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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF CITY OF SACRAMENTO DRAFT 2004-2010 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide, D-All

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the City Council close the public hearing continued from November 9, 2004 and:

- Approve, by resolution (page 11), the Negative Declaration and City of Sacramento 2004-2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, including proposed amendments (Exhibit B, page 7).
- Approve, by resolution (page 13), General Plan Amendments.
- Direct consideration by Citizen's Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation (CAC) with staff of Planning Commission recommendation to add policy to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan as follows: "Designate revenue generated from private enterprises on City property (in this case, City park sites) for use at that particular park site."

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FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: December 7, 2004

SUMMARY:

Pursuant to initial consideration of approval of the *City of Sacramento Draft 2004-2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan* by the City Council on November 9, 2004, staff has prepared responses to comments and proposed amendments to the draft Master Plan.



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Approval of the Negative Declaration, draft Master Plan as amended, and proposed General Plan Amendments is recommended.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION: The Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) for Parks and Recreation has been actively involved in the development of the draft Master Plan since the formal update process began in May 2003. A joint advisory committee of CAC and Youth Commission members provided input and guidance, and the CAC has received regular updates and provided input at its monthly meetings. The CAC has held public workshops on the Master Plan, some cosponsored with the Youth Commission.

The draft Master Plan has been reviewed by City advisory groups as follows:

- Disabilities Advisory Commission: Excerpts endorsed 6/17/04.
- Youth Commission: Excerpts endorsed 7/7/04.
- City/County Bicycle Advisory Committee: Excerpts endorsed 8/10/04.
- Planning Commission: Approval of Master Plan, General Plan Amendments and Negative Declaration recommended 10/28/04. The Commission also recommended that the City Council consider an additional policy for inclusion in the Master Plan that designates the revenue generated from private enterprises on City property (in this case, City park sites) for use at that particular park site.
- Development Oversight Commission: "Review and comment" consideration: Conducted 11/1/04.
- Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) for Parks and Recreation: Approved support of the draft Master Plan and General Plan Amendments to City Council 11/4/04.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Approval of the draft Master Plan, Negative Declaration and General Plan Amendments was first considered by City Council on November 9, 2004. At that time, it was agreed that the public hearing be continued to December 7, 2004 for next consideration of these recommended approvals.

The final published version of the adopted Master Plan will include any approved amendments (see Exhibits A-B), an Executive Summary, and transmittals from the Parks and Recreation Director and Citizen's Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation (CAC). The CAC's letter was distributed for the November 9, 2004 Council meeting.

Exhibit A is a table summarizing comments by Council at the November 9, 2004 meeting, and their proposed disposition, including four formal amendments to the draft Master Plan as noted. Exhibit B provides these four proposed amendments as amended draft Master Plan pages.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Approval of the Master Plan does not assume approval of any major new financing initiatives; rather, it provides guidance for development of estimated costs, feasibility analysis and work plans to develop the mechanisms to finance implementation of the Master Plan, subject to further City review and approval.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The City of Sacramento, Development Services Department, Environmental Planning Services, has determined that the project, as proposed, will not have a significant impact to the environment; therefore, a Negative Declaration has been prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15070. The Negative Declaration was circulated for public review; no comments were received during the public review period.

As the proposed project does not include specific park projects, when specific park projects are proposed, they will be analyzed on an individual basis pursuant to CEQA.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

There is renewed or new strategic emphasis in the Plan on:

- Development of a citywide/regional system of parks/facilities/open space
- Expanding partnerships across the board
- Human Growth and Development as a primary theme (building "social capital")
- Identifying funding options to support achieving the Plan's goals
- Improved outreach/marketing and customer service/loyalty
- Improving Tree Services
- Becoming a "City of Festivals"
- Maximizing engagement with the community
- Recreation/Human Services Delivery System and Program Development
- Responding to infill growth and new development
- Smart Growth and Sustainability principles, and protection of the City's "green infrastructure"

