b>965,835</b>	<b>962,794</b>	<b>1,017,007</b>

<b>Fixed Assets</b>		<b>Mid Yr Revised</b>	
Fixed Asset Purchases - F&G	79,545	78,580	41,400
Computer Purchases	1,079	1,079	0
<b>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS</b>	<b>80,624</b>	<b>79,659</b>	<b>41,400</b>

<b>Lease Purchase Princ/Interest</b>		<b>Mid Yr Revised</b>	
Principal/COP - Regional Gym	115,000	115,000	0
Interest - COP Regional Gym	9,763	16,226	0
COP Admin Fee - Regional Gym	654	0	0
Lease Principal - Deere Mower	6,874	6,874	9,695
Interest - Deere Mower	2,353	2,353	2,190
<b>TOTAL LEASE COSTS</b>	<b>134,644</b>	<b>140,453</b>	<b>11,885</b>

<b>Rent</b>		<b>Mid Yr Revised</b>	
Fairgrounds Lease	0	0	0
Bureau of Reclamation Lease	0	0	0
Rec Park Lease UPPR	1,550	1,550	1,739

Christian Valley Lease	1,800	1,800	1,800
<b>TOTAL RENT</b>	<b>3,350</b>	<b>3,350</b>	<b>3,539</b>

Capital improv projects	Mid Yr Revised		
CVCC - Roof Repair Proj	8,480	10,000	0
Rec Pk - ADA Signage	1,500	1,500	0
<b>Railhead field renovation</b>			<b>0</b>
Rec Park kitchen floor	0	0	0
Rec Pk - Lighting for Gym	0	0	0
Reg Pk - Replace Gutters on Gym	8,965	0	0
Rec Pk - Beggs Safety Netting	1,514	1,500	0
Ashford - Parking Lot Renovation	86,054	45,000	0
MV - Pathway Repairs	55,677	24,000	0
MV - Resurface/Stripe Pickle Ball Courts	0	0	0
MV - Pond Cleaning Project	18,149	18,149	0
Railhead - Playground	39,784	61,218	0
Railhead - Shade & Hardscape	80,780	115,028	0
Ashford - Path of Travel	65,870	35,500	0
Ashford - ADA Restroom Remodel	88,689	35,000	0
Ashford - ADA Playground	279	63,141	0
Ashford - Landscaping Project	4,710	6,779	0
<b>MV front of park improvements</b>			<b>0</b>
Reg Pk - Walking Path (24 Acre Expansion)	235,000	235,000	0
Reg Pk - Multi Purp Field (24 Acre Expansion)	12,500	12,500	0
Ashford - Pond Cleaning Project	6,850	6,850	0
<b>Total Cap Improvements (General Fund)</b>	<b>796,536</b>	<b>671,165</b>	<b>0</b>

Martha Skinner/Sierra Pool Expansion Proj	60,202	54,778	0
Tutor totter roof replacement GF	2,672	0	0
<b>Railhead front of park landscape</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Capital Improvements (Funded)</b>	<b>62,874</b>	<b>54,778</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>TOTAL CAP IMPROVEMENT</b>	<b>859,410</b>	<b>725,943</b>	<b>0</b>
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<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2,517,989</b>	<b>2,398,773</b>	<b>1,573,506</b>
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Total Revenues	931,333	913,002	162,452
Total Expenditures	2,517,989	2,398,773	1,573,506
ADA reserve	25,180	23,988	5,000
Restricted reserve for equip repl	0	0	50,000
Net Gain (Loss)	(1,611,836)	(1,509,759)	(1,466,054)



## Recreation Revenues

	Actual 13-14	13-14 Revised budget	Prelim 14-15
Adult Softball	19,137	20,770	20,000
Adult Basketball	11,447	10,585	11,700
Sr. Sports	1,899	1,936	2,000
Adult Volleyball	3,404	2,976	2,400
Pickle Ball	4,116	4,092	3,500
Adult Classes	39,162	39,077	40,500
Adult Classes - Bureau	12,725	12,020	11,000
Youth Basketball	69,060	58,025	64,000
Pee Wee/Short Shots	950	1,210	850
T-Ball	1,635	1,635	1,500
Youth Classes	32,775	34,721	34,500
Youth Classes - Bureau	30	30	0
Pre School	30,485	31,120	28,000
Youth Camps	15,317	15,317	16,250
Youth Camps - Bureau	10,685	10,685	9,000
Youth Sports Camp	3,380	3,880	2,750
Youth Sports Camp - Bureau	2,703	2,703	2,750
Rec Equipment Rental	0	0	0
Special Events	11,295	11,115	4,750
Party in the Park	6,277	6,277	5,250
Auburn Community Festival	(15)	3,430	11,500
<b>Total Program Revenues</b>	<b>276,467</b>	<b>271,604</b>	<b>272,200</b>

### Misc. Revenue

Activity Guide-Advertising Rev.	5,215	1,995	2,500
Corporate Sponsorship	0	0	0

**TOTAL MISC REVENUE** 5,215      1,995      2,500

### Grants & Donations

Youth Assistance Fund - In Dist	9,287	6,103	9,750
Donations - Recreation	1,495	1,545	10,000
Passport Sponsorship	0	0	

**TOTAL GRANTS & DONATN** 10,782      7,648      19,750

**Total Revenues** 292,464      281,247      294,450

## Expenditures

### Program Expenditures

	Actual 13-14	13-14 budget	Prelim 14-15
Instructors - Adult Classes	21,314	24,105	26,500
Inst - A Classes - Bureau	7,771	7,785	6,250
Instructors - Youth Classes	22,686	21,231	24,350
Inst - Y Classes - Bureau	0	0	0
Instructors pre school	18,472	18,884	18,500

Officials - Adult Softball	7,440	8,342	7,950
Officials - Adult Basketball	3,090	3,674	3,950
Officials - Adult Volleyball	208	208	0
Officials - Youth Basketball	16,104	16,104	16,000
Instructors- Youth Camp	9,645	9,235	9,750
Inst - Y Camp - Bureau	8,657	8,657	8,000
Instructors- Youth Sports Camp	300	300	250
Inst - Y Sports Camp - Bureau	0	0	0
Adult Softball Expense	3,890	3,706	2,250
Adult Basketball Expense	84	250	250
Adult Volleyball Expense	201	201	100
Pickle Ball/Tennis	1,526	1,473	1,600
Adult Class Expense	192	55	150
Youth Basketball Expense	11,665	12,308	11,900
Pee Wee/Short Shots	0	0	0
T-Ball	417	417	400
Youth Class Expense	0	0	0
Youth Camp Expense	570	570	400
Youth Sports Camps	0	0	0
Special Events	11,393	8,897	10,500
Party in the Park	7,324	7,024	6,700
Auburn Community Festival Exp	2,000	0	11,500
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM EXP.</b>	<b>154,949</b>	<b>153,426</b>	<b>167,250</b>

#### Operating Expenditures

Advertising	0	0	0
Telephone	432	419	550
Office Supplies	769	711	800
Duplication Costs	0	0	50
Gas/Mileage	255	280	400
Public relations/marketing	0	2,000	0
Dues & Subscriptions	399	379	300
Staff Appreciation	0	0	0
Company Celebrations	888	1,291	1,300
Staff Development	845	170	650
Safety Supplies	316	316	0
Small Rec Equipment	783	783	1,250
Youth Assistance Fund	10,581	9,897	10,500
Activity Guide	15,031	22,531	27,000
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXP</b>	<b>30,299</b>	<b>38,777</b>	<b>42,800</b>

#### Salaries/Wages Expenditures

	Actual 13-14	13-14 budget	Prelim 14-15
<b>Professional Services</b>			
Professional Services- Web page	640	500	500
Direct Mail Costs	0	0	0
<b>Total Professional Services</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>500</b>

#### Salaries/Wages Expenditures

Wages - Full Time	126,932	125,820	134,352
Wages - Part Time	1,045	1,196	0
Wages - Seasonal	339	339	1,600
Wages - Adult Softball	3,969	4,262	2,710



## Youth Services 13-14 Budget Revenues

	Actual 13-14	13-14 budget Revision	Prelim 14-15
Auburn Elem DSC Revenue	56,189	51,889	<b>56,100</b>
Skyridge DSC Revenue	86,794	84,460	<b>84,000</b>
CIT Revenue	0	0	<b>0</b>
Rec Day Camp Rev (School & Summer)	101,437	99,345	<b>100,000</b>
Newcastle DSC Revenue	70,463	68,485	<b>68,000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>314,883</b>	<b>304,179</b>	<b>308,100</b>

### Rents & Concessions

Rock Creek Modular Rent	3,900	3,600	<b>3,600</b>
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### Miscellaneous Revenue

	0	0	<b>0</b>
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### Grant Revenue

	0	0	<b>0</b>
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<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>318,783</b>	<b>307,779</b>	<b>311,700</b>
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### Program Expenditures

Actual 13-14	13-14 budget	Prelim 14-15
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Auburn Elem - Program Expense	2,457	1,973	<b>2,250</b>
Skyridge - Program Expense	2,957	2,650	<b>2,900</b>
CIT Program Expenses	0	0	<b>0</b>
Rec Day Camp - Program Exp (Sch. & Summer)	12,696	12,899	<b>12,900</b>
Newcastle - Program Expense	1,906	1,427	<b>2,250</b>
	<b>20,016</b>	<b>18,949</b>	<b>20,300</b>

### Operations & Supplies

Telephone - Youth Services (Cell phones)	109	176	<b>180</b>
Office Supplies - Youth Services	123	148	<b>150</b>
Duplication Costs - Youth Services	100	150	<b>150</b>
Gas/Mileage Reimbursement Expense	61	61	<b>25</b>
Public Relations	10	0	<b>0</b>
Staff Appreciation - Youth Services	0	0	<b>0</b>
Staff Development - Youth Services	4	25	<b>50</b>
Small Equipment	236	0	<b>100</b>
Telephone- Auburn Elem	1,073	1,063	<b>1,125</b>



Telephone- Skyridge	500	404	675	
Telephone & Elec. - Rec Day Camp Modular	1,931	1,957	2,150	
Telephone - Newcastle	164	161	90	
Professional Services	106	106	150	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,417</b>	<b>4,251</b>	<b>4,845</b>	

	Actual 13-14	13-14 budget	Prelim 14-15	
Rep/Maint - Auburn Elem	402	644	200	
Rep/Maint - Rock Creek	463	265	200	
Rep/Maint - Skyridge	213	183	100	
Rep/Maint - Rec Day Camp	1,999	2,166	1,850	
Rep/Maint - Newcastle	4	0	0	
	<b>3,081</b>	<b>3,258</b>	<b>2,350</b>	

	Actual 13-14	13-14 budget	Prelim 14-15	
<b>Salaries/Wages Expenses</b>				
Wages - (Y.Serv) - Manager - Salary	57,249	55,719	79,099	
Wages - (Y.Serv) - Aub Elem - PT	35,380	34,320	35,000	
Wages - (Y.Serv) - Aub Elem Maint	199	132	1,000	
Wages - (Y.Serv) - Skyridge - PT	34,903	33,553	34,500	
Wages - (Y.Serv) - Skyridge Maint	234	161	1,000	
Wages - (Y.Serv) - Rec Day Camp - PT	43,594	43,220	43,350	
Wages - (Y.Serv) - Day Camp Maintenanc	85	69	1,000	
Wages- (Y.Serv) - Newcastle - PT	29,389	29,845	26,000	
Wages - (Y.Serv) - Newcastle Maint	0	0	500	
<b>TOTAL WAGES</b>	<b>201,033</b>	<b>197,019</b>	<b>221,449</b>	

<b>Benefits &amp; Payroll Costs</b>				
ER Taxes (SS/MC/SUTA/ETT)	22,049	22,230	21,486	
Employment Exp- Y.S.	746	38	750	
Fingerprinting Exp - Y.S.	700	554	800	
Benefits Expense - Y.S.	21,908	21,899	21,355	
Employer Retirement Exp. YS	26,345	25,885	22,434	
Worker's Compensation - Y.S.	3,377	3,260	4,564	

**TOTAL BENEFITS** 75,125 73,866 71,389

**Total Salaries & Benefits** 276,158 270,885 292,838

Lease Purchase- Principal	Actual 13-14	13-14 budget	Prelim 14-15	
	0	0	0	

Lease Purchase- Interest	Actual 13-14	13-14 budget	Prelim 14-15	
	0	0	0	

<b>Fixed Assets- Equipment</b>	<b>Actual 13-14</b>	<b>13-14 budget</b>	<b>Prelim 14-15</b>
Fixed Asset Purchases	0	0	0
Fixed Asset Purchases (computer)	1,189	1,189	0
	1,189	1,189	0

**Capital Improvement**

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<b>Total Expenditures</b>	304,861	298,532	320,333
<b>Total Revenues</b>	318,783	307,779	311,700
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	304,861	298,532	320,333
<b>Contingency Reserve (1% of expens)</b>	0	0	0
<b>Net Gain (Loss)</b>	13,922	9,247	(8,633)

## **Item # 8.2 Cover sheet – Sports Field Rental Fee Increase**

**Auburn Area Recreation and Park District Program, Policy, Personnel and Fee Committee January, 2014; Board of Directors meeting January, 2014; Policy Committee February, 2014; Board of Directors meeting February, 2014**

### **The Issue**

Shall the Auburn Area Recreation and Park District (ARD) raise rental fees for sports fields? The ARD Policy Committee has requested that this item be considered.

### **Background**

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, 2012.

A review of the last 3 years P&L for sports fields (attached) shows that certain fields are not meeting a cost recovery of 50%, a past stated goal of the ARD Board.

Additionally, certain sports damage the fields to a much greater extent than others. A premium rate for those sports (football, rugby, lacrosse) has been proposed.

This proposed increase was brought the ARD Board in January, 2014. The Board gave direction to send a letter to the sports fields User Groups, advising them of the proposed increases. The letter (attached) was sent to the User Groups on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

It was also requested that staff research participation numbers for User Groups. The information reported back to staff is attached.

### **Recommendation**

As the cost recovery on these fields is near 50%, a past stated goal of the ARD Board, staff recommends a modest increase of 5% on the costs to rent most of the fields. Those new fees fields are indicated in red on the Proposed Sports Field Rental Fee chart (attached).

Staff also recommends the other changes as proposed on the Sports Field Rental Fee chart.

The Policy Committee supports staff's recommendation.

### **Alternatives Available**

- 1) Increase the rental fees at a different rate
- 2) Keep the rates at the same level they are now
- 3) Direct staff to provide further research and information

### **Fiscal Impact**

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

### **Attachments**

Sports Field P&L  
Existing field rental fees  
Proposed new field rental fees  
Letter sent to User Groups  
User Group Participation numbers

## ARD Sports Fields Profit and Loss

### Regional "C"

	<u>FY 11/12</u>	<u>FY 12/13</u>	<u>FY 13/14*</u>	<u>3 year average</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Maintenance	\$202	\$4,341	\$6,220	\$3,588
Wages (avg. \$12/hr.)	\$1,524	\$2,280	\$2,255	\$2,020
Wage Roll-ups (40%)	\$610	\$912	\$902	\$808
<b>Expense Total</b>	<b>\$2,336</b>	<b>\$7,533</b>	<b>\$9,377</b>	<b>\$6,415</b>
Revenue	\$923	\$2,810	\$4,095	\$2,609

### Regional Soccer

	<u>FY 11/12</u>	<u>FY 12/13</u>	<u>FY 13/14*</u>	<u>3 year average</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Maintenance	\$4,960	\$149	\$2,225	\$2,445
Wages (avg. \$12/hr.)	\$948	\$1,140	\$1,303	\$1,130
Wage Roll-ups (40%)	\$379	\$456	\$521	\$452
<b>Expense Total</b>	<b>\$6,287</b>	<b>\$1,745</b>	<b>\$4,049</b>	<b>\$4,027</b>
Revenue	\$614	\$2,342	\$4,166	\$2,374

### Regional "A" (note: used mainly for ARD softball; labor costs reflect time spent lining/prepping field)

	<u>FY 11/12</u>	<u>FY 12/13</u>	<u>FY 13/14*</u>	<u>3 year average</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Maintenance	\$1,641	\$2,016	\$1,279	\$1,645
Wages (avg. \$12/hr.)	\$2,016	\$4,776	\$4,945	\$3,912
Wage Roll-ups (40%)	\$806	\$1,910	\$1,978	\$1,565
<b>Expense Total</b>	<b>\$4,463</b>	<b>\$8,702</b>	<b>\$8,202</b>	<b>\$7,122</b>
Revenue	134	132	362	\$209

Note: expenses do not include garbage, sewer, water, or bathroom supplies

Note: FY 13/14 expenses = actual + projected

FY 11/12

FY 12/13

FY 13/14\*

3 year average

**Regional "B"**

**Expenses**

Maintenance	\$1,640	\$2,691	\$1,279	\$1,870
Wages (avg. \$12/hr.)	\$1,008	\$1,968	\$2,276	\$1,751
Wage Roll-ups (40%)	\$403	\$787	\$910	\$700
<b>Expense Total</b>	<b>\$3,051</b>	<b>\$5,446</b>	<b>\$4,465</b>	<b>\$4,321</b>

Revenue    \$1,617                    \$2,105                    \$2,336                    \$2,019

**James Field**

**Expenses**

Maintenance	\$7,614	\$6,267	\$9,407	\$7,763
Wages (avg. \$12/hr.)	\$1,692	\$2,616	\$3,682	\$2,663
Wage Roll-ups (40%)	\$677	\$1,046	\$1,473	\$1,065
<b>Expense Total</b>	<b>\$9,983</b>	<b>\$9,929</b>	<b>\$14,562</b>	<b>\$11,491</b>

Revenue    \$5,794                    \$16,734                    \$9,768                    \$10,765

**Beggs Field**

**Expenses**

Maintenance	\$5,376	\$3,291	\$8,036	\$5,568
Wages (avg. \$12/hr.)	\$2,304	\$1,932	\$2,793	\$2,343
Wage Roll-ups (40%)	\$921	\$773	\$1,117	\$937
<b>Expense Total</b>	<b>\$8,601</b>	<b>\$5,996</b>	<b>\$11,946</b>	<b>\$8,848</b>

Revenue    \$2,217                    \$2,830                    \$3,677                    \$2,908

**Recreation Field**

**Expenses**

Maintenance	\$718	\$1,075	\$3,824	\$1,872
Wages (avg. \$12/hr.)	\$420	\$804	\$1,406	\$877
Wage Roll-ups (40%)	\$168	\$322	\$562	\$351
<b>Expense Total</b>	<b>\$1,306</b>	<b>\$2,201</b>	<b>\$5,792</b>	<b>\$3,100</b>

Revenue    \$1,363                    \$4,004                    \$3,580                    \$2,982

FY 11/12

FY 12/13

FY 13/14\*

3 year average

**Railhead Park****Expenses**

Maintenance	\$8,624	\$6,655	\$6,134	\$7,138
Wages (avg. \$12/hr.)	\$1,128	\$300	\$3,103	\$1,510
Wage Roll-ups (40%)	\$451	\$120	\$1,241	\$604
<b>Expense Total</b>	<b>\$10,203</b>	<b>\$7,075</b>	<b>\$10,478</b>	<b>\$9,252</b>

**Revenue**

\$18,861

\$32,714

\$23,358

\$24,978

**Christian Valley ball field****Expenses**

Maintenance	\$ 2,307	\$ 2,358	\$ 2,878	\$2,514
Wages (avg. \$12/hr.)	\$ 4,920	\$ 3,552	\$ 2,736	\$3,736
Wage Roll-ups (40%)	\$ 1,968	\$ 1,421	\$ 1,094	\$1,494
<b>Expense Total</b>	<b>\$9,195</b>	<b>\$7,331</b>	<b>\$6,708</b>	<b>\$7,745</b>

**Revenue**

\$1,104

\$837

\$1,850

\$1,264

**Sugar Pine Ridge (Winchester)****Expenses**

Maintenance	\$ 2,486	\$ 2,940	\$ 766	\$2,064
Wages (avg. \$12/hr.)	\$ 3,264	\$ 3,684	\$ 2,628	\$3,192
Wage Roll-ups (40%)	\$ 1,306	\$ 1,474	\$ 1,051	\$1,277
<b>Expense Total</b>	<b>\$7,056</b>	<b>\$8,098</b>	<b>\$4,445</b>	<b>\$6,533</b>

**Revenue**

\$2,088

\$3,568

\$2,706

\$2,787

**Placer Hills Park soccer field****Expenses**

Maintenance	\$ 582	\$ 538	\$ 866	\$662
Wages (avg. \$12/hr.)	\$ 8,940	\$ 5,760	\$ 3,924	\$6,208
Wage Roll-ups (40%)	\$ 3,576	\$ 2,304	\$ 1,570	\$2,483
<b>Expense Total</b>	<b>\$13,098</b>	<b>\$8,602</b>	<b>\$6,360</b>	<b>\$9,353</b>

**Revenue**

\$1,120

\$1,085

\$539

\$915

Note: expenses do not include garbage, sewer, water, or bathroom supplies

Note: FY 13/14 expenses = actual + projected



**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	\$9.15	\$18.30	\$25.50	\$33.65
Beggs Field	\$10.15	\$23.35	\$30.45	\$38.60
James Field	\$18.25	\$25.40	\$33.50	\$41.60
Regional A Softball	\$17.25	\$22.35	\$29.45	\$37.55
Regional B Softball	\$16.25	\$20.30	\$28.40	\$35.55
Regional C Softball	\$16.25	\$20.30	\$28.40	\$35.55
Regional Soccer Field	\$12.20	\$20.30	\$28.40	\$35.55
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	\$9.15	\$15.25	\$23.35	\$30.45
Winchester Field	\$16.25	\$20.30	\$28.40	\$35.55
Fair A Softball	\$16.25	\$20.30	\$28.40	\$35.55
Fair B Softball	\$9.15	\$15.25	\$23.35	\$30.45
Fair C Softball	\$9.15	\$15.25	\$23.35	\$30.45
Placer Hills Field	\$7.15	\$15.25	\$23.35	\$30.45
Outdoor Volley/Basketball Courts	\$8.15	\$12.20	\$15.25	\$18.30

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	\$105.00	\$210.00
Regional Fields	\$105.00	\$210.00
Fairgrounds Fields	\$105.00	\$210.00
Regional Soccer Field	\$105.00	\$210.00
Railhead Soccer Fields	\$105.00	\$210.00

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

Existing



**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). **Football, lacrosse and rugby groups = add 25% Field Repair fee**

**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	\$39.43
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 - Large	\$13.20	\$23.35	\$30.45	\$38.60
MV Soccer - Small	\$8.15	\$15.25	\$23.35	\$30.45
MV Baseball	\$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	\$24.52	\$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
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

*Proposed*



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## AUBURN AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

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February 3, 2014

Dear ARD User Group,

The Auburn Area Recreation and Park District (ARD) is proud to partner with your organization, and especially proud of our role in providing facilities and fields for the youth of our community. As you are aware, these facilities and fields must be maintained on a regular basis to make them safe and playable. The maintenance of these fields has a cost to ARD in the form of labor, equipment and supplies. ARD has always worked to keep the costs down for maintaining these facilities and fees, and in most cases does not recover our stated goal of 50% cost recovery.

As such, ARD is proposing to implement a 5% increase on the cost to rent most facilities and fees. We are also proposing to add a 25% additional fee for those sports that typically do the most damage to our fields (football, and possible future uses for rugby and lacrosse). This 5% increase will not get ARD to the 50% cost recovery we seek, however it will bring us closer to that goal. This proposed increase would take effect April 1<sup>st</sup>. A copy of the proposed Facility and Field rental chart is attached. Proposed increases are indicated in **red** font.

The ARD Policy Committee will be considering these increases on February 19, 2014. That meeting will take place at 2pm. The Policy Committee may forward this proposed increase to the entire ARD Board at the February 27<sup>th</sup> Board of Director's meeting. That meeting will take place at 6pm. All meetings will be held in the Board Room at the Canyon View Community Center (471 Maidu Dr., Auburn).

ARD is inviting your input on these proposed fee increases. There are several ways to relay your thoughts:

- Attend the Policy Committee and/or Board meeting
- Email your comments to me at [kmuscott@auburnrec.com](mailto:kmuscott@auburnrec.com)
- Call me with your comments. I can be reached at (530) 885-0611 ext. 102.
- Stop by and see me at the office (471 Maidu Dr.)

Thank you again for the opportunity to be part of your organization and the benefits you provide to our community.

Kahl Muscott, District Administrator

## User Group Participation numbers

### 49er United Soccer and Auburn Youth Soccer

From Gary Powell, Auburn Youth Soccer League: While the number of players for 49er United have continued to grow over the past few years; overall the league numbers have declined. At one time a few years ago we were at over 2,200 total players (including 49er United) and now we are down to just over 1,700 total. This is consistent with registrations throughout District VI, which at one time were over 65,000 players and now is possibly 53,000. There are a couple of leagues that have continued to see increases, such as Placer and Elk Grove, but this was due to increased development growth in those areas.

From Jim Logan, President 49er United Soccer League:

For 49er United, we're growing... and have been growing over the past several years:

- We're up to 25 teams, from 19 teams three or four years ago
- We have over 40 players in our youth soccer academy (1st year offering)
- We had approximately 320 players in our club last year and project near 400 this year
- We expect to top 500 players in our club within two years

Within the past couple months we've launched the first of many and ongoing programs to fulfill a vision of being a youth sports organization that delivers continuous soccer services:

- Indoor camps
- High school league
- Speed and Agility training
- Strength and Conditioning
- Seasonal camps tied to school schedules

It's aggressive, but I can see the day when we have 800+ players in our community involved with 49er United in one capacity or another -- serving young athletes and soccer enthusiasts alike with year round programs.

### Placer Jr. Hillmen Youth Football and Cheer

From Chris Decker, President Placer Jr. Hillmen Youth Football and Cheer:

Our football enrollment was up about 25% in 2013 from 2012. Cheer was up a few girls.

### ARD Youth Development League Basketball

ARD-YDL currently has 650 kids enrolled. ARD-YDL numbers have stabilized in the last couple years, after seeing several years of decline. The ARD-YDL had approximately 1,100 kids in 2004/2005.

## **Item 8.3 Cover Sheet for Lease of Cellular Site at Recreation Park**

Auburn Area Recreation and Park District Acquisition & Development and Board of Directors February 2014 meeting.

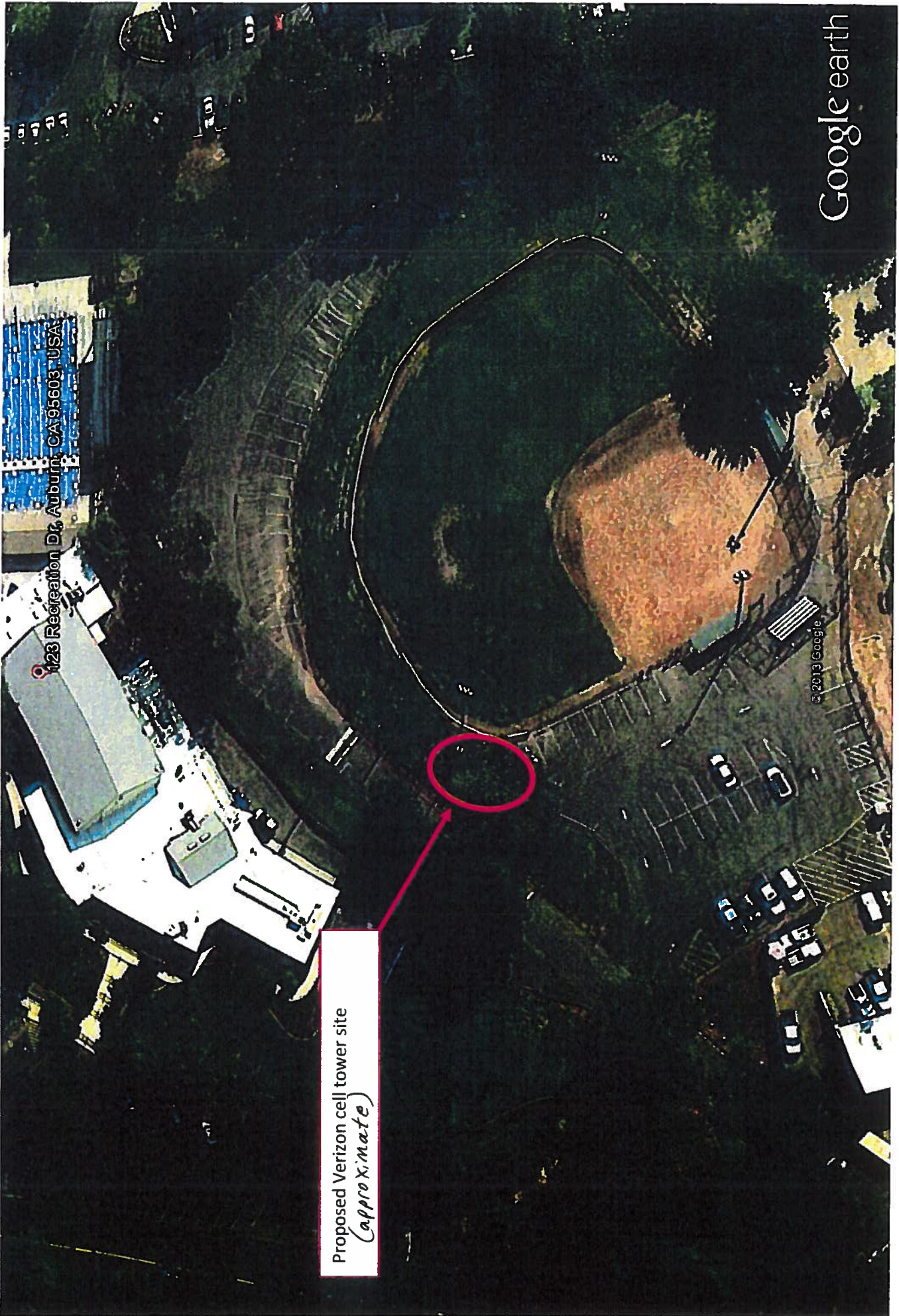
**The Issue:** Shall the District approve a new cell site for Verizon Wireless at Recreation Park?

**Background:** Several months ago, the District was approached by Verizon Wireless to locate a site for a new cell tower at Recreation Park. Staff toured the park with the company's site engineer and a location at Recreation Field was identified as a likely hot spot. Subsequent testing by Verizon confirmed that the site would work for them. Since then, Verizon has vetted the site internally and on February 5, 2014 advised the District that they would like to move forward with construction of a new tower at the edge of Recreation Field (see aerial attached). Staff is in receipt of the proposed lease and, after review, finds that it is a standard cell tower lease and contains no wording that would preclude the District from accepting it, with some minor modifications. The footprint of the tower would be 600 square feet (approximately the same size as the current Tower Point agreement). Depending on the shape and topography of the necessary space, loss of two parking spots may occur. The monthly rent is proposed at \$2200 with 3% kicks each year for 25 years (in five year increments). The lease contract contains an option for one year, renewable for another year at \$2000 per year, while Verizon does their planning and permitting process. This is effectively a non-refundable deposit to guarantee the availability of the site to Verizon.

**Recommendation:** The A&D committee moved this item to the Board with a positive recommendation. Staff recommends that the Board approve moving forward with negotiations of the lease for a new cell tower and site at Recreation Park. Staff will have the lease documents reviewed by Legal Counsel prior to signing the documents.

**Fiscal Impact:** Additional revenue to the General Fund of \$2200/month or \$26,400/year.





Proposed Verizon cell tower site  
*(approximate)*

Google earth

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123 Recreation Dr, Auburn, CA 95603, USA

## **Item # 8.4 Cover Sheet for Solar Panels**

Auburn Area Recreation and Park District February 2014 Acquisition & Development Meeting and Board of Directors meeting.

**The Issue:** Shall the District move forward with installation of solar panel arrays at Recreation Park?

**Background:** For several years staff and the Board have considered use of solar panels to offset high PG&E bills, as well as bringing a green, environmentally conscious mindset to the District.

Staff has met with several solar companies over the past five years, none of whom have been able to come up with a cost efficient viable plan to convert the Districts energy use. Additionally, the District has not had the funding in place to embark on such a project. Several months ago, the District was approached by Plan It Solar of Grass Valley. The company has surveyed the area, taken PG&E readings and contacted an engineering design firm that specializes in solar arrays. Attached is a spread sheet of the estimated costs of installation, engineering estimates, estimated energy savings and payback of the proposed system. The proposed solar array would be mounted on the gymnasium and community center roofs and would offset the cost of electrical power for the pool, gymnasium and community center.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Board approve the engineering phase of the project, estimated to cost \$7500-\$10,000. The A&D committee moved this item to the Board with a positive recommendation.

The installation of the Solar Panels at Recreation Park is a proposed project on the DRAFT FY14/15 Project List. Starting the process of engineering and design now will give ARD a head start on the project (while waiting for Project List approval), resulting in ARD realizing energy savings sooner rather than later.

**Fiscal Impact:** Approximately \$7500-\$10000 (outlined below) depending on the amount of work the District wants the engineer to do and an additional \$140,000 (estimated) for purchase and installation of the solar system itself.