Service Levels: Service Level Goals are goals for levels of services to strive to reach, and are not absolute standards. Currently the City is doing well on meeting many Service Level Goals; however, it will be particularly important to do some key things to keep pace with projected growth so that "doing well" is still true in 2010, including:

- Secure new funding sources
- Expand partnerships and entrepreneurial opportunities
- Ensure public use and access at school sites
- Protect land based assets of other jurisdictions (such as County parks)
- Protect and expand the Urban Forest
- Protect the City's capital assets and infrastructure
- Promote Human Growth and Development

Land Use: If adopted, the Plan would be consistent with and a part of the City General Plan. It is intended to be consistent with Community and Specific Plans, and adopted City planning policy and principles. Adoption of the Master Plan requires amendments to the Conservation and Open Space and the Public Facilities and Services Elements of the General Plan (see attached Resolution). The Master Plan also provides a well developed foundation for goals and policy for the General Plan Update.

Comments from City Council made at the November 9, 2004 meeting have been summarized on Exhibit A by policy or administrative area. The majority of comments translate to referrals to other City processes or organizational units for followup. Four specific Master Plan amendments identified in Exhibit A (under "Proposed Disposition") are included in Exhibit B, and are responsive to specific changes requested related to Partnerships, the timing of new park development, and a revised route of the proposed Regional Trails/Bikeway Plan (Map 3).

ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:

Not applicable, as no goods or services are being purchased as part of this report.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Director of Parks and Recreation

Recommendation Approved:



ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

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EXHIBIT A: Summarized Comments and Proposed Disposition

from November 9, 2004 City Council Meeting
Subject: Approval of City of Sacramento Draft 2004-2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Comment Summary	Proposed Disposition
<p>Financing 1. Provide Master Plan implementation financial plan within a year</p>	<p>Complete for review/approval by Fall 2005</p>
<p>Management 1. Provide descriptive analysis on "hows" of meeting goals and staying there, with benchmarking for "world class" system</p>	<p>Establish system for benchmarking and ongoing performance measures by 12/05</p>
<p>Open Space 1. Develop an inventory/plan for open space (all types) citywide</p>	<p>Address in General Plan Update of Open Space/ Conservation Element</p>
<p>Park Planning, Design and Development 1. Table 23: Make Master Planning/Development process more efficient; establish expectations with public upfront, including signs posted 2. Consider policy on park development in advance of full build out, or to be concurrent with development 3. Suggested addition of Community Garden in Exec. Airport flight zone 4. Suggested addition of Dog Parks: 24th Ave./near Airport Little League site; Oak Park area 5. Address deficiencies: lighted fields; Pocket Area; Valley Hi/N. Laguna (Centers and services)</p>	<p>Refer to Park Planning, Design and Development Services (PPDD) Refer to policy review via new Implementation Strategy 13.13; see amended page, Ex. B (handwritten page 7) Refer to Parks and Recreation Programming Guide (PRPG) Refer to PRPG Refer to PRPG; see also Implementation Strategy 5.1 (draft Master Plan, Implementation Chapter, page 2)</p>
<p>6. Table 8, Column E: improve data establishing relationship of Master Plan to City adopted Community Plans for consistency</p>	<p>Work with Planning Department to improve consistency of mapping and meeting deficiencies in all land use plans; some open space designated in Community Plans is not considered to meet park and recreation needs Refer to PRPG</p>
<p>7. Pay attention to older parks as well as new ones; make financial reinvestments</p>	<p>Refer to PRPG</p>
<p>Partnerships 1. Add partnership with schools to Policy 12.1: "including but not limited to schools" 2. Add to Table 17: City-Community-Schools Partnership Program 3. Continue the Community-Schools Partnership Program and add additional funding 4. Support City-Schools partnering and leveraging dollars of others (only choice in older areas)</p>	<p>See amended page, Ex. B (handwritten page 8) See amended page, Ex. B (handwritten page 9) Refer to future budget processes and to PRPG Refer to future budget processes and to PRPG</p>
<p>Recreation and Human Services 1. Need more Teen services for Middle & High school age at Elementary School sites 2. Provide for gender equity at facilities and programs</p>	<p>Refer to future budget processes See Policy 1.1 (draft Master Plan, Policy Chapter, page 1); refer to Recreation and Human Services</p>