Site visit to confirm existing conditions - \$2,000

Scope of work with plans - \$3,500

(Full RFP with plans - \$6,000)

Bid Support - \$2,000

**Attachment:**

Project Cost Breakdown

Additionally, the District has set aside funds from the sale of the cell tower site into a special reserve. Currently, those funds total \$349,000. Staff recommends that funding for this project be drawn from that reserve,



## Plan It Solar's Project Cost Breakdown

Proposed solar system rating in "DC" kW: **47.43**    << "DC" = PV qty x PV factory rating  
 Proposed solar system rating in "AC" kW: **41.83**    << "AC" = PV qty x PV CA rating x inverter efficiency

### TOTAL PROJECT COSTS

equipment>> **\$90,600** Total cost of equipment WITH tax & shipping, but BEFORE the CA rebate  
**-Payable to Plan It Solar**

engineering>> **\$1,000** This quote for cost of complete install is \_\_\_\_\_ Firm \_\_\_\_\_ Quote \_\_\_\_\_  
**-Payable to Plan It Solar**

installation>> **\$48,400** This quote for cost of complete install is \_\_\_\_\_ Firm \_\_\_\_\_ Quote \_\_\_\_\_  
**-Payable to Plan It Solar**

local fees>> **\$350** Estimated cost of local permit fees for: City of Auburn  
**-Payable to Plan It Solar**

Pre-rebate cost **\$140,350** **Pre-rebate cost (equipment + install + fees, before rebate)**

### GOVERNMENT INCENTIVES

STATE REBATE \$0 Estimated CA State Solar Rebate using \_\_\_\_\_ \$0.20 / Watt  
\$0 Estimated rebate at next level of \_\_\_\_\_ \$0.00 / Watt

Post-rebate cost **\$140,350** **Post-rebate cost (equipment + install + fees, after rebate)**

FED TAX CREDIT \$0 IRS tax credit (30% x Post-rebate cost, extra can be carried forward)

Net cost **\$140,350** **Final net cost (equipment + install + fees, after tax credit)**

### PAYBACK SCENARIOS

**INSTANT  
PAYBACK  
WITH  
FINANCING**

Avg PG&E bill/mo  
at today's rates: **\$1,592**

New avg PG&E  
bill/mo with solar: **\$71**

New payment/mo  
for solar system\*: **\$1,006**

Avg tax-deductible  
interest savings/mo: **-\$161**

New avg cost/mo  
of solar plus PG&E: **\$915**

First-year instant  
cost/mo change: **-\$677**

Years until a wash: **Instant Savings**

\* Loan estimate based on financing the  
net cost only at: 6.000%  
over this many yrs: 20



**WITHOUT  
FINANCING OR  
PROPERTY  
SALE**

Final net cost  
of solar system: **\$140,350**

Your average PG&E  
use is out to Tier: (no tiered billing)

Estimated PG&E  
savings increase/yr: **5%**

Number of years  
until total savings

equals total cost: **6.7**  
10-yr avg annual ROI: **18.48%**

25-yr savings: **\$871,327**

*Note reasons payback could be faster:*

- 1) Rate increases higher/faster
- 2) Solar output more than predicted
- 3) Peak vs off-peak ratio is better

\* PRICES GOOD FOR 10 BUSINESS DAYS \*



## **Item # 8.5 Cover sheet – Resolution to prepare Atwood III Engineer’s Report for FY 2014/2015**

**Auburn Area Recreation and Park District Acquisition and Development Meeting  
February 2014; Board of Director’s meeting February, 2014**

### **The Issue**

Consideration of resolution 2014-01 directing SCI Consulting Group to prepare the Engineer’s Report for Fiscal Year 2014-15 for the continuation of the annual assessments for the “Atwood Ranch III Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District.”

### **Background**

ARD is the owner and Preserve Manager for 10.69 acres of land at the Atwood Ranch III development.

In the fall and winter of 2004, the District developed a proposed assessment for funding park improvements and other park and recreation maintenance services within the Atwood Ranch III subdivision. This proposed assessment, the “Atwood Ranch III Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District,” was approved by property owners in an assessment ballot proceeding conducted during November through December of 2004. In December 2004, the balloting period was closed, and since a weighted majority of ballots returned were in support of the proposed assessment, the Board approved and levied the assessments.

The assessments can continue to be levied annually and can be increased by the change in the San Francisco Bay Area Consumer Price Index, not to exceed 5% per year. Since 2005-06, the assessments have been levied annually and are providing important revenues needed to fund the park and recreation improvements and services. In Fiscal Year 2013-14, the assessments were increased for the first time since it was formed.

In order to continue to levy the assessments, the Council will need to approve Resolution Number 2014-01 directing SCI Consulting Group, the assessment engineer, to prepare the Engineer’s Report for fiscal year 2014-15. This Engineer’s Report will include the proposed budget for the continued assessments for fiscal year 2014-15, the updated proposed continued assessments for each parcel in the District, and the proposed continued assessments for fiscal year 2014-15 per single family equivalent benefit unit.

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the ARD Board of Directors approve Board approve Resolution 2014-01 directing SCI Consulting Group to prepare the Engineer’s Report for fiscal year 2014-15 in order to continue the assessments for fiscal year 2014-15.

The ARD Acquisition and Development Committee forwarded this item to the Board with a positive recommendation.

**Fiscal Impact**

The fee for completion of the 2014/2015 Engineer's Report by SCI is approximately \$2,100. The cost for these fees is part of the annual assessment.

**Attachments**

Resolution 2014-01

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-01**

**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING PREPARATION OF THE ENGINEER'S REPORT  
FOR FISCALYEAR 2014-15**

**FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE  
ATWOOD RANCH III LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT  
OF THE  
AUBURN AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT**

RESOLVED, by the Governing Board (the "Board") of the Auburn Area Recreation and Park District (the "District"), County of Placer, State of California, that

1. On January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2005, by its Resolution No. 2005-01, this Board ordered the formation of and levied the first assessment within the Auburn Area Recreation and Park District, Atwood Ranch III District (the "Assessment District") pursuant to the provisions of Article XIID of the California Constitution, and the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 (the "Act"), Part 2 of Division 15 of the California Streets and Highways Code (commencing with Section 22500 thereof).

2. The purpose of the Assessment District is for the installation, maintenance and servicing of improvements, as described in Section 3 below.

3. Within the Assessment District, the existing and proposed improvements to be undertaken by the Assessment District are generally described as the installation, maintenance and servicing of public facilities, including but not limited to, playground equipment, irrigation and sprinkler systems, landscaping, turf, park grounds, park facilities, landscape corridors, trails, ponds, wetlands preserve areas, fencing, piers, signage, benches, tables, and all necessary appurtenances, and labor, materials, supplies, utilities and equipment, as applicable, for property owned or maintained by the Auburn Area Recreation and Park District. Installation means the construction of recreational improvements, including, but not limited to, land preparation, such as grading, leveling, cutting and filling, sod, landscaping, irrigation systems, playground equipment, recreational facilities and trails. Maintenance means the furnishing of services and materials for the ordinary and usual maintenance, operation and servicing of said improvements, including repair, removal, or replacement of all or part of any improvement; providing for the

life, growth, health and beauty of landscaping; and cleaning, sandblasting and painting of walls and other improvements to remove or cover graffiti, and monitoring of wetlands preserve areas. Servicing means the furnishing of electric current or energy for the operation or lighting of any improvements, and water for irrigation of any landscaping or the maintenance of any other improvements.

4. SCI Consulting Group is hereby designated as Engineer of Work for purposes of these proceedings and is hereby ordered to prepare an Engineer's Report in accordance with Article 4 of Chapter 1 of the Act and Article XIID of the California Constitution. Upon completion, the Engineer shall file the Engineer's Report with the Clerk of the Governing Board for submission to the Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES :

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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SCOTT HOLBROOK  
VICE CHAIRMAN TO THE BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS

ATTEST:

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PAT LARSON  
SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**SECTION**

**9.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND  
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**DESCRIPTION:**

- 1. Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Project List Approval/Ten Year Plan Update (Acquisition & Development Committee).**
- 2. Bell Road Concept Plan (Acquisition & Development Committee).**
- 3. Goose Control (Acquisition & Development Committee).**
- 4. ARD Drought Strategies.**

## **Discussion Item #9.1 Cover sheet – FY2014 /2015 Project List Approval/Ten Year Plan Update**

**Auburn Area Recreation and Park District Acquisition and Development Committee Meeting January 2014; February, 2014 A&D Committee; February, 2014 Board of Director's Meeting**

### **The Issue**

A review of the proposed Project List for Fiscal Year 2014/2015 and approve an updated 10 Year Project Plan.

### **Background**

The ARD Board of Directors approved a Ten Year Project List in March, 2013. The first year of that plan also acts as the Project List for the upcoming Fiscal Year.

The Ten Year Project List is comprised of those projects deemed to be of the highest priority and reflects the District's goal to address needed existing infrastructure upgrades, bring new features into the existing park system and complete potential land acquisition and new park development.

### **Recommendation for the Board of Directors**

Staff recommends that the ARD Board of Directors review and comment on the FY 14/15 Project List. Comments and proposed changes will be reviewed at the March, 2014 A&D Committee meeting, with final approval of the FY 14/15 Project List scheduled for the March, 2014 ARD Board of Director's meeting.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The fiscal impact of the FY 14/15 Project List is indicated on that document.

The fiscal impact of the Ten Year Project List is indicated on those documents.

### **Attachments**

FY 14/15 Project Descriptions  
Ten Year Project List

## **FY 2014/2015 proposed Project List**

### **Project Description**

The following is a brief discussion of the proposed projects for the FY 14/15 Project List

#### **Recreation Park**

Lower Restroom replacement: This main purpose of this project is make the “lower” restrooms at Recreation Park (the restrooms located near the gazebo at the south end of the park) ADA compliant. This project entails making the interior of the restroom compliant as well as providing an ADA path of travel to the restroom.

Bocce ball courts: This project envisions building four (4) new bocce ball courts in the outdoor basketball/volleyball court area at Recreation Park. This site was chosen due to its proximity to ADA parking, proximity to the pathway and the amount of tree-provided shade in the area. The outdoor volleyball court receives little, if any, use. The outdoor basketball court gets some use, and it is proposed to relocate a half court to the “handball” area, near the batting cage.

Solar: ARD has been investigating installing solar panels at different parks for a couple of years. A quote to install solar at the Recreation Park community center was recently received. The cost was \$140,000 and showed a payback of approximately 7 years.

#### **Regional Park**

Field C lights: A pole with a bank of lights in right field has been turned/twisted, most likely from the wind. The repair of this pole requires the use of two cranes.

Lakeside Room Roof Replacement: The rain storm in early February exposed several major issues with the roof over the Lakeside Room. Staff is getting estimates to replace the roof.

Pickle ball courts: This project is being proposed to keep up with the increasing demand for more pickle ball courts. Staff’s original proposal was to build new pickle ball courts, at an estimated cost of \$150,000. Since that point, staff has been observing the use of the existing 6 tennis courts and speaking with park staff about observed usage during the spring and summer months. Anecdotally, it is a relatively rare occasion that all 6 courts are being used at the same time. The estimated cost to convert one of the 6 courts to four pickle ball courts is \$20,000, a savings of approximately \$130,000 (compared to the costs of a new court).

Staff is suggesting that the Board direct staff to investigate converting one of the existing 6 Regional Park tennis courts to pickle ball courts. Upon this direction from the Board, staff will provide the Regional Park tennis players an opportunity to express their thoughts and concerns.

### **Meadow Vista Park**

**Entrance landscape/shade structure:** This project would make improvements to the “triangle” area that was previously occupied by a large, decaying oak tree that was removed for safety reasons. This area is one of the first things a park patron sees as they enter the park from the parking lot. Improvements would include landscaping and a shade structure, as well as setting aside space for future outdoor exercise equipment, to be installed as budgets allow.

### **Railhead Park**

**Railhead B renovation (REMOVED FROM FY 14/15 LIST):** As proposed, this project would involve the “skinning” of the field, adding 75 tons of fairway grade sand (for drainage), fertilization and slit seeding Bermuda grass. Due to the drought, the Placer County Water Agency has suggested that ARD reconsider moving forward with this project this year. A decision on whether to move forward will need to be made by March, as the project needs to be started by early May. Staff and the A&D Committee agree that this project should be pushed back to FY 15/16. This shift is reflected in the proposed 10 Year Project list.

### **Canyon View Community Center**

**Pump Track/Bike Park:** this project often discussed project will find a new pump track and connected skills course just below CVCC. Most of the Fiscal Year will be spent on getting permissions, permits and approvals, with construction not scheduled until spring 2015.

### **Operation and Development Plan**

The cost to provide the necessary CEQA/NEPA reviews of the Operations and Development Plan, being done with the US Bureau of Reclamation, have been added. It should be noted that part of the costs for these reviews is included in the costs for the Pump Track/Bike Park.



# Auburn Recreation District Ten Year Project List

## 2014/2015

Estimated balance 50,031 968,329 172,058 227,435 60,000

PROJECT	Est. Cost	ADA	Reserve	Cnty. Mit.	City Mit.	Grants	In Kind
<b>Recreation Park</b>							
Lower RR replacement	105,000		0		105,000		
Bocce Ball	80,000		10,000	40,000	30,000		
Solar at community center building	150,000		150,000				
<b>Regional Park</b>							
Field C lights	12,000		12,000				
Pickle ball court (converting tennis ct.)	20,000		10,000	10,000			
Lakeside Room roof replacement	24,000		24,000				
<b>Meadow Vista Park</b>							
Entrance landscape/shade structure	20,000		20,000				
<b>Railhead</b>							
Playground (incl. USBR fee) <sup>1</sup>	61,218		5,218	38,000	18,000		
Shade Struct.;hardscape; incl. USBR <sup>1</sup>	115,028		3,228	83,800	28,000		
<b>CVCC</b>							
Bike Park - incl. Design, CEQA	80,000		20,000		20,000		40,000
<b>Operation &amp; Development Plan</b>							
CEQA/NEPA costs	60,000		60,000				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>667,246</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>254,446</b>	<b>171,800</b>	<b>201,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40,000</b>
<b>Estimated Balance Remaining</b>		<b>50,031</b>	<b>713,883</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>26,435</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20,000</b>

Note: Assumes \$50,000/year in County Mitigation Fees

Note: Assumes \$5000/year in ADA reserve funds

Note: Assumes \$10,000/year in city mitigation

Note: Assumes \$25,000 added to FCC per year

Note<sup>1</sup>: Forwarded from FY 13/14 Project List

Note: Reserve fund includes \$346,000 from sale of cell tower lease

# Auburn Recreation District Ten Year Project List

## 2015/2016

Estimated balance 55,031 738,883 50,258 36,435 150,000

PROJECT	Est. Cost	ADA	Reserve	Cnty. Mit.	City Mit.	Grants	In Kind
<b>Recreation Park</b>							
level door knobs	5,000	5,000					
Sierra Pool replaster + updates	75,000						Equip.fund
<b>Regional Park</b>							
Picnic Tables	6,000		6,000				
Dry Creek Picnic	15,000		15,000				
Reg Shop POT	30,000	30,000					
<b>Railhead Park</b>							
Railhead B renovation	30,000		30,000				
<b>Meadow Vista Park</b>							
Parking lot reseal/restripe	10,000		10,000				
Drinking fountain	3,000		3,000				
<b>Overlook Park</b>							
Restroom upgrades	10,000		10,000				
Drinking fountain (1)	2,500		2,500				
<b>Bell Rd<sup>2</sup></b>							
Design & Planning	125,000					125,000	
CEQA	100,000					100,000	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>411,500</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>76,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>225,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Estimated Balance Remaining</b>		<b>20,031</b>	<b>662,383</b>	<b>50,258</b>	<b>36,435</b>		<b>150,000</b>

Note: Assumes \$50,000/year in County Mitigation Fees

Note: Assumes \$5000/year in ADA reserve funds

Note: Assumes \$10,000/year in city mitigation

Note: Assumes \$25,000 added to FCC per year

Note<sup>2</sup>: assumes money being available from the Stewardship Council and other grant sources

# Auburn Recreation District Ten Year Project List

## 2016/2017

Estimated balance 25,031 687,383 100,258 46,435

PROJECT	Est. Cost	ADA	Reserve	Cnty. Mit.	City Mit.	Grants	In Kind
<i>Recreation Park</i>							
Drinking fountain	2,500		2,500				
Parking domes	2,000	2,000					
<i>Placer Hills Pool</i>							
POT	10,000		10,000				
Concrete/restroom	2,400	2,400					
<i>Canyon View Community Center</i>							
Door knobs	3,000	3,000					
<i>Bell Rd<sup>2</sup></i>							
Conditional use permit	50,000					50,000	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>69,900</b>	<b>7,400</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Estimated Balance Remaining</b>		<b>17,631</b>	<b>674,883</b>	<b>100,258</b>	<b>46,435</b>		<b>0</b>

Note: Assumes \$50,000/year in County Mitigation Fees

Note: Assumes \$5000/year in ADA reserve funds

Note: Assumes \$10,000/year in city mitigation

Note: Assumes \$25,000 added to FCC per year

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# Auburn Recreation District Ten Year Project List

## 2017/2018

Estimated balance

22,631    699,883    150,258    56,435

PROJECT	Est. Cost	ADA	Reserve	Cnty. Mit.	City Mit.	Grants	In Kind
<i>Regional Park</i>							
Kiosks	10,000		10,000	0			
POT tennis courts	41,500		41,500	0			
Lakeside doors	5,000	5,000					
<i>Bell Rd<sup>2</sup></i>							
ROW improvements	250,000			0		250,000	
Sitework	200,000			0		200,000	
Permits	30,000					30,000	
Tree mitig	40,000					40,000	
Fencing	50,000					50,000	
Parking Lot	120,000					120,000	
Int roadways	120,000					120,000	
Restroom	100,000					100,000	
Nature Playground	100,000					100,000	
Landscaping	75,000			33,333		41,667	
Irrigation	75,000			25,000		50,000	
Shade structures	60,000			40,000		20,000	
Walking path	205,000			63,500		141,500	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,481,500</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>51,500</b>	<b>161,833</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,263,167</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Estimated Balance Remaining</b>		<b>17,631</b>	<b>648,383</b>	<b>-11,575</b>	<b>56,435</b>		<b>0</b>

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Note: Assumes \$5000/year in ADA reserve funds

Note: Assumes \$10,000/year in city mitigation

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## Auburn Recreation District Ten Year Project List

### 2018/2019

Estimated balance 22,631 673,383 38,425 66,435

PROJECT	Est. Cost	ADA	Reserve	Cnty. Mit.	City Mit.	Grants	In Kind
<b>Regional Park</b>							
Parkwide signage	3,000	3,000					
Tennis courts surfaces	100,000		100,000				
<b>Meadow Vista</b>							
Pond & Island renov	70,000		70,000				
<b>Recreation Park</b>							
Splash pool replace	50,000		50,000				
<b>Bell Road <sup>2</sup></b>							
Shade structure				60,000			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>223,000</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>220,000</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Estimated Balance Remaining</b>		<b>19,631</b>	<b>453,383</b>	<b>-21,575</b>	<b>66,435</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Note: Assumes \$50,000/year in County Mitigation Fees

Note: Assumes \$5000/year in ADA reserve funds

Note: Assumes \$10,000/year in city mitigation

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# Auburn Recreation District Ten Year Project List

## 2019/2020

Estimated balance 24,631 478,383 28,425 1,002,260

PROJECT	Est. Cost	ADA	Reserve	Cnty. Mit.	City Mit.	Grants	In Kind
<b>Recreation Park</b>							
Comm. Center renov. Plan./CEQA	200,000				200,000		
<b>Meadow Vista</b>							
Tennis courts resurface	25,000		25,000				
Pickle ball resurface	25,000		25,000				
<b>Overlook Park</b>							
Bocce Ball	0				0		
<b>Bell Road<sup>2</sup></b>							
Shade structure	60000			60000			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>310,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Estimated Balance Remaining</b>		24,631	428,383	-31,575	802,260	0	0

Note: Assumes \$50,000/year in County Mitigation Fees

Note: Assumes \$5000/year in ADA reserve funds

Note: Assumes \$10,000/year in city mitigation

Note: Assumes \$25,000 added to FCC per year

Note: Assumes Baltimore Ravine Funding \$925,825/yr for 4 years

Note<sup>2</sup>: assumes money being available from the Stewardship Council and other grant sources

## Auburn Recreation District Ten Year Project List

### 2020/2021

Estimated balance		29,631	453,383	18,425	1,738,085	0	0
PROJECT	Est. Cost	ADA	Reserve	Cnty. Mit.	City Mit.	Grants	In Kind
<i>Recreation Park</i>							
Front playground	120,000				120,000		
Shade structure pool	50,000		50,000				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>170,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>120,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Estimated Balance Remaining</b>		29,631	403,383	18,425	1,618,085	0	0

Note: Assumes \$50,000/year in County Mitigation Fees

Note: Assumes \$5000/year in ADA reserve funds

Note: Assumes \$10,000/year in city mitigation

Note: Assumes \$25,000 added to FCC per year

Note: Assumes Baltimore Ravine Funding \$925,825/yr for 4 years

# Auburn Recreation District Ten Year Project List

## 2021/2022

Estimated balance 34,631 428,383 68,425 2,553,910 0 75,000

PROJECT	Est. Cost	ADA	Reserve	Cnty. Mit.	City Mit.	Grants	In Kind
<i>Recreation Park</i>							
Comm. Center addition, renovation	2,300,000				2,300,000		
<i>Regional Park</i>							
M.P. Field impr. incl. plan/CEQA	250,000		90,000	85,000			75,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,550,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>90,000</b>	<b>85,000</b>	<b>2,300,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>75,000</b>

**Estimated Balance Remaining** 34,631 338,383 -16,575 253,910 0 0

Note: Assumes \$50,000/year in County Mitigation Fees

Note: Assumes \$5000/year in ADA reserve funds

Note: Assumes \$10,000/year in city mitigation

Note: Assumes \$25,000 added to FCC per year

Note: Assumes Baltimore Ravine Funding \$925,825/yr for 4 years



# Auburn Recreation District Ten Year Project List

## 2022/2023

Estimated balance 39,631 363,383 33,425 1,189,735

PROJECT	Est. Cost	ADA	Reserve	Cnty. Mit.	City Mit.	Grants	In Kind
<i>Meadow Vista</i>							
Signage	1,200	1,200					
<i>Regional Park</i>							
Pond leak Repair	95,000		95,000				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>96,200</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>95,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		

**Estimated Balance Remaining** 38,431 268,383 33,425 1,189,735

Note: Assumes \$50,000/year in County Mitigation Fees

Note: Assumes \$5000/year in ADA reserve funds

Note: Assumes \$10,000/year in city mitigation

Note: Assumes \$25,000 added to FCC per year

Note: Assumes Baltimore Ravine Funding \$925,825/yr for 4 years

# Auburn Recreation District Ten Year Project List

## 2023/2024

Estimated balance 43,431 293,383 83,425 2,125,560

PROJECT	Est. Cost	ADA	Reserve	Cnty. Mit.	City Mit.	Grants	In Kind
<i>Regional Park</i>							
Upgrade water system	50,000		50,000				
Pond mucking	75,000		75,000				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>125,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>125,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		

**Estimated Balance Remaining** 43,431 168,383 83,425 2,125,560

- Note: Assumes \$50,000/year in County Mitigation Fees
- Note: Assumes \$5000/year in ADA reserve funds
- Note: Assumes \$10,000/year in city mitigation
- Note: Assumes \$25,000 added to FCC per year
- Note: Assumes Baltimore Ravine Funding \$925,825/yr for 4 years

## **Discussion Item #9.2: Cover sheet – Bell Road Property Acquisition**

**February 2014 Acquisition and Development Committee; February, 2014 Board of Directors meeting**

**Subject: Update On The Bell Road Property Fee Title Acquisition From PGE**

**The Issue:** Updated information regarding the fee title transfer of the Bell Road site. Discussion item for Board of Directors regarding the updated conceptual plans.

**Background:** Staff has continued working with PGE, the Stewardship Council (SC) and Placer Land Trust (PLT) on the fee title transfer of the Bell Road property from PGE to ARD. Topographic studies and wetland delineations have been completed on the Bell Road property. ARD staff did a brief study based on the new data to determine how a playfield could be built on the site. A diagram of this was shared with the SC AND PLT. On Friday January 24, ARD staff participated in a field trip to both the Bell Road property and the Christian Valley Park. Participants in the field trip included twelve members of the SC board (of 17 total) and two staff members from the SC. Also present were two staff from the PLT and Kahl and Pam from ARD. The purpose of the field trip was to familiarize the SC Board members with the properties and to discuss ARD's vision for recreational use of the properties, with heavy discussion about the inclusion of a ball field. ARD staff made a short presentation at each site to the group and answered questions.

After the field trip, ARD staff updated the conceptual plans for Bell Road. One concept plan shows a playfield and some other recreational amenities such as parking, restroom, walking pathway, playground and shade structure. This plan will have impact to existing wetlands in order to provide parking and the playfield.

The second plan developed (without the playfield) shows parking, restroom, shade structures, dog park, walking pathways and playground. It is possible to develop this plan with only minor impact to wetlands from the walking pathway. A copy of the plan showing a playfield was forwarded to the SC and PLT to be shared with their staff and Board members.

A follow up phone conference was held February 12 to discuss feedback from the SC Board as a result of the field trip discussed above. Overall, of the twelve board members present, there was no significant objection to the playfield. However, SC board members have voiced concern about preservation of habitat and a desire for the Conservation Easement language to address impacts of development. The remaining SC board members will have an opportunity to weigh in with their thoughts at the April SC planning meeting. The overall reaction of the board members who attended the field trip has been positive, however, we will not have a true sense of the overall board reaction until after the April SC planning meeting.

Attached with this cover sheet are copies of the updated conceptual plans for the A&D Committee to review and comment upon.

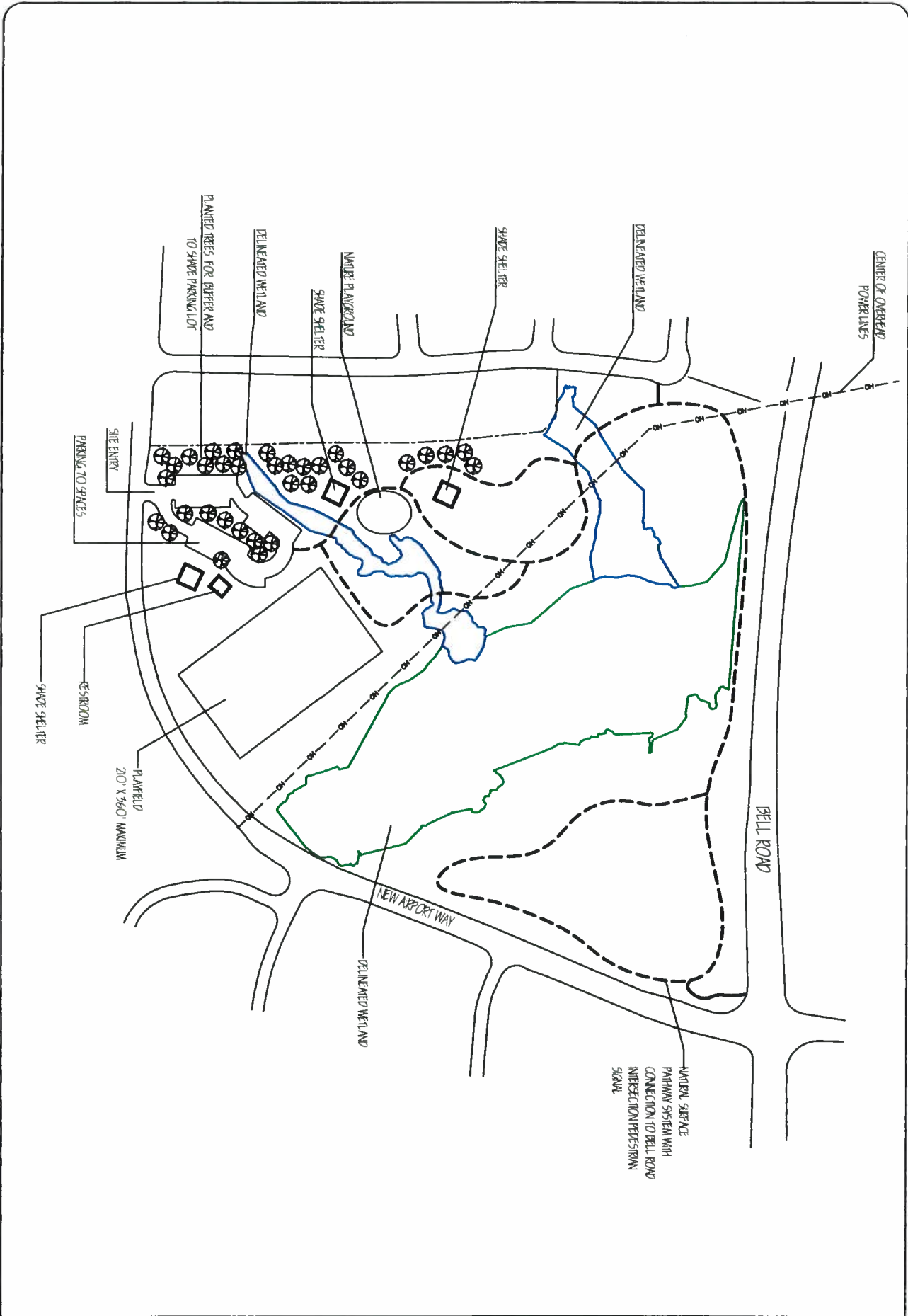
**Recommendation:** Review the attached concept plans and provide feedback to staff.

**Fiscal Impacts:** Discussion item, no fiscal impacts identified at this time.

**Attachments:**

Updated Conceptual Plan showing potential play field

Updated Conceptual Plan showing no play field

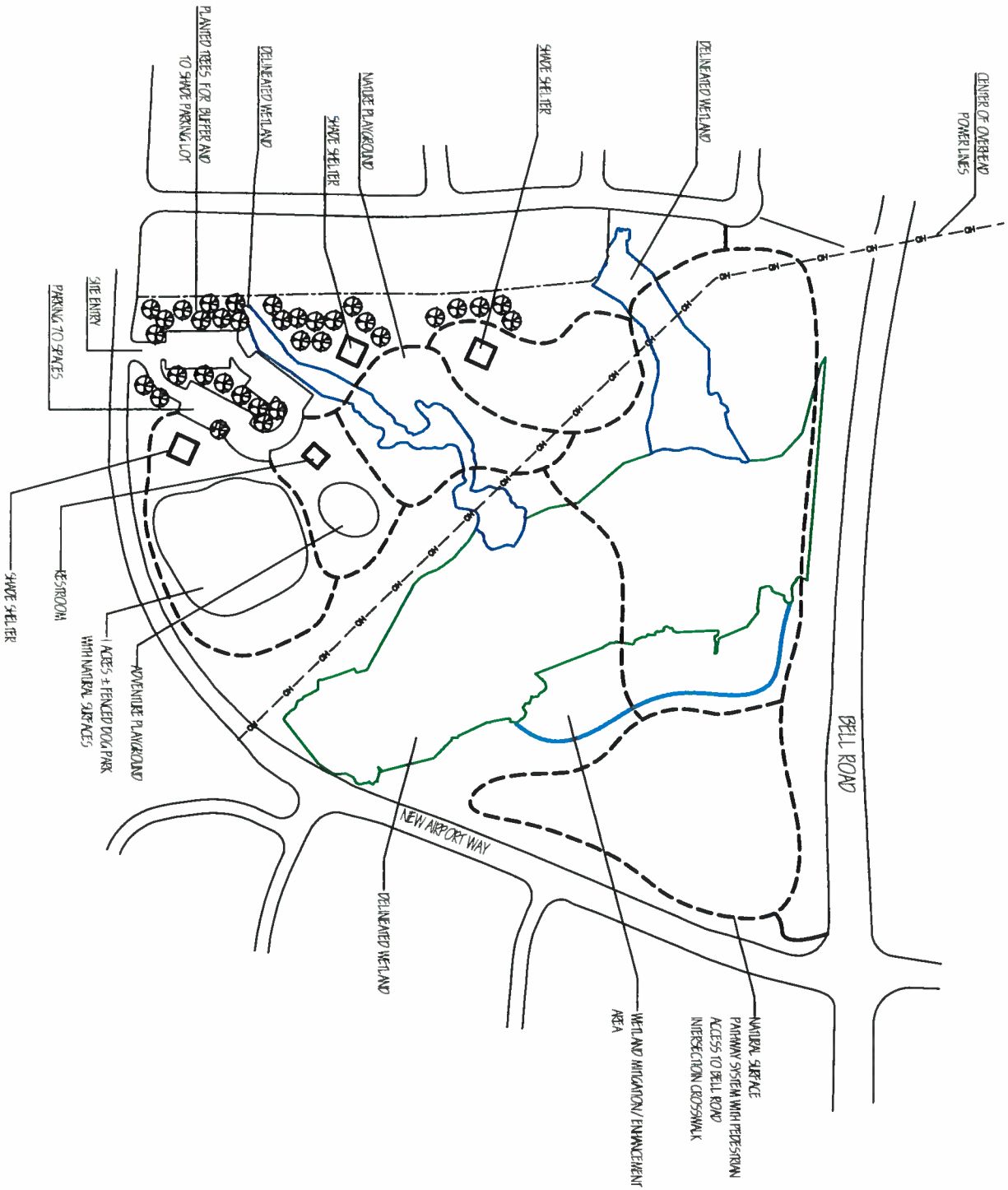


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 BELL ROAD CONCEPT PLAN ONE

SCALE  
 1" = 80'



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## **Discussion Item #9.3 Cover sheet – Goose control at ARD Parks**

**Auburn Area Recreation and Park District (ARD) Acquisition and Development Committee meeting February, 2014; ARD Board of Directors meeting February, 2014**

### **The Issue**

A discussion of options to be employed for control of the Canadian Goose populations at Auburn Area Recreation and Park District (ARD) parks. The A&D Committee requested that these options be discussed.

### **Background**

Two of ARD's most popular parks, Regional Park and Meadow Vista Park, have become homes to large populations of Canadian Geese. Other parks, including Ashford Park, see sporadic small populations from time to time. These geese take a toll on the park by damaging the turf when feeding and defecating in all areas.

Canadian Geese are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. There are also state of California laws that protect native waterfowl. Controlling Canadian Geese via hunting or other invasive measures requires permits. There are, however, management techniques that can be used to help control the populations of Canadian Geese at ARD Parks. Two documents listing some of these techniques are attached.

ARD staff have been in contact with Sara Holm, local Wildlife Biologist for the California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife. In response to the question about whether the geese are worse this year because of the dry, sunny conditions, Sara responded:

*“The Canada problem is always confounded in the winter when the true migratory geese spot the resident geese and the numbers double. The problem is cyclic in parks where there's fewer predators and the geese get fed so they have lots of babies and those get fed, where in a wild situation if they're not healthy because they're hungry they don't reproduce as well and not as many of the young survive. Parks with ponds are always going to have what the geese need with grass and water, in the absence of getting fed (and sometimes even if they are), the numbers reach a maximum for what the area can sustain and then they start to go down. This is why some of the geese are more aggressive than others-they want the food from people. Some of the geese will look for another place, some will die from illness, and the reproduction success will go down so the numbers will drop. I think you're just at a high right now.”*

In response to whether using dogs requires a special permit, Sara responded:

*“Yes, the dogs are fine to use and do not require a permit. Any non-lethal hazing is allowed and that includes noise cannons, pyrotechnics etc. The only thing you need to watch with the dogs (and the company should know this) is that the geese and nests are protected once they have laid eggs. It will be critical for the upcoming nesting season that you get volunteers or maintenance to destroy nests early and often before they have eggs in them. This can go a long way in preventing new geese but is time consuming. Control of eggs and occupied nests requires the federal permit I mentioned before. Again, the root*



of the problem is that they get fed. The non-natives should just be removed. Incoming migratory geese in the winter look for places that not only have water, but that have other geese so when they fly over and see the park with a bunch of birds they assume that's a good place to be and safety in numbers etc. Hazing at that time is critical too."