EXHIBIT A (CONTINUED)
Subject: Approval of City of Sacramento Draft 2004-2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Comment	Proposed Disposition
<p>Regional System 1. Amend Map 3 on regional trail/bikeway route through Land Park area</p>	<p>See amended page, Ex. B, handwritten page 10 (East-West route follows Sutterville Rd. per City Bikeway Master Plan)</p>
<p>2. Make connections between parks and natural resources; plan for trails connecting people to Rivers/parkways</p>	<p>See draft Master Plan Policy Chapter sections 10.0, 11.0, 13.0, 15.0, 17.0 (pages 4-21)</p>
<p>Special Events 1. Provide more information on becoming a "City of Festivals"</p>	<p>Staff report to City Council in Winter 04-05</p>
<p>Tree Services/Urban Forest 1. Table 12: Need to get into proactive mode on tree pruning per Best Management Practices (BMP)</p>	<p>Address in BMP implementation by Parks and Urban Services (PUFS)</p>
<p>2. Need a tree inventory</p>	<p>Committed to in Implementation Strategy 18.4 (see draft Master Plan Implementation Chapter, page 6)</p>
<p>3. Consider discount for seniors on tree trimming costs</p>	<p>Refer to PUFSS and future budget processes</p>
<p>4. Pay attention to tree planting in older core neighborhoods</p>	<p>Refer to PUFSS and future budget processes</p>
<p>Plan Format 1. Enlarge font sizes throughout the Plan</p>	<p>Revise in final Plan publication</p>

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- agreements and relationships with CBOs and service clubs to enhance program opportunities through the sharing of resources.
- 12.3 **Special Events:** Work with other fellow parks and recreation departments in other municipalities and special districts to provide special event services.
- 12.4 **Community Garden Guidelines:** Take Community Garden Program Guidelines to City Council for adoption.
- 12.5 **Human Growth and Development:** Work with community partners to orient program development and service provision to the four elements of the Department's Human Growth and Development Model (*see also Preface*).
- 12.6 **Bordering Jurisdictions:** Expand joint use programs and facilities with partners at the City's borders.

13.0 Planning, Design and Development

- 13.1 **Programming Guide:** Update the PRPG annually for City Council approval, incorporating revisions to criteria as needed.
- 13.2 **Site Specific Master Plans:** Expand outreach to educate the public on the Site Specific Master Plan and Development Process. Establish appropriate expectations as to development that may take place at a site and the role of public input in the process.
- 13.3 **Design and Development Guidelines:** Maintain updated City Parks and Recreation Facility Design and Development Standards.
- 13.4 **Retrofit Program:** Develop a program to redesign and retrofit underutilized existing facilities to reflect current recreational trends.
- 13.5 **Web Site Information:** Expand information on the Department web site to include current and planned capital project status and excerpts from the City Park and Recreation Facility Design and Development Standards.
- 13.6 **Creative Play:** In park play features design, expand opportunities for creative play (e.g. gardens, sculptures, playhouses, mounds, boulders).
- 13.7 **Joint Use Planning:** Develop and implement a joint use storm water detention facility/park policy plan for recreational development and use of City detention facilities.
- 13.8 **City General Plan:** Participate in development of the General Plan Update, using the adopted Parks and Recreation Master Plan as the basis for proposed General Plan policy, or adopt the Parks and Recreation Master Plan as an element of the General Plan.
- 13.9 **Parks and Recreation Master Plan:** Submit revisions to City Council to update or amend policy in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, concurrent with annual budget approval or as timeliness may dictate during any fiscal year. Review and more substantially update the Master Plan every 5 years. Complete a comprehensive update of system-wide Master Plan every 10 years.
- 13.10 **School Sites:** Work with School Districts to refine data on sites that are both accessible and usable for public recreation after school hours, and to define policies and strategies to identify and evaluate surplus school sites for potential park land acquisition.
- 13.11 **Park and Facility Deficiencies:** Eliminate deficiencies in parks and facilities (*see also Assessment Chapter*), as resources are available (*see also Funding Options section below*).
- 13.12 **Infill Development:** Work with City Planning Department to develop implementation program to support infill development in targeted areas.
- 13.13 **Park Development Timing:** Conduct policy review and analysis of ability to provide for new park development in advance of or concurrent with residential buildout