ARD has employed a couple of these management techniques, with limited results. The methods employed to this point are as follows:

- Removal of domestic geese. A large number of domestic geese were removed from Regional Park in the fall of 2013, however there was no noticeable drop in the Canadian Goose population after this technique.
- The use of coyote decoys to frighten the geese. This method has had some moderate success, however it requires the setting up of the decoys each morning and removal each afternoon to avoid theft and/or vandalism.

Of the management techniques listed, ARD staff is planning to use the following methods to step up the hazing procedure:

- 1) Purchase and install a "Goose Buster". This electronic device emits a goose distress call that frightens the geese. Information is attached.
- 2) Purchase and install scaring devices, such as the "Terror Eyes" and "Prowler Owl" products (see attached information).
- 3) Continue the use of coyote decoys, including the purchase of new decoys with a more aggressive stance (see attached information).
- 4) Purchase and install signs that educate park users about not feeding the geese and ARD's current attempt to scare the geese.

These methods will be employed at Meadow Vista Park. Should staff see success, a program will be put together for Regional Park. It should be noted that a similar program for Regional Park will require purchases of 3x – 4x more equipment due to the size and topography of the park.

ARD spoke with a local company that uses Border Collies to harass the geese. A demonstration was done at Regional and Meadow Vista Park. The dogs and their handlers were able to effectively remove the geese during their demonstration (the geese later came back). A bid to perform these services on a yearly basis was received. The cost for this service is \$34,270 for FY 14/15.

ARD has also looked into using the repellents mentioned in the articles. These repellents are sprayed on the grass, causing it to become distasteful to the geese. These repellents are fairly expensive and must be reapplied often. One application at Meadow Vista Park would cost approximately \$1,500. Staff has inquired about bulk pricing but has not received any information.

ARD Ordinance #1 states the following:

N. Protection of animals in park. No person shall hunt, frighten, chase, set a snare for, catch, injure, or maltreat any domestic or other animal within a park, nor shall any person fish with hook and line, seine, trap, spear or net, or by any other means, in any pond, lake, stream, or water within a park, except at a place specifically designated and

provided for such purpose. Law enforcement personnel, animal control officers, district employees and contractors acting within the scope of their official duties or district contract obligations are excepted from this prohibition. A violation of this subsection shall be a misdemeanor.

**Recommendation**

This is an advisory item. Staff recommends that the Board of Directors review the plan detailed above and provide comment.

**Fiscal Impact**

The estimated fiscal impact for the plan described above is as follows (Meadow Vista Park only):

Goose Buster (including installation)	\$2,000
Terror Eyes (x3)	\$180
Prowler Owl	\$75
New coyote decoys (x2)	\$150
New signage (x4)	\$250
<b>Total for Meadow Vista Park</b>	<b>\$2,655</b>

**Attachments**

Wildlife Services (USDA) Factsheet: Assistance with Waterfowl Damage  
NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection “Management of Canada Geese in Suburban Areas”  
Goose Buster product information  
Various “scare” products – Product information



## Wildlife Services

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Protecting Wildlife

Wildlife Services (WS), a program within the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), provides Federal leadership and expertise to resolve wildlife conflicts that threaten the Nation's agricultural and natural resources, human health and safety, and property.

Using an integrated approach of nonlethal and lethal methods, WS helps individuals, local governments, businesses, and others manage waterfowl in ways that best balance the positive value of bird populations with the conflicts that they sometimes cause.

*A Wildlife Services biologist applies corn oil to a goose egg. This treatment prevents eggs from developing and reduces the potential for re-nesting.*

## Factsheet

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# Assistance With Waterfowl Damage



Birdwatchers and the general public enjoy watching Canada geese, ducks, and other waterfowl—all valuable natural resources. In many areas of the country, however, populations of nonmigrating, or resident, Canada geese and ducks are increasing dramatically.

These birds require fresh water for resting and nesting and tender young grass and other succulent vegetation for food. The plentiful, well-manicured lawns of residential neighborhoods, corporate business areas, parks, airports, and golf courses provide excellent habitat. Geese, especially, can easily become accustomed to people and residential areas.

Although most people find a few birds acceptable, problems quickly develop as bird numbers increase. These problems include: overgrazing of grass and ornamental plants; accumulation of droppings and feathers; attacks on humans by aggressive birds; and the fouling of reservoirs, swimming areas, docks, lawns, and recreational areas. Flocks of geese and other waterfowl also feed on a variety of crops, including corn, soybeans, rice, lettuce, winter wheat, barley, and rye. Additionally, the feeding of waterfowl by humans may contribute to conflicts with humans.

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 and State laws protect all native waterfowl in the United States, including migratory and resident Canada geese. Under these laws, it is illegal to hunt, kill, sell, purchase, or possess migratory birds except as permitted by regulations enforced by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS).

Individuals can conduct some management techniques independently, but wildlife professionals should carry out most waterfowl management activities. Individuals should consult with WS or a State wildlife agency.





## Management Techniques

Long-term water fowl management results require multiple tools, each effective for different concerns.

Exclusive use of only one tool will not have a long-term impact.

Wildlife Services professionals recommend an integrated approach to discourage waterfowl from residing in areas where overabundant flocks cause problems. The following techniques should be used in combination with one another. Waterfowl quickly will become accustomed to any single technique.

- **Discontinue feeding.** Wild birds can find their own food and will survive without handouts. Once feeding by humans is discontinued, waterfowl will revert to better quality, natural foods. In many instances, the birds will leave.
- **Remove domestic ducks and geese.** Because birds may learn to locate food resources by watching the behavior of other birds, domestic ducks and geese serve as decoys to wild waterfowl. The removal of domestic waterfowl may reduce the attractiveness of an area. No Federal permit is required, but local law enforcement should be consulted about State, county, and municipal laws, and regulations before removing domestic waterfowl. Removal techniques must comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and policies.
- **Modify landscaping.** Geese and ducks, in particular, are grazers and require short, green grass for food. Allow grass to grow longer so it is unpalatable to the birds. Along water edges, plant less attractive vegetation, such as pachysandra, periwinkle, and euonymus. Waterfowl prefer nesting on islands, peninsulas, and undisturbed grounds. When landscaping, do not create small islands or peninsulas; where these features already exist, consider changes to make them unavailable to waterfowl.
- **Install barriers.** Waterfowl prefer to land on water and walk onto adjacent grassy areas to feed and rest. The

most effective tools for controlling waterfowl movement are fences, hedgerows, and other physical barriers.

- **Use scaring devices.** Large helium-filled balloons, strobe lights, scarecrows with movable parts, bird-scaring reflecting tape, Mylar™ flags, screamer sirens, whistle bombs, shell crackers, and automatic exploders will help keep geese and other waterfowl from feeding and resting on property. These should be moved periodically. Before using noisemakers or pyrotechnics, check local and State regulations concerning permits and the use of firearms and pyrotechnics.
- **Utilize dogs.** Use dogs to keep geese out of hay, grain crops, and parks. Most effective are free-ranging dogs trained to chase birds as soon as they land, so some communities have enlisted volunteer human/canine teams of trained and reliable pets in parks for harassing waterfowl. Local leash laws may prevent such use of dogs.
- **Prevent nesting.** Local populations of waterfowl may be controlled if property owners prevent them from nesting. Waterfowl are protected by State and Federal laws, so a property owner must register with the FWS. See link: <http://www.fws.gov/permits/mbpermits/GooseEggRegistration.html>. Nest treatment may include manipulating eggs so they do not develop. These methods include: addling (shaking), oiling with corn oil, puncturing, chilling, or replacing eggs. The bird will remain on the nest beyond the expected hatching date and therefore reduces or prevents the potential for re-nesting. (See Nest and Egg-Oiling factsheet.)
- **Use oral contraceptive bait.** An oral contraceptive for use on resident Canada goose, some duck, and feral pigeon populations reduces the hatchability of eggs. OvoControl® was developed by scientists at the WS' National Wildlife Research Center (NWRC) and by Innolytics, LLC. It must be fed to the target species at a specified dosage immediately before and throughout the entire nesting season. Because it can reduce egg

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hatchability and production in all bird species, only licensed wildlife specialists or pest control operators are permitted to buy and use OvoControl® in those States where it is registered. For more information, please read WS' OvoControl Q&A Factsheet.

- Capture and remove. Capture and removal by humane euthanasia can allow the above management methods to be more effective in the future. Community involvement is an important part of this decision. Trained individuals, including WS, can carry out the operation only with required permits.
- Hunting. Where it is safe and legal, hunting can be used to control some species of residential waterfowl. A State wildlife management agency can provide local laws and regulations.
- Obtain depredation permit. After applying some of the listed techniques over an extended period with little to no success, a depredation permit can be requested. Shooting a few birds each day may improve the effectiveness of harassment. Shooting may be impractical and/or prohibited in most urban damage situations, due to safety concerns, local noise and discharge ordinances, and adjacent land uses. Federal and/or State permits are required. For more information on obtaining a depredation permit contact the State USDA–WS office.

### Capture, Relocation, or Removal

In special instances, WS may capture urban waterfowl using live-traps or tranquilizers, such as alphachloralose, and relocate them. Many States discourage the relocation of waterfowl within their

borders because of the potential to create problems elsewhere in the State. Canada geese instinctively try to return to areas where they were born and raised and should be moved at least 200 miles away from their nesting site.

Reduction of the local waterfowl population, particularly resident Canada geese, can be accomplished by capture and removal. Federal and some States' regulations may permit the capture and removal of resident Canada geese between April 1 and August 31. Geese are most easily corralled during the molting period when they lose their primary flight feathers, leaving them flightless. From mid-June through early-July, the waterfowl can be captured with netted panel traps.

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Once captured, the geese are crated and euthanized. Under permit conditions, euthanized geese are then buried, incinerated, or donated as a food source to charitable organizations. Donated carcasses must be processed according to State guidelines. Euthanization of captured geese should be conducted by trained individuals. WS follows recommendations of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

### Additional Information

For more information about managing waterfowl damage and WS, please call 1-866-4USDA-WS (1-866-487-3297) or visit the Web site at: [www.aphis.usda.gov/wildlife\\_damage/](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wildlife_damage/).



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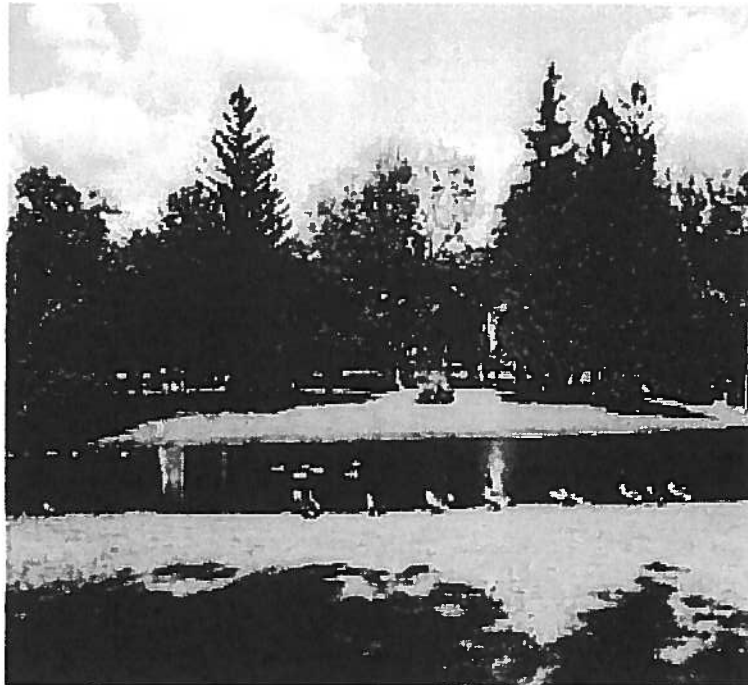
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## Introduction

The honking flock of Canada geese overhead brings an internal recognition of nature's intelligence and the timeless changing of the seasons. The high altitude, gracefully shifting 'V' formation always is a source of wonder. Years ago, these sights and sounds were the primary evidence of the flocks.

In many locations along the Atlantic Flyway, which extends from Hudson's Bay, Canada south to Mexico, Canada geese are not abundant. But in New Jersey and several other northeastern states, times have changed. In many areas, resident or non-migrating 'Giant' Canada goose populations are increasing dramatically. In fact, some population projections indicate that the numbers of non-migrating Canada geese may *double* in the next six years.

Many people enjoy the sight of a *few* geese. The problems begin when the numbers of non-migrating birds increase, including:

- **overgrazing of turfgrass**, which impacts aesthetics and creates an erosion hazard
- grazing of cropland, increasing erosion hazard and crop losses
- **accumulations of fecal material on land**, creating a health risk
- **degraded water quality**, from fecal bacteria and elevated nitrogen and phosphorous
- hazards to aircraft at airports
- **attacks on humans**

Many people do not realize that 'Giant' Canada goose populations were nearly non-existent by the early years of the 1900's because of unrestricted harvesting of eggs, draining of wetlands for crop production, and commercial hunting. Strict harvest regulations were enacted, refuges were established, large acreages of turfgrass were established through human sprawl, and goose populations recovered rapidly and dramatically. It is ironic that we did our job so well that now reducing the populations is a critical water quality concern.

This manual provides the most current effective methods known for reducing the impacts 'Giant' Canada geese can have on a specific site or water body. **The reader should understand that no single method will be successful in every situation and the best approach likely will be a combination thereof. Canada geese are highly adaptable and possess a short learning curve.** Size of the resident flock, site conditions, adjacent land use and social acceptance all will impact the flock control choices available.

**Management recommendations in this Guide are referring throughout to the resident 'Giant' Canada goose.**

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## Chapter One: Understanding the Resident Canada Goose

The Canada Goose, (*Branta canadensis*) usually begins nesting at three years of age. Pairs usually stay together for life unless one dies. If that should occur, the other usually will find a new mate within the same breeding season. Since geese can live as long as 20 years, there are many offspring produced by a pair.

'Giant' Canada Geese differ from the seasonally migrating 'Interior' Canada goose. These birds can be up to six pounds heavier, adapted to urban environments, tolerant of humans, and have a very limited migration range. Currently, the number of resident Canada geese is estimated at 83,000.

These birds have two basic requirements: *fresh water* for drinking, resting, nesting and escape from predators; and *tender, succulent vegetation* for food. The plentiful, highly managed lawns of residential neighborhoods, corporate office campuses, golf courses, parks, and some airports provide preferred habitats for these birds.

Canada geese nest within 100 feet of open water - usually directly adjacent. In New Jersey, nesting occurs in mid-April. The nest consists of a large mound of vegetation such as grass and cattails, is concave, nearly two feet

in diameter, and lined with soft down originating from the female's breast. Along with proximity to water, the other critical nest location factor is having a good view of the surroundings, for predators. Egg laying usually follows immediately after the nest is constructed. An egg is laid about every two days.



Geese taking flight

4 to 7 eggs make up a typical clutch and incubation is done completely by the female. The male will stand closely and defend the female by striking with its wings and nipping. The incubation period is 25-30 days. Interestingly, incubation does not begin until all of the eggs are laid, so that all goslings hatch the same day.

If the nest or eggs are destroyed, Canada geese will likely re-nest in the same spot. However, timing is critical when re-nesting is concerned. If the eggs or nest are lost more than one week after the start of incubation, re-nesting may not occur. The newly hatched goslings

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are led to water within one day after hatching.

The gander's behavior changes markedly after hatching. He previously would have chased off any other geese in the area. Now, 'overnight' he becomes much more tolerant of them. In fact, if there happen to be other clutches of goslings nearby, they will often group together in flocks and be looked after by the adults. At 10 weeks, the goslings can fly, and begin to adopt most of the adult behavioral characteristics.

Canada geese are grazers. As such, they have a clear preference for tender, mowed and fertilized turf grasses. They prefer to feed in large open areas with few obstructions that give a 360° view of potential predators. These birds have a high tolerance for humans and adapt quickly. Thus, the perfect feeding spot that meets all requirements of the geese is a nice, green, managed lawn area near water...conditions many humans prefer. Hence, the problem.



Geese browsing stormwater basin

Adult Canada geese undergo a complete replacement of their feathers (molting) starting each June, and it lasts about 30-35 days. During the molting period, the birds are unable to fly and are vulnerable. During this period, roundup and capture of small flocks of geese is possible.

Migration of Canada geese nesting in the United States covers relatively short distances, usually not extending past adjoining states. Smaller, Canadian-nesting breeds will migrate south after August 30 to the northern states. Some of these migrating birds will temporarily join urban resident flocks in New Jersey, greatly swelling their numbers. This can create a sudden negative impact on the local plant and water resources.

Canada geese have a remarkable homing instinct, returning each year to the previous nesting site if it was to their liking. This, coupled with their typically long lifespan, compounds the problem of goose-related water quality trouble spots.



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## Chapter Two: Methods to Manage Canada Geese in Suburban Areas

Generally, the best approach to suburban goose management amounts to a combination of methods- an integrated approach.

When choosing appropriate methods, three important factors need to be considered:

- the characteristics at the site that attract geese (food, water, secure nesting)
- the human attitudes and behaviors that attract and protect the geese
- laws and regulations

A management approach is devised based on reducing the preferred site characteristics. This usually means altering human behavior while being respectful toward attitudes. Without this approach, a control program is destined for failure.

### The Human Element

Public attitudes toward geese often conflict, juxtaposing environmental needs with personal belief systems regarding wildlife protection and welfare. Suburban areas contain increased populations, and different groups will define 'nuisance' from geese differently. People have differing tolerances for goose droppings, noise, vegetation damage, fouled waters, and occasionally aggressive behavior. Any method that involves destruction of birds, eggs, or nests will often

create a highly emotionally charged atmosphere. In extreme situations, law enforcement personnel can be necessary to preserve public safety if a confrontation is anticipated between the public and the goose management team.



Algae from excess phosphorous

Usually, the first step in reducing these types of conflicts is education. Many people are completely unaware of the environmental degradation that can result from dense non-migrating Canada goose populations. A second step that has been successful is the establishment of citizen task forces. These groups provide a means for concerned stakeholders to become actively involved in educating others and shaping the management strategy.

The actual goose management team charged with developing and implementing the control strategy should be adept at responding to the public in a non-defensive and positive way. They should be able to clearly explain (bilingually, if

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necessary) the reason for the control actions. Permits must be present on the site at the time of strategy implementation. These people, who will usually be agency personnel, should have clear guidance from their agency and an experienced local leader at the sites where population management measures will take place.



Overbrowsing of vegetation by geese

## Developing the Strategy

The integrated management strategy should consider:

- local community support for the need to take action
- available control options, given the biology of Canada geese and the characteristics of the site
- relative effectiveness of the techniques
- cost, regulatory considerations, and social acceptability of the techniques
- time of year when the resident goose population is greatest

In most cases, it has been learned that there is no single control method that will work every time, everywhere. There may have to be a combination of short term and long term controls in order to have a successful program. Additionally, the methods may be designed to address an existing problem and to prevent a future one from occurring.

An existing goose problem should be evaluated similar to agricultural integrated pest management. The goose management team should determine the 'damage threshold'. That is, the number of geese or the extent of environmental impact that is sufficient to warrant the implementation of controls. Then, actual population reduction and harassment measures may be appropriate along with reduction of goose preferred site conditions (habitat).

An anticipated future goose problem may utilize control methods directed completely toward habitat management.

When complete, the integrated management strategy should be shared with the public and distributed to all stakeholders.

## Current Regulatory Status

Canada geese are protected by a number of regulations, primarily the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. This federal act made it an illegal action to harvest waterfowl or other

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migratory birds except during the hunting season or by permit. The Act prevents unrestricted commercial hunting for meat and feathers that was widespread in the United States. Unrestricted egg harvesting was also prohibited by the Act.

This landmark legislation gave the U.S. and Canadian governments the authority to set limits, implement appropriate regulations, and issue permits to take waterfowl. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior administers and enforces the Act. Other New Jersey regulations that support this Act are the NJ Statutes Annotated Title 23, and the NJ Game Code enforced by the NJ Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife.

In June 1999, The USF&WS ruled to give states the authority to develop a management plan to take action on nuisance resident Canada geese.

Concurrently, the USF&WS began work on an Environmental Impact Statement pertaining to this issue. Procedures designed to directly impact the Canada goose population such as handling nests and eggs, capturing and relocating geese, capturing and euthanizing geese, shooting, and any other activity that involves handling geese, their eggs, and nests requires a depredation permit. The permit application is available from the USDA APHIS Wildlife Services or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

## Canada Goose Management Techniques

### Stop all feeding

Efforts to reduce goose populations are often concurrently undermined by 'the people next door' feeding the birds. If feeding of the geese is commonplace, there is no point in trying to scare the birds away.

### Canada geese do not need to be fed.

Natural foods are abundant. Feeding geese concentrates birds near roads and heavy human use areas, creating a safety hazard. Feeding often results in geese becoming more tame and ultimately more aggressive toward people. Feeding, because it increases crowding of an area so rapidly, increases susceptibility of the birds to diseases like duck plague, avian cholera, and avian botulism. These all can kill large numbers of birds as well as other more desirable waterfowl.



Geese in mall parking island



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Education of the public and signage at known concentration spots discouraging feeding is the first step.

If the results are unsatisfactory, a 'No-Feed' ordinance may be warranted, accompanied with fines for repeat offenses.

## Hazing

Hazing of Canada geese refers to simply scaring or harassing them into leaving the area. Hazing is allowed without a permit provided the birds are not actually handled by a person or attacked by a dog. Hazing is usually not harmful to the geese; consequently some methods are highly acceptable to the public. The major negative is that because the Canada goose is so adaptable, it rapidly becomes accustomed to the hazing and is no longer frightened away.

Hazing should be used as soon as it becomes apparent that geese are beginning to congregate in a particular area. Once a large number of birds have 'settled' into an area, it becomes increasingly difficult to haze them out.

In general, all hazing methods are made more effective by elimination of habitat elements that the Canada geese find attractive at the site.

### Noisemakers:

For obvious reasons, these loud devices may not be acceptable near people. They have been used most

successfully in agricultural settings. Noisemakers often consist of some form of *pyrotechnics* such as:

- Propane cannons
- Bangers and screamers
- Firing blanks
- Sirens, airhorns, and whistles
- Recorded goose distress calls

Each of these methods may be successful for a time, but geese quickly become habituated to noisemaking, especially if used alone. If proper permits are secured, shooting of several birds can increase the effectiveness of the noisemaking.

Automatic devices usually are preferred. If the devices cannot be triggered automatically, the labor necessary to activate them will add greatly to the cost of the goose abatement program.

Consult with your local police department and comply with all use restrictions. Inform your neighbors, too, since these sounds can be quite startling. For more information on the safe use of pyrotechnics, obtain information from the USDA-APHIS Wildlife Services program.

### Visuals:

Visual frightening devices have the advantage of doing the job quietly, so they may be better adapted to suburban applications. They are also relatively inexpensive, safe, and work well with other hazing techniques. On the flip side, they may be visually offensive to people,

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may be vandalized often, and require constant checking and upkeep. Some common visual hazing methods are:

- **Mylar tape (scare tape):** Scare tape is red on one side, silver on the other, about ½ inch wide. It can be used as a streamer if the geese fly in to the site or in a fence arrangement on 3' tall stakes if the geese walk in. When properly implemented, the tape flashes in the sun and vibrates & rattles in the wind. Obviously, on a mostly cloudy, calm day, its effectiveness is greatly diminished. Also, deer, dogs, and children will break a fence arrangement routinely, requiring constant repair.
- **Flags:** Flags placed in windy locations in farm fields and near water bodies have been used to discourage geese from landing. Flags may consist of:
  - heavy gauge garbage bags cut with slits on top of 8' tall poles
  - six foot long and 24" wide mylar strips on top of 6 foot poles
  - a six foot tall cross- pole with a large plastic bag attached over the cross forming a scarecrow of sorts
- **Eye-spot balloons:** These are large, 18"-36" diameter inflatable balls that are decorated with large owl-type eyes. The most effective eye-spot designs are those that have pupils inside the eyes and are colored. These balloons can be tethered between

poles or trees, or filled with helium and tethered 15 – 20 feet above the ground.

Care must be taken to place the balloons far enough away from trees and wires that the lines will not tangle and the balloons will not puncture.

- **Scarecrows:** Scarecrows resembling humans with moving arms can scare geese away from small areas. Interestingly, research shows that scarecrow effectiveness increases when coupled with noisemaking (propane cannon) and a replica shotgun being held by the scarecrow (Smith, et. al). Another form of scarecrow that occasionally is effective are those that depict waterfowl themselves. Canada goose decoys with stretched necks (alarm position) can work.
- **Remote controlled (RC) aircraft:** This method of hazing has been used successfully in the past, primarily at airports. One study at the Reno, Nevada airport showed that by the third day of RC aircraft use, the geese took flight as soon as the aircraft left the ground. After the use of RC aircraft ceased, it took 10 days for the geese to return. This technique has also been used successfully at Auckland, NZ and Tel Aviv, Israel airports. This method can be expensive and labor intensive. However, RC aircraft flying is a popular hobby and often, local clubs exist that

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may be interested in using their skills to help to haze geese away from a particular location.

## Dogs, Swans, and Falcons

Dogs, usually trained border collies, can be highly successful in hazing. They have been deployed with good results at golf courses and corporate areas. The dogs must be under the supervision of a trained handler. They may be attached to a long lead; allowed to free roam (with an 'invisible fence'); or simply brought in periodically and released to chase the flock away. The best times to use dogs are during spring, to reduce nesting; and in early fall after molting. Dogs cannot be used during the molting period for humane reasons. If dog harassment is ceased for a short period, the geese will often return to reestablish themselves at the site.



Preferred goose habitat: mowed shoreline

Although swans can be territorial and aggressive toward Canada geese, in the long run this is not a preferred

method of hazing. Swans can create some of the same problems created by geese. Generally, swans are not recommended.

Trained falcons have been used successfully to haze geese at airports, locally at McGuire Air Force Base and JFK International Airport in New York. Geese at airports are a serious hazard, causing a fatal crash in Alaska in 1995 when several were sucked into engines of an AWACS plane. Falcons are predators, and are recognized and respected by the geese as such. Usually, however, additional hazing measures such as pyrotechnics and propane cannons are necessary.

## Altering of Habitat

As stated earlier, the habitat most desirable to geese is a large, flat to gently rolling managed turf area close to a lake, pond, or slow moving watercourse. Many land uses in suburbia provide this environment: large corporate campuses, suburban lawns, commercial centers, parks, and golf courses.

Habitat alteration consists of eliminating, modifying, or reducing access to areas that provide attractive spots for geese. The irony here is that this often creates a problem for the public, because access to lawn areas adjacent to water is also highly desirable to most humans. In fact, surveys have indicated that people in general are reluctant to perform the habitat

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modifications necessary to have a significant impact on resident goose populations. A 1991 British Columbia survey showed that 84% of respondents opposed such measures. (Smith, et.al)

Habitat modification is most effective before geese have established themselves in an area. If the desirability of a site is reduced before a non-migratory population establishes itself, chances are far better of avoiding a problem. Once a flock of geese is settled in an area, however, other measures coinciding with habitat work are needed. Although initial expense for habitat alteration may be higher than other measures, in the long run it is often the most cost effective solution.

Habitat alteration should not be done at a single location if other similar desirable habitats exist within a short distance. Coordination between stakeholders is essential to ensure that a more widespread approach is taken. Otherwise, the geese may simply vacate one spot and increase the density at the next desirable site in the area.

Athletic fields with heavily managed turf should be kept at least 400 feet away from the water's edge. This will, however, only have a big impact during molting season. During times when geese can fly, they will routinely utilize turf areas a mile or more away from the water.

## *Reducing adjacent turf*

Canada geese prefer lush, mowed turf. The mowing and continual fresh, succulent high carbohydrate regrowth of the grass provides preferred food. In New Jersey, turf grasses usually consist of cool-season varieties of bluegrass, ryegrass, and fescues. One way to reduce the palatability is to simply reduce or eliminate fertilizer application and watering. If grass is allowed to grow to higher lengths, the tender young shoots become more difficult for the geese to detect, being below the older, tougher, more fibrous growth. A mowing height of 8 inches will reduce the attractiveness of the grass to the geese.



Shoreline buffer of tall vegetation

A more comprehensive measure is to change the grass cover to a mixture of warm season grasses like switchgrass, bluestems, wheatgrass, and indiagrass combined with wildflowers.

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This, in essence, mimics a prairie ecosystem, and is not preferred by geese. This type of vegetation will require far less mowing and maintenance and often is visually attractive if implemented in a natural, curvilinear design blending with the natural contours. One caution: although tall vegetation will not be browsed for food, it may provide adequate nesting sites to some geese.

Another approach to reduce the area of turf is to convert it to non-palatable ground covers. Common plants not preferred by Canada geese include: periwinkle (*Vinca spp.*); myrtle (*Myrtus spp.*); pachysandra (*Pachysandra terminalis*); English ivy (*Hedera helix*); and hosta (*Hosta spp.*).

## *Barrier fencing*

Fencing is an effective method for excluding walking geese from a lawn area. Fencing can be made of mylar tape, woven wire, chicken wire, plastic construction fence, electric 2-wire, chainlink, rock, or other suitable materials. Openings in the fencing should be no larger than 3 inches and must be at least 24 inches tall. The fencing must also extend far enough to prevent the geese from simply walking around the ends.

Fences have been found to be most effective during limited flight periods: pre-nesting, molting, and when there are new goslings. The effectiveness of a fence barrier is

often enhanced by a vegetative shoreline buffer (*see vegetative buffer section*).

If the fence is made from smooth wire, rope, or heavy monofilament line, it should have at least three strands set at 12, 18, and 24 inches above the ground. Support stakes should be close enough to prevent sagging – no more than 10 feet apart.

## *Rock barriers*

When geese leave a water body, they generally use routes that allow them easy access to land and a clear view. Large (2-3 ft. diameter) boulders placed along the shoreline can act as a barrier to geese trying to access the land around the water. These boulders, especially if used in conjunction with taller shoreline vegetation, can enhance the visual interest of the water's edge.

## *Vegetative Buffers*

Changing the landscape of a site is generally considered to be the most effective, humane, and environmentally friendly long-term goose management technique. Since a highly managed turf near water is the ultimate for geese, the best choices are changing the surrounding turf; or changing the water-turf interface, the shoreline.

Generally, Canada geese avoid feeding, nesting, and loafing in areas where tall vegetation provides an obstruction to the surrounding areas. An important secondary benefit of



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this method is that the vegetation, usually consisting of tall native adapted grasses, shrubs, and trees, will help to act as a filtering buffer, removing pollutants contained in storm runoff flowing from the adjacent area to the water body.

The vegetation must be at least 24 inches high and dense enough to prevent the geese from seeing through it. Tall, stiff stemmed native warm season grasses are good choices. Shrubs should be native species also, and adapted to the conditions of the site. The vegetative barrier should be at least 25 feet wide. Creating a narrow S-shaped path will allow human access to the water's edge, while still obscuring its view. If desired, this path can access another narrow footpath running along the actual shoreline. Having a shoreline path inside of the vegetative barrier can provide a means of hazing and disruption to the geese. If a shore footpath is put in place, be sure to stabilize the shoreline to prevent bank erosion.

Taller native adapted trees can also be used with the grasses and shrubs to screen the shoreline. The trees should be spaced adequately to allow for their mature size. They should also be spaced so that a dense shade canopy does not form—the understory grass and shrub vegetation will need a good deal of sun.

## *Straight Shoreline Elimination*

Long, straight shorelines and islands are optimum nesting locations for Canada geese, providing security and a clear view of possible predators. Islands are difficult and expensive to remove once a lake is filled with water. Additionally, people often find islands to be visually appealing. Typically, the most efficient way to deal with island nesting sites is through hazing.



Wooded pond island

Shoreline modification can also be quite expensive, requiring large equipment and, often, permits from the NJDEP. The idea is to eliminate or drastically reduce the long uninterrupted shore view that geese prefer. Creation of peninsulas and coves with short-radius curves will shorten the distance that geese can see in all directions. This, coupled with fence or rock barriers and tall shoreline vegetation can reduce the attractiveness of a water body to the geese. This may also make conditions more aesthetically

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favorable for sections of shoreline trails and benches.

## *Overhead lines*

A network of multiple parallel lines or a grid of heavy (10 gauge minimum) wire or twine stretched 2 to 3 feet above a water surface or feeding area restricts goose landing. The parallel lines can be 20 to 75 feet apart and do not have to be spaced equidistant. A grid arrangement can range from 10 to 30 feet square.

The overhead system can be visually emphasized with the addition of mylar tape streamers attached at wide intervals. Fencing should be installed at the perimeter of the area being protected by the overhead lines to prevent geese from walking in underneath.

Any overhead line system should be in place before geese discover a site for the season. Maintenance is necessary to prevent sagging or to replace broken lines.

Overhead line systems have some obvious negative effects - they cannot treat a large area; they are visually distracting and unappealing; they can greatly restrict human access to the water; and the risk exists for bird entanglement, injury and death.

## *Repellents*

There are several Canada goose repellents that can be effective for limited times. The repellents are sprayed on the turf before geese return for the season. Repellents do

not harm geese and are usually accepted by the public. The active ingredient is methyl anthranilate, which is made from natural biodegradable food grade ingredients and is non-toxic to humans, dogs, cats, or birds. Methyl anthranilate is a chemical that makes the grass unpalatable to the geese. It generally does not persist, although its effects can endure longer if fogged into an area rather than sprayed.

Generally, for best results repellents should be applied only to dry and just mowed turf, in full sun, at temperatures over 50° F. 2-3 hours of drying time must be allowed after application. Applications generally should be repeated every 4-5 days; if rain falls within 24 hours after application, it may have to be repeated.