14.0 Recreation and Human Services

- 14.1 **Program Development:** Develop and implement Program Development Plans for each operational program area consistent with the Program Development System identified herein (*see also Services Chapter, Recreation and Human Services section*) and update those plans every three years based on trends and input from participant groups.
- 14.2 **Service Levels:** Develop, and update every three years, Recreation and Human Services Service Level Goals for basic and enhanced services at the neighborhood, community and citywide levels.
- 14.3 **Priority Program Initiatives:** Develop appropriate strategies to implement the priority program initiatives described below, requiring mobilization of the broader community and development of partnerships with other organizations for full implementation:
- a. **Human Growth and Development Initiative:** Starting with Youth Development, this initiative defines the positive outcomes that the City is dedicated to:
- Having safe places and environments, both emotionally and physically, for participation and socialization;

<POLICY CHAPTER AMENDMENT>

- 11.7 Define a system of open space, buffers and viewsheds that act as neighborhood gateways, and as visual and physical community separators and greenbelts to define the limits of urban growth.
- 11.8 Coordinate efforts with other public agencies and CBOs to increase public awareness, interpretive opportunities and community stewardship of open space and its natural resource values.
- 11.9 Ensure development of integrated management approaches and plans for water corridors that meet multiple goals (such as natural resource protection, security, flood control, maintenance) and establish responsibilities of multiple agencies in their implementation.

12.0 Partnerships (see also Table 17 summarizing range and nature of current Department partnerships)

- 12.1 Actively pursue and formalize partnership agreements with a broad range of public and private entities, including but not limited to schools, for the purposes of:
 - a. Building or improving public facilities for maximum community use;
 - b. Providing maximum community access to public facilities;
 - c. Providing programs;
 - d. Maintaining buildings and grounds;
 - e. Leveraging use of systems or personnel for maximum efficiency (e.g. combined purchasing);
 - f. Promoting support of positive collaborations by the community; and/or,
 - g. Marketing services and sponsoring special events.
- 12.2 Contract with CBOs to operate specialized facilities and/or provide program services in accordance with the terms and conditions of formal agreements, as follows:
 - a. Allowing use of the facility below market rate for non-profits and other community service providers if the service provided enhances the City's service delivery;
 - b. Extending use of the facility to the community for free or at reduced rates; and,
 - c. Taking responsibility for the safety and maintenance of the facility, including general upkeep and utilities.
- 12.3 Implement formal partnerships with agencies with common borders to the City to better serve neighborhoods and communities split by jurisdictional boundaries.
- 12.4 Recognize the value of community gardens to provide recreational, community building, productive landscape and educational opportunities by implementing guidelines as approved by City Council, in partnership with organized user groups.
- 12.5 Partner with youth and adult sports user groups and facility providers to:
 - a. Identify all potential fields within the community, evaluate their accessibility, assess their condition, identify user needs, and develop and implement recommendations to improve usability, provide new facilities and maximize use;
 - b. Develop or update formal Agreements for shared responsibility in facility planning, financing, development, management, ongoing maintenance and programming; and,
 - c. Focus sports league play in community and regional facilities.

(See Tables 18-20 summarizing key findings from Phase I, Community Sports Field/User Study.)
- 12.6 Utilize alternate service delivery options via partnerships with CBOs, volunteers, employment programs, and by outsourcing to enhance Service Levels provided by City staff.
- 12.7 In partnership with other agencies, promote provision of a complete continuum of care in social services for all residents, participating in varied roles in their delivery.

13.0 Planning, Design and Development

Park Acreage Service Levels and Size

- 13.1 Achieve Park Acreage Service Level Goals to provide public recreational opportunities within reasonable walking or driving distance of all residences and concentrations of worker populations along safe routes, as follows:
 - a. Neighborhood Serving: 2.5 acres per 1,000 population with a service area guideline of 1/2 mile;
 - b. Community Serving: 2.5 acres per 1,000 population with a service area guideline of 3 miles, portions of which can also serve neighborhood needs; and,
 - c. Citywide/Regionally Serving: 8.0 acres per 1,000 population, portions of which can also serve either neighborhood or community needs.

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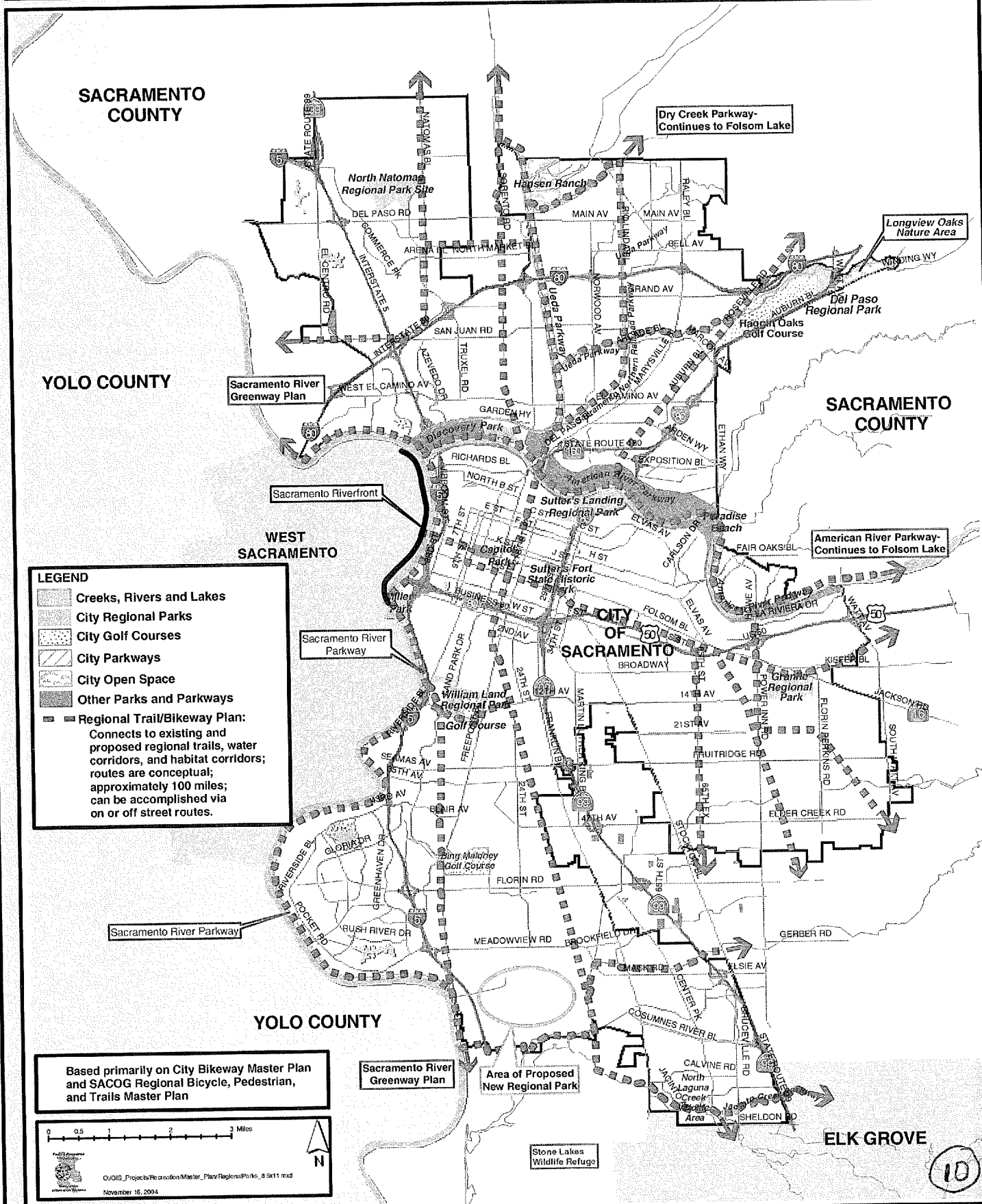
Table 17: Overview of Department Partnerships