## **Direct Population Impact Measures**

### **Goose Removal**

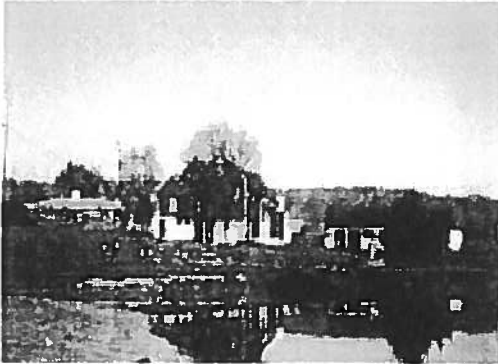
There are several clear advantages to physical removal of Canada geese from a problem site. Removal is applied directly to impact a population problem, the effects are immediate, and less risk exists that the geese will move and create problems elsewhere. Relocating or killing of geese outside of legal hunting seasons requires permits. In addition, killing of geese often stirs local controversy.

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## *Nets*

Some removal techniques require the capture of live geese. This is done during the flightless, molting season in early to mid-summer. They are then easily rounded up by driving them into special nets. The net should be set up on a dry, flat area away from roads or other areas where the geese could be injured.

Geese inhabiting farm pond



The capture net should be 48-60 inches tall and made of a non-abrasive material so that the geese are not injured by it during the process. Generally, poles are erected every 12-15 feet for support of the net, which is in an upright position. The net is arranged in a tight, semi-circular orientation with an opening large enough to get the geese in but small enough to keep them in. Wildlife personnel herd the geese into the net by walking slowly with hands in front for protection. If geese are on the water and need to be herded toward a net on shore, canoes, kayaks, and rowboats can be used if it's too deep for wading. Once the geese are contained in the

net, the opening is quickly closed. Geese can then be handled and tagged, if desired. A truck can then be backed up to the opening, and the geese are herded into the truck for removal.

Cannon nets are an efficient technique for capturing a flock of geese. An area is baited with waste grain, and a large net is folded flat and attached to projectiles. Once a suitable number of birds is within the target area, the cannons are triggered and the net is shot out over the geese. Wildlife personnel then hand capture the birds from under the net. This technique requires large open areas free of trees and shrubs that can foul the net.

## *Relocation*

Moving geese from urban environments can be successful. The reason that it sometimes fails is that Canada geese have very strong homing instincts and they tend to return to their previous nesting area. The other obvious shortcoming is that an area willing to receive the geese has to be established, and there are less and less of these areas within a reasonable distance from the suburban problem area. In a Minnesota study (Keefe, 1996), adult geese were trapped and moved to Oklahoma for several years. 10 to 20 percent of the adults returned to their original Minnesota capture site. Overall, relocation reduced the breeding population by 40-50 percent after one year and 70-90 percent after two years.

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An Ohio and Michigan study (Smith, et.al) found moving juvenile, flightless geese from urban areas to state operated wildlife management areas where hunting is done successfully removed geese from some problem areas. Juveniles do not have as highly developed a homing instinct as adults, and most stayed near the release point in the wildlife management area, adding to the sport harvest there.

## Harvesting of Geese

Almost without exception, harvesting (shooting) of problem geese will create a local controversy and be met with some animal welfare opposition that must be addressed in a considerate manner. Public education including evening meetings, website and printed material will be needed far more for this technique than for any other goose management measure. Time for the educational process to take place should be built into the goose management timetable.

Urban flocks of Canada geese can be difficult to hunt because of the obvious hazards to people and property. This along with the same regulatory guidelines designed to protect migratory waterfowl have limited the effectiveness of typical waterfowl seasons for controlling populations of suburban Canada geese. Where it is done, harvesting has enhanced other management options. Shooting increases noise disturbance, reduces protected areas

available to the birds for feeding or nesting, emphasizes habitat changes, and reduces adults, which is the most effective way to reduce the long-term population. Harvesting of adults can be augmented with egg removal or puncturing (this is termed 'addling'- see page 18).

The facts show that hunting is the most cost effective method for managing the suburban Canada goose population. The NJ Division of Fish, Game, and Wildlife sets Canada goose hunting seasons. Currently, there are two, one in September, the other in January and February.



Park pond with resident flock

*Managed* hunts are often the best way to reduce goose numbers in urbanized areas. Many states have opened early seasons, commencing September 1, in order to remove more resident geese. A more effective, site specific hunting approach is through issuance of special purpose kill permits where several trained individuals do the

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hunting at a particular, limited location, such as an airport. Cooperation with local law enforcement will be necessary. Testing of interested hunters will need to be administered and an orientation for those hired must be provided. This permitting method has also been used successfully at some golf courses and parks. To ensure public safety, these areas are then closed several hours on a set schedule for several weeks.

Shotguns are used for goose hunting. Shotguns propel a small mass of pellets over short distances, impacting the target area at ranges up to 40 yards. This means that shotguns have the *maximum* potential to hit the target with the *minimal* potential to impact a non-target animal or human. Several states have used harvested geese in community food banks, homeless shelters and soup kitchens. Geese used for this may be either netted or hunted. This is a very positive approach that should always be investigated when a local harvesting/relocation measure is being considered. As of 1999, USDA approval was required for goose meat donation to food banks, so it was necessary to use USDA-inspected processing plants. Goose meat should be inspected for steel shot. Also, assurance should exist that the geese have not ingested pesticides, contaminating their meat. Although this is more unlikely in urban areas, there have been instances of goose poisonings

related to agricultural chemicals in farm locales.

## **Reproduction Control**

Canada geese have a lifespan that can exceed 20 years if they survive their first year. Although reduction of the adult population is the most effective way to impact a pest flock, another method that can help is to reduce the reproduction rate. These methods should be considered where hunting or other means of reducing the number of adults are not feasible.

In order to have the same impact as eliminating one adult, ALL eggs produced by that adult must be removed for its entire lifetime, which is usually a far more labor intensive and costly method. Additionally, reduction efforts must be nearly 100% effective in a given area, since a small number of nests or eggs that are missed can offset the ones that are removed. Population models have shown mathematically that a resident Canada goose population could remain stable even if up to 72% of the eggs were removed. Even if 95% of the eggs were removed, it would take ten years just to reduce the population to a level 75% of the original (Barnard 1991).

## **Nest removal**

The removal or destruction of a nest requires breeding geese to move, build a new nest immediately, or nest later in the season. This is a very labor-intensive approach, requiring daily visits to nesting sites.



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Also, since geese are very proficient at locating their nests in safe areas, they may be on islands or other difficult to access locations.

## Egg Management

Eggs can be impacted in several ways that will terminate the viability of embryos. Just like with nest destruction, you must be able to find and get to the nest, making it a fairly labor intensive approach. All methods require that the eggs be carefully replaced in the nest to prevent the goose from being aware that the eggs have been tampered with. If this is not done, the geese will quickly lay more eggs. Typically, 4 to 7 eggs will be present in a complete nesting clutch.

The most common methods of impacting the eggs are: addling, puncturing, and oiling. For humane reasons, these methods should be done as early in the incubation process as possible, while being late enough to get all the eggs of that clutch.



Optimum habitat

## Addling

Addling simply involves vigorously shaking the eggs found in the nest. The eggs must be shaken to the point that liquid is heard moving around inside.

## Puncturing

Puncturing is accomplished by poking a strong, sharp pin through one end of the egg. This allows harmful bacteria to enter the egg.

## Oiling

Oiling eggs works through the principle that oil prevents gases from diffusing through the shell, depriving oxygen from the embryo. The usual method is to either brush, spray, or dunk the eggs using 100 percent food grade corn oil.

## Dummy eggs

Viable eggs can be removed from the nest and replaced with artificial or 'dummy' eggs made of wood or plastic. Also, unfertilized or hard-boiled 'real' eggs can be used. The goose will continue to incubate the eggs rather than re-nest.

In Toronto, Ontario, this method combined with hunting reduced the local Canada goose population by 40%. This method is less labor intensive than some of the previous because the nests are visited only one time.

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## Conclusion

Problems with resident Canada geese will likely continue to increase in the coming years. The combined factors of low adult mortality and favorable habitat conditions for breeding and feeding indicate that resident goose flocks may double every five years. (Smith, et al 1999)

Solving conflicts between people and Canada geese will continue to create a significant management challenge for wildlife biologists and policy makers. A delicate balance must be achieved between the biological and social issues that revolve around the impacts of resident geese.

Management techniques exist that have proven to be successful. The challenge will lie in making the correct choices.



Sunrise.....or sunset?



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## Who to Contact:

The *USDA Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Wildlife Services* program is authorized and directed by law to assist landowners, corporations, agencies, and others in resolving damage situations involving federally managed wildlife. Wildlife Services is the agency primarily responsible for handling requests regarding Canada goose damage problems in New Jersey. This is accomplished through close cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and N.J. Division of Fish, Game, and Wildlife. Assistance typically consists of providing information on control techniques, sources of bird control supplies, assistance with the permit process, and implementation of operational goose damage management activities through funded contracts.

*U.S. Department of Agriculture - (APHIS) Wildlife Services*  
*New Jersey office: Pittstown, N.J. (908) 735-5654*

*New Jersey Division of Fish Game and Wildlife: (609) 292-2965*  
For goose sport hunting information.

*U.S. Department of the Interior - Fish and Wildlife Service (413) 253-8698*  
For actual issuance of permits to handle nests and eggs, shoot geese to reinforce harassment techniques, capture and/or euthanize geese.

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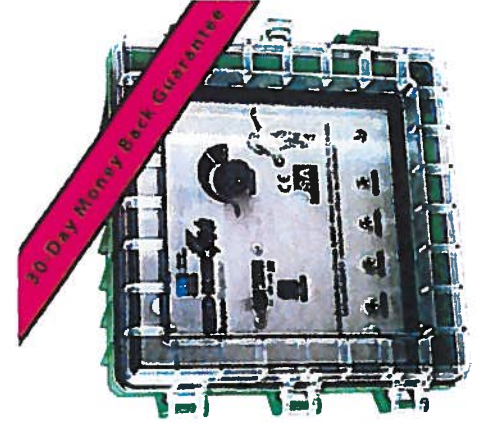
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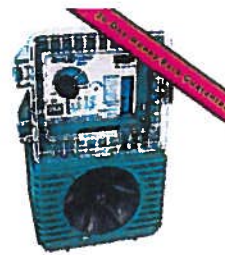
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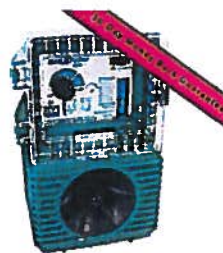
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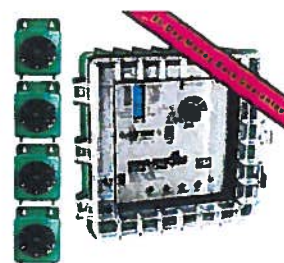
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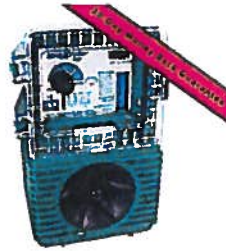
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## **Discussion Item # 9.4 Cover sheet – Drought Strategies for ARD**

**Auburn Area Recreation and Park District Board of Director's meeting February, 2014**

### **The Issue**

A discussion of the Auburn Area Recreation and Park District's (ARD) strategies for dealing with the impending drought.

### **Background**

Much of California is facing a drought in 2014. Specific to ARD, the Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) has advised that they will most likely cut the available amount of untreated water by 50%. This cut is being made based on the reduced water PCWA will receive from PG&E. PCWA is also asking customers to reduce treated water use by 25%.

The Nevada Irrigation District (NID) is calling for a voluntary 20% reduction in water usage.

A majority of ARD parks use untreated water from PCWA for irrigation. Regional Park, ARD's largest park, uses untreated NID water for irrigation.

ARD staff has met and spoke with PCWA staff a few occasions to discuss the drought and its repercussions. ARD staff has developed a host of drought strategies to deal with the reductions in available water. These strategies include practices and procedures that will be used by ARD, as well as prioritizing certain areas in each park. These strategies are attached.

### **Recommendation for the Board of Directors**

Review and discuss the proposed ARD drought strategies. Provide comment and feedback.

### **Fiscal Impact**

Unknown at this time.

### **Attachments**

ARD Drought Strategies

**Auburn Area Recreation and Park District  
2014 Drought Strategies**

**All Parks and Facilities:**

- Eliminating the fertilization program for 2014.
  - “Under conditions of moisture stress, fertilizer imposes an additional stress and does little to improve turfgrass” (Ohio State University Horticulture and Science Fact Sheet: Managing Turf Grass Under Drought Conditions).
  - “Do not fertilize your lawn. Keep nitrogen levels low to discourage extra growth.” (Keeping Your Lawn Alive During Drought; Texas A&M Agrilife Extension).
- Set mower decks higher
  - “Set your mower to the highest setting and mow less frequently. The taller grass will provide shade for the surface of the soil and roots.” (Keeping Your Lawn Alive During Drought; Texas A&M Agrilife Extension).
  - “Taller cut grass will have deeper, more extensive root systems than short cut grass which will help enable the turfgrass plants to withstand summer stresses. Taller cut turfgrass will provide more shading of the soil thereby keeping soil temperatures cooler and reducing evaporation of soil moisture.” (Ohio State University Horticulture and Science Fact Sheet: Managing Turf Grass Under Drought Conditions)
- Adding aeration (minimum two more aerations in the May – October time frame)
  - “If soil is compacted, aeration of the lawn will significantly improve efficiency of water moving into the soil surface.” (Keeping Your Lawn Alive During Drought; Texas A&M Agrilife Extension).

**Run-off and overspray issues:** Unfortunately, many of ARD’s irrigation systems run on I-40 heads, meaning the heads spray water 40 feet. To achieve head-to-head coverage, this results in overspray in some location. This is especially prevalent in landscape areas and around sidewalks. ARD will work to modify these heads as much as possible, however a much more extensive re-design of the irrigation systems would be needed to drastically reduce the run-off and overspray issues.

**Park specific**

Priority #1 areas will be targeted to receive a “normal” amount of water

Priority #2 areas will receive as much water as is possible after #1 areas have been satisfied

Priority #3 areas will receive any remaining water

**Recreation Park** – all turf/grass areas mentioned below use PCWA untreated water for irrigation

**Priority #1 areas**

James and Beggs infield turf

**Priority #2 areas**

Back (south-end) playground and picnic area

James and Beggs Field outfield turf

Priority #3 areas

All other areas of the park

Building and bathrooms

Target 25% reduction

**Railhead Park** – the soccer fields use PCWA untreated water; bathroom and landscaping use treated water

Soccer Fields – irrigate to the 50% reduction

Landscape areas – reduce treated water by 25%

Bathrooms – target 25% reduction in treated water

**Overlook Park** – all turf/grass areas irrigated with PCWA treated water

All areas: 30% reduction

**Ashford Park** – the turf/grass areas use untreated PCWA water; bathroom and some landscaping use treated water

Priority #1 areas

Newly planted landscaping by bathroom

Ashley Memorial Dog Park

Priority #2 areas

All other areas of the park

Landscape areas – reduce treated water by 25%

Bathrooms – target 25% reduction in treated water

**Canyon View Community Center** – all of CVCC uses PCWA treated water, including turf

Reduce all turf and landscape irrigation by 30%

Bathrooms/inside building – target 25% reduction

**Atwood Park** – all of Atwood Park uses NID treated water

All areas: 25% reduction

**Regional Park** – “C” field, some landscaping and buildings use NID treated water; all other areas use NID untreated water

Priority #1 areas

Field “C” infield turf



All other areas, including indoor use: 25% reduction

**Christian Valley** – all of CV Park uses PCWA treated water

All areas: 25% reduction

**Meadow Vista Park** – Upper (small) soccer field, turf area by tennis courts and bathrooms use PCWA treated water; all other areas use PCWA untreated water

Priority #1 areas

Baseball field outfield

Turf around playground area

Priority #2: all other areas

**Placer Hills Park** – the park, pool and bathrooms use treated water from the Meadow Vista County Water District

All turf areas: 30% reduction

Pool and bathrooms: targeted 30% reduction

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3. Correspondence from Ralph Smith of Auburn Gold Country Rotary and response from Kahl Muscott.

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Atown Bikes  
943 Lincoln Way  
Auburn, Ca 95603

January 15, 2014

Auburn Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors  
c/o Kahl Muscott, District Administrator  
Auburn Area Recreation and Parks District  
471 Maidu Drive  
Auburn, CA 95603

Dear Directors and Mr. Muscott:

Atown Bikes supports the efforts of the Auburn Area Recreation and Parks District (ARD) to build the Auburn Bike Park and believe the bike park will be a great addition to our community!

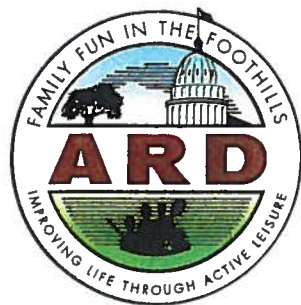
Atown Bikes is a Local Bicycle Shop in the community of Auburn Ca. We support our local youth and there riding indevorse.

We believe the bike park will be a great asset to Auburn and most importantly, a great benefit to our children, youth and families. Auburn youth need safe places to ride and practice their bicycling skills. A bike park will encourage youth to get outside, exercise and socialize. The bike park will create life-long friendships and memories for our youth and will serve as a gathering place for our families and our community.

We thank the ARD for working over the last year with the community to vet and identify a location for the bike park. The ARD has selected a site that is bike-accessible and will encourage kids to ride their bikes to and from the bike park. And, the park will be available free-of-charge so that more children and youth can use the park. The bike park itself will have a skills-area to help youth increase their bike handling skills and build their self-confidence, all while having fun. The bike park is also a great compliment to our bicycle-oriented community, which hosts both mountain and road biking enthusiasts with its year-round bicycle-riding weather.

We thank you for your efforts to build an Auburn Bike Park!

Sincerely,  
Duke and Christy Jay  
Owners of Atown Bikes



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## AUBURN AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

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February 21, 2014

Duke & Christy Jay  
Atown Bikes  
943 Lincoln Way  
Auburn, CA 95603

Dear Duke and Christy:

Thank you for your letter of support for the proposed Auburn Bike Park.

The Auburn Area Recreation and Park District is enthusiastic about opening this facility and always happy to hear of the support in the community.

Thank you again for your interest and your time.

Sincerely,

Kahl Muscott  
District Administrator

cc: ARD Board of Directors



350 Grass Valley Hwy., Auburn, CA 95603  
(530) 885-3861  
[ridehrd@auburnbikeworks.com](mailto:ridehrd@auburnbikeworks.com)

February 5, 2014

Auburn Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors  
C/O Kahl Muscott, District Administrator  
Auburn Area Recreation and Park District  
471 Maidu Dr.  
Auburn, CA 95603

Dear Mr. Muscott:

Auburn Bike Works supports the efforts of the Auburn Area Recreation District to build the Auburn Bike Park. We firmly believe this will be a great asset to Auburn and the surrounding area.

In the 42 years we have been in business, we at Auburn Bike Works have seen many changes in Auburn, the one thing that has been consistent is the growing cycling population.

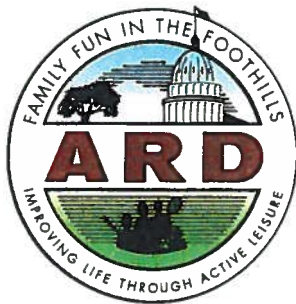
We are very happy that creating a safe place for the children and youth of Auburn to ride is a priority for ARD. Just drive in or around Auburn on any sunny day and you will see kids riding bikes where ever they can find an open place. Creating a safe place, off the street to ride for children to ride is long overdue in this area.

Thank you for working over the last year+ to locate and approve a location that is bike-accessible for the children in town and working with the community to build a free-of-charge bike park. This park location will also be a compliment to Auburns biking enthusiasts with our year round riding!

Thank you,

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Lisa Kodl  
Owner



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## AUBURN AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

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February 21, 2014

Ms. Lisa Kodl  
Auburn Bike Works  
350 Grass Valley Hwy  
Auburn, CA 95603

Dear Lisa:

Thank you for your letter of support for the proposed Auburn Bike Park.

The Auburn Area Recreation and Park District is enthusiastic about opening this facility and always happy to hear of the support in the community.

Thank you again for your interest and your time.

Sincerely,

Kahl Muscott  
District Administrator

cc: ARD Board of Directors





# Auburn Gold Country Rotary

Gold Country Rotary #21951  
District 5190

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**Auburn Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors  
C/O Kahl Muscott, District Administrator  
Auburn Area Recreation and Park District  
471 Maidu Dr.  
Auburn Ca. 95603**

2/12/2014

Dear Mr. Muscott,

The members of the Auburn Gold Country Rotary have had the opportunity to hear a presentation regarding the proposed Auburn Bike Park. After the Bike Park presentation and membership discussion we as a club would like to support the efforts of the Auburn Area Recreation District.

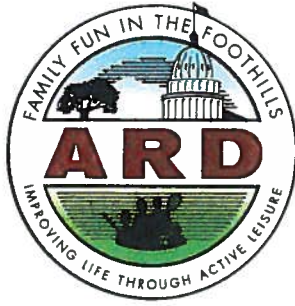
As a community service club we are always looking for ways to improve the quality of life as well as the health and safety of our residents. We believe the creation of the park aligns with these goals. The park will enable children and the youth of our area to ride in a safe environment.

Thank you for your work to create a free of charge Bike Park. We believe this will be an added asset to the long list of great recreation opportunities your district provides.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "R. Smith".

Ralph Smith, 2013-2014 Club President



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## AUBURN AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

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February 21, 2014

Ralph Smith  
Auburn Gold Country Rotary  
2280 Grass Valley Hwy  
Auburn, CA 95603

Dear Ralph:

Thank you for your letter of support for the proposed Auburn Bike Park.

The Auburn Area Recreation and Park District is enthusiastic about opening this facility and always happy to hear of the support in the community.

Thank you again for your interest and your time.

Sincerely,

Kahl Muscott  
District Administrator

cc: ARD Board of Directors

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## Auburn dog-park-goers express surprise, concern after Chuckit deadly-weapon assault charge

By: Gus Thomson, Journal Staff Writer



Dog-park-goers in Auburn expressed surprise that a dispute over the weekend would result in a woman being allegedly attacked by a man with a plastic ball-throwing sling called a Chuckit.

Now they're hoping that the incident won't result in curbs on their use of the popular throwing aid.

"Don't ban the Chuckits," Auburn's Kathleen Webster said. "I want to save my arm."

Usually about two feet long, the colorful slings allow dog owners to throw out balls for their dogs to fetch. Several were in evidence at the Ashley Memorial Dog Park off Auburn Ravine Road on Tuesday as dogs cavorted with other dogs and their human companions.

But Auburn Police Sgt. Michael Garlock reported that things turned ugly Saturday and a sling was wielded as a weapon after two people apparently disagreed over how their dogs were associating with each other.

According to Garlock, 56-year-old David Cramer reportedly struck the woman he was arguing with on the head with a plastic ball-throwing device.

Cramer was arrested by Auburn Police Officer James Dalton, who had been called to Ashford

Park because of the disturbance. The dog park is located inside Ashford Park.

Cramer was subsequently booked into North Auburn's Placer County Jail on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, Garlock said. He was released later Saturday after meeting bail.

Iowa Hill resident Cliff Wagner said he was surprised to hear that a verbal dispute purportedly escalated quickly into violence. Wagner said he visits with his dog once a week and has never seen a heated argument, much less a fight break out between humans.

"Most people I've seen here have been really friendly, although some don't control their dogs as much as they should," Wagner said.

Ellen Wagner described the Ashley Memorial Dog Park as "the best thing that happened to these dogs.

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"I'm hoping it won't affect access to the park," she said. "I just wonder what made the guy mad."

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**David Cochran** Canvassing at Greenpeace Sacramento  
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**Julie Beland** Owner Designer at Billie River Designs  
 The victim never asked anyone to ban Chuck-its. Where does the AJ get this stuff? Do they just make it up for an angle?  
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**Bob Rogers** Top Commenter  
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## Reader Input: Chuckits and people welcome



On Thursday, Jan. 23, a terrible assault occurred at the Ashley Memorial Dog Park in Ashford Park ("Auburn dog-park goes express surprise, concern after Chuckit deadly-weapon assault charge," Journal, Jan. 29). The Auburn Police Department was called out immediately and responded to the situation, eventually arresting the suspect.

Out of this assault has come the whispers that the Auburn Area Recreation and Park District (ARD) is considering banning "Chuckits," the long-handled tool that allows dog owners to throw a ball for a great distance. Unfortunately, a "Chuckit" was used in the assault.

I want to clarify that no one at ARD has advocated for the banning of "Chuckits," or any toy, tool or for-fun implement at the dog park. The only thing that we are advocating is that people continue to use this world-class facility that was built for the community, by the community. As a matter of fact, we want people to use all of our parks and facilities — they are here to improve your lives, health and happiness. Please enjoy!

Kahl Muscott, district administrator, Auburn Area Recreation and Park District

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## Sweetheart Sock Hop offers variety of '50s fun

Supervisor Montgomery to 'marry' couples (but only for 24 hours)

By: Amy Lobenberg, Journal Staff Writer

**ARD Sweetheart Sock Hop (open to anyone age 21 and over)**

**When:** 7 to 10 p.m. Feb. 15

**Where:** Recreation Park Gym, 123 Recreation Drive, Auburn

**Cost:** \$12 per person or \$20 for two people. Tickets can be purchased at the Recreation Park Community Center (123 Recreation Drive, Auburn) or online at [www.auburnrec.com](http://www.auburnrec.com)

**For more information contact the ARD customer service office (530) 885-8461**

The Auburn Recreation District will be hosting its first-ever Sweetheart Sock Hop on Feb. 15, complete with 24-hour "weddings" officiated by Placer County Supervisor Jennifer Montgomery.

The event is for those 21 and over and will celebrate all things 1950s, including the for-fun marriages that, according to ARD Recreation Services Manager Sheryl Petersen, often took place during high school dances.

"Twenty-four-hour weddings were performed at high school dances in the '50s, specifically the Snow Ball, Sadie Hawkins and Valentine's Day Sweetheart dances," she said. "Principals or vice principals would perform the ceremonies. It was something very adult for the high school kids to do. It was all in fun."

Petersen went on to explain that pretend marriage certificates along with photos commemorating the event will be offered to participating couples.

In addition to the 24-hour marriages, the sock hop will include food from the 1950s, beer and wine, photo booths, a hula-hoop contest and a costume and dance contest that will be judged by Jennifer Richardson, wife of outgoing City Manager Bob Richardson.

"We'll be looking for poodle skirts, pedal-pushers or capris, men with jeans on, T-shirts rolled up with a deck of cards in the sleeves, hair gelled back, and sunglasses," said Petersen. Prizes will include some donations made by Original Mel's Diner in Auburn.

Music for the event will be provided by Davis, Calif., oldies band Frankie and the Fabletones, and the Auburn Outlaws Roller Derby will be donning their skates to serve drinks.

According to the ARD, the idea for the dance came from a fundraising brainstorming session. While ARD excels at summer and fall events (Party in the Park, the Obstacle Scramble and the Auburn Community Festival, to name but a few), it was observed that there is an absence of such activities in the winter months.

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ARD Administrator Kahl Muscott believes that the sock hop will be a unique and fun event, specifically reserved for adults.

"This is a low-cost, great opportunity for a couple to enjoy Valentine's Day and, while they are at it, they can renew their vows with a 24-hour marriage," Muscott said. "We had heard stories about dances taking place in the Recreation Park gym during the late '50s and early '60s, so we decided to bring back some of those fun memories. It's going to be really fun, and we are really excited to bring this event to the community."

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## Proposed county levy irks ARD directors

\$137,000 required for Hidden Falls parking lot expansion

By: Amy Lobenberg, Journal Staff Writer



Auburn Recreation District directors are up in arms over a \$137,000 fee that is being proposed by Placer County in order to expand the parking lot at Hidden Falls Regional Park.

The picturesque foothill trails attract recreation enthusiasts from all over Northern California.

ARD directors do not approve of the cost, noting that the majority of the funds, in the form of park mitigation fees, would come from Placer County Auburn/Meadow Vista Recreation Area Five.



Mitigation fees are assessed on new homes as a way to pay for new or expanded parks. New single-family homes within the county are required to pay \$4,160, while residents in the city of Auburn pay \$5,108.

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John Ramirez, spokesman for Placer County Parks, said Tuesday that the county will use funds from several districts to pay for the parking lot expansion. While \$137,000 has been requested from Area Five, the county is also asking for \$76,000 from Lincoln, \$20,000 from the Loomis Basin area, \$36,000 from the Roseville area and \$35,000 from the Ophir/Newcastle area, said Ramirez.

"Hidden Falls Regional Park is in two recreational areas; one is Area Five, and it's also in Area Six, which is Lincoln," said Ramirez. "Those are the two areas that have paid the majority of the funding. The funds are generated from development, and that is all the funding available in (Lincoln)."

ARD directors Curtis Smith, Scott Holbrook and Gordon Ainsleigh were in agreement that fees to fund the parking lot should be shared equally throughout all of the county recreation districts.

"The county takes a lot of the money from our area (Auburn) and does not take it from other areas, such as Loomis," said Smith. "Most of the people who use Hidden Falls are equestrians from the Loomis Basin. We feel that there is a discrepancy, but the county sees it differently."

According to Holbrook, this is not the first time the county has sought fees from Auburn to fund Hidden Trails Regional Park improvements.

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"It really hurts us," said Holbrook. "They are going after more, and once again they are going after the lion's share of the funds. I am trying to hope for a balance. I know that the county, if they chose, could take the funds from Loomis. Hidden Falls is a regional park; it's a destination facility that gets people to come from areas far and wide. It just does not seem fair for me for them to keep coming to the ARD areas and taking those funds. We put more mitigation funds into that area by a huge amount."

Ainsleigh said that he has no problem with money being used to improve the park, but does agree that the assessments are not being spread evenly among Placer County recreation districts.

"This is the second time that Loomis, which is possibly the biggest user of Hidden Falls trails, has not paid anything at all," said Ainsleigh. "I have a major problem than that. I feel that ARD has paid way more than its share. Auburn always ends up paying twice as much as any other recreation area in the county. That is just a huge injustice."

In an email, the county's Ramirez pointed out that, in the past, ARD has received the majority of county funding for projects.

"Placer County and the Auburn Recreation District have worked together over the years to bring many additional recreation facilities to Placer County residents," said Ramirez. "Historically, ARD has received the bulk of county funds from Recreation Area Five, the county's Meadow Vista-Auburn recreation area. The County Parks Division is currently supporting a request from ARD in the amount of \$121,800 for the Railhead Park playground and shade structure. ... ARD has also requested \$17,500 of county funding for the Ashford Park Bathroom Remodel project. County Parks is supporting that request as well."



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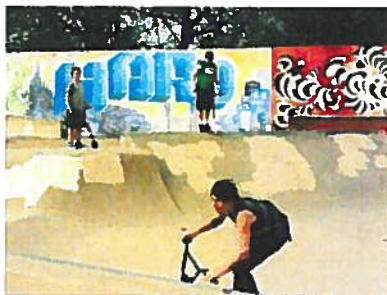
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## Placer Union schools out for the week – again

Students kick back as others wonder about days off

By: Andrew Westrope, Staff Writer



Monday was Presidents Day, a day off for most schools and public employees. But as city and county officials return to their desks today, Auburn area high schools will remain vacant.

As it has done for the past several years, Placer Union High School District has taken the full week off for "winter recess," a break in between the two-week Christmas–New Year's holiday and a weeklong spring break in April.

Newcastle Elementary School District, Loomis Union School District and others do the same, and according to Auburn Union School District board President Daniel Berlant, Auburn schools intend to do so in 2015 to align with Placer Union's calendar for the sake of parents with children in both districts.

The explanation for the break varies from district to district. Superintendent George Sziraki said PUHSD works with a local teachers' union to assemble its calendar every year, and the winter recess was already a tradition by the time he was hired in 2013.

"I've worked at other districts that have that week. It's been coined as 'ski week,' it's been coined as 'Presidents week'... It seems to be falling out of favor recently," he said. "But obviously through our process, we brought it forward to the board. I think the board had a 4-to-1 vote on that."

Eric Vereyken, Placer Union's director of human resources, said the winter recess was the result of consolidating two traditional holidays into the same week – one being the closest Monday to Abraham Lincoln's birthday, and the other being Presidents Day, which is observed on the third Monday in February and federally designated as "Washington's Birthday." The other three days were scheduled to be furlough days, he said, but the furloughs became unnecessary, so the school year was simply extended by three days in June to meet the requisite 180 days of instruction.

"Three years ago, things were really tough financially, and we had negotiated three days worth of furloughs, and those three days were the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week in February," Vereyken said. "We ended up never having to use furloughs, but we kept that in place for that three-year period."

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He said schools will have this week off in 2015 as well, but because the district did not negotiate a three-year calendar this year, the schedule is undecided for 2016 and beyond.

Asked whether they'd prefer these days off in the middle of February to an earlier summer vacation in June, students gave the Journal mixed opinions on Monday.

Placer High student Sonny Caldwell, 15, likened the break to an extended weekend – a chance to ride bikes and hang out with friends. He didn't begrudge the excuse for a weekday afternoon at the skate park, but conceded it would have been just as well if the day off had landed in June.

"We do a lot of stuff in school, so it's nice to have a break, and a weekend goes by so quick, so when you have a week off once in a while it's really nice," he said. "But the Christmas break was really long. I felt like I wasn't even going back to school."

A friend and fellow Hillman, Gage Simmons, 15, said he would have preferred an earlier start to summer.

"I don't really care for it," he said. "I'd rather have fewer days in June."

Auburn resident Barbara Sisson said her son at Skyridge Elementary School had Feb. 10 and 17 off, and she would have found it a little "frustrating" if he'd had a full week.

"I would want to understand why they have the break. Is it for teacher conferences, or is it for the kids? ... If (my son) were to have the whole week off as well as a spring break, that would frustrate me, especially as a working mom," she said. "On the other hand, it gives families an opportunity to go on vacation if they want to without having to take kids out of school, so I can see both sides."

Cool resident Kallie Fain, who spent the afternoon studying for classes at Sierra College, had less sympathy for all the high school holidays.

"It's ridiculous. Why do they have that week off? That just seems weird," she said. "What good is it moving holidays they're already going to have, just to give them another week off? Like they need any more breaks."

Auburn resident Marina Shahabian, likewise immersed in papers and textbooks, agreed.

"I don't think they need that extra break," she said. "They didn't have it when I was in high school. They don't need it now."

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