	Partners <i>(examples; not all inclusive)</i>	Projects and activities <i>(examples)</i>
Recreation and Human Service Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alta California Regional Center • California State University, Sacramento • Friends of Camp Sacramento • Greater Sacramento Softball Association • Irvine Foundation • Kaiser Permanente Hospitals • La Familia • Mercy Hospitals • Sacramento Chinese Community Service Center • Sacramento Metropolitan Officials Association • All Sacramento School Districts (K-12) • Shriner's Hospital • Stanford Settlement • State of California • Sutter Hospitals, Sacramento Sierra Region • United Way • University of California, Davis Medical Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance for parents in enrolling children in health insurance programs • Equipment for computer labs • Literacy programs • Programs, sports events, and camps for the disabled • Recreation equipment and supplies • Recreation programs at parks and community centers • School Crossing Guard Program • Teen events to promote recreation and reduce violence • Volunteer staffing for activities, tournaments, community centers • Water safety • Year-round snack program at recreation sites, schools, parks
Park Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of West Sacramento • County of Sacramento • National Park Service • Sacramento Area Flood Control (SAFCA) • Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency • Sacramento Municipal Utility District • Sacramento Valley Conservancy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American River Parkway Update Plan • Hansen Ranch • Parkway Planning • Sacramento Riverfront Master Plan
Park Stewardship and Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Americorps • ATT Wireless • Boy Scouts of America • California Native Plant Society • Home Depot • Job Corps • Kiwanis Club • Maloof Sports & Entertainment • Native Plant Society and Audubon Society • Sacramento Local Conservation Corps • Sacramento Municipal Utility District • Sacramento Rose Society • (7) Sacramento K-12 School Districts • Sacramento Tree Foundation • Sacramento Urban Creeks Council • Sacramento Weed Warriors • University of California, Davis Horticulture Department • Various Sacramento area churches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced wetland areas and enhanced wildlife viewing • Installation and stewardship of playgrounds, flower gardens, skate parks • Interpretive signage • Litter pickup in parks • Solar lighting for parks • <u>City-Community-Schools Partnership Program: joint development and programming at school sites</u>
Special Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of West Sacramento • Downtown Sacramento Partnership • Nonprofit organizations • Old Sacramento Management • Sacramento Convention and Visitors Bureau • Various private event planners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridge to Bridge Festival • Downtown ice rink • Friday evening concerts in Cesar Chavez Park • Gold Rush Days Festival • New Year's Eve celebration in Old Sacramento

City of Sacramento

REGIONAL PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND PARKWAYS

Map 3



RESOLUTION NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON THE DATE OF _____

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND FINAL DRAFT OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO 2004-2010 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, the quality of life in Sacramento is significantly enhanced by the availability of parks, recreation facilities, open space, parkways, bikeways, trails, nature areas, recreation programs, community centers, human services, special events, and a healthy Urban Forest;

WHEREAS, a parks and recreation system provides significant environmental, social, personal and economic benefits to the City's residents, workers, businesses and visitors;

WHEREAS, City of Sacramento General Plan policy states that the City Parks and Recreation Master Plan should be periodically reviewed and updated;

WHEREAS, the last comprehensive plan for Sacramento park and recreation system resources and services was adopted in 1989;

WHEREAS, the Master Plan development process provided for substantial participation and review by the public and the City's Disabilities Advisory Commission, Planning Commission, City-County Bicycle Advisory Committee, Youth Commission, Development Oversight Commission and Citizen's Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation;

WHEREAS, the Environmental Coordinator has prepared a Negative Declaration for the above identified project, and the Negative Declaration finds that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

The City Council hereby:

1. Approves the Negative Declaration based upon the following findings:
 - a. The Negative Declaration was prepared and circulated for the above-identified project pursuant to the requirements of CEQA;

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- b. The proposed Negative Declaration and comments received during the public review process were considered prior to action being taken on the project; and,
- c. Based upon the record as a whole, including the Initial Study and the comments received during the public review process, and in the City Council's exercise of its independent judgment, there is no substantial evidence, either individually limited or cumulatively considerable, that the project will have a significant effect on the environment.

2. Approves the *CITY OF SACRAMENTO 2004-2010 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN*.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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RESOLUTION NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTIONS SIX AND SEVEN OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO GENERAL PLAN (M01-065).

WHEREAS, the City Council directed updating of the City Parks and Recreation Master Plan;

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan is part of the City General Plan;

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan is found be consistent with the City General Plan and Community Plans, as amended;

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on October 28, 2004 and the City Council conducted a public hearing on November 9, 2004 and December 7, 2004 concerning the above Plan Amendment, and based on documentary and oral evidence submitted at the public hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Sacramento:

Sections Six and Seven of the City of Sacramento's General Plan shall be amended to read as follows:

General Plan Section 6

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Table 1: Existing and Planned Open Space Acreage

Community Plan Area	All Existing Open Space				Proposed/Additional Open Space				Planned (Year 2010) Open Space			
	Park, Recreation (1)	Water	Agriculture	Total	Park, Recreation (2)	Water	Agriculture	Total	Park, Recreation	Water	Agriculture	Total
Airport-Meadowview	395	0	1,662	2,057	0	0	0	0	395	0	0	395
Arden-Arcade	1,226	58	72	1,356	0	0	0	0	1,226	58	0	1,284
Central City	376	33	143	552	0	0	0	0	376	33	0	409
East Broadway	300	0	1,002	1,302	9	0	0	9	309	0	0	309
East Sacramento	428	52	165	645	0	0	0	0	428	52	0	480
Land Park	358	95	95	548	56	0	0	56	414	95	0	509
North Natomas	518	0	8,777	9,295	659	426	121	1,206	1,177	426	121	1,724
North Sacramento	876	0	3,575	4,451	120	0	0	120	996	0	0	996
Pocket	282	58	1,212	1,552	20	0	0	20	302	58	0	360
South Natomas	524	0	2,012	2,536	424	0	0	424	948	0	0	948
South Sacramento	405	0	3,345	3,750	3	0	0	3	408	0	0	408
Total Gross Acres	5,688	296	22,060	28,044	1,291	426	121	1,838	6,979	722	121	7,822

Sources:
 1985 City Land Use Inventory
 1992 Draft Railyards Plan Amendments
 1994 North Natomas Community Plan
 2004 Parks and Recreation Master Plan (intended time horizon: 2010)

Note:
 Data for North and South Natomas include some County area.
 (1) Includes all City-owned/controlled park land (neighborhood, community, regional, parkways, open space), City golf courses, 40% of all public school sites, County and state lands in City limits.
 (2) Additional planned parks/open space acreage per City Community Plans/General Plan Land Use maps to help meet future demand.

General Plan Section 6, pages 12-13

PRESERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Goal A

Implement the Master Plan for Parks and Recreation

The Parks and Recreation Department has developed a comprehensive plan to guide the acquisition, development, and maintenance of parks, open spaces, and parkways. The Service Level Goals in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan are desired goals and non-minimum requirements. The Master Plan is part of the General Plan and is updated from time to time.

Policy 1

Continue programs for the planting and maintenance of trees, grass, floral displays, and other public landscapes both in the parks and on other City land such as street medians, public buildings, and grounds.

The City has an extensive street tree program. Efforts to maintain and enhance this program should be encouraged.

Policy 2

Continue to implement the Heritage Tree program.

The City's Heritage Tree program assures that heritage trees appearing on any new development proposals will be retained according to the City Ordinance affecting such trees. It is important that this program continue.

Policy 3

Continue to assist the efforts of the County and the Sacramento Tree Foundation in identifying, acquiring, and creating appropriate locations for urban forests and greenbelt.

Such appropriate locations may include, if development of the buffer lands surrounding the SRCSD waste water treatment plant prove infeasible, open space lands subject to

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flood hazards, lands delineating urban and rural uses, and sites containing significant native plant communities.

Policy 4

Establish a system of open space, buffers and view sheds that act as neighborhood gateways, and as visual and physical community separators and greenbelts to define the limits of urban growth.

Open space areas in the parks and recreation system are developed and managed to enhance or protect their scenic, historic, environmental, cultural and passive recreation value. Many such areas are intended to be part of an interconnected regional system of open space within and between urban growth areas.

General Plan Section 7, pages 27-30

PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICES

The provision of parks, open spaces and recreation services is an important part of the City's physical and service structure. Community residents' involvement in identifying needed park and recreation services is considered a very important part of the planning process.

The Department of Parks and Recreation is the major provider of leisure and enrichment activities for Sacramento residents, with areas of service including park and tree maintenance; recreation and human services; park planning, design and development; marketing and special events; and, administrative services. Most of these services are General Fund supported with the exception of funding through user fees, grants, assessments, and development fees.

The City Parks and Recreation Department operates and maintains approximately 3,122 acres of developed and undeveloped parks and recreation facilities at 200 separate sites. These types of parks and recreation facilities include neighborhood parks, community parks, regional parks, parkways, and open spaces including some public school sites. The Sacramento Parks and Recreation System has grown to approximately 5,700 acres including City, School, County and State lands. Approximately 12,000 street and park trees have been added since 1990. The City's Land Use Map shows non-city parks over five acres in size, including State, County, and California State University and major multiple family developments.

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Parks and Recreation Master Plan

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan sets forth the goals and policies that are to guide planning and management of the City of Sacramento Parks and Recreation System. The Master Plan has been developed to inventory existing park and recreational resources, estimate the need for additional parks and recreation facilities, and identify the actions to be taken to fulfill the Plan's vision. The Master Plan is considered a part of the General Plan.

Park Standards/Service Level Goals

Parks standards or Service Level Goals are utilized as a guiding tool to determine appropriate acreage and evaluate the adequacy of service to Community Planning Areas, neighborhoods and the City as a whole. The park Service Level Goals are considered to be goals and not minimum standards. Their application should allow for flexibility as areas change or the needs of residents change, and be related to economic feasibility and the nature of the community or neighborhood. The Master Plan calls for a total ratio of approximately thirteen park acres per thousand population including all categories of parks. Allocation of park acreage is based on Service Level Goals established in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The categories of City Parks and Service Level Goals are as follows:

Neighborhood Serving Acres: The Service Level Goal for these types of parks is 2.5 acres per thousand residents of the City.

Urban Plaza/Pocket Park: A specialized neighborhood park or facility to be used primarily by persons living, working or visiting nearby. Likely more appropriate for areas of denser urban and mixed use development. Amenities may include: smaller scale features such as community gardens, children's play areas, sitting areas, tables, fountains, public art, walkways and landscaping. The size is generally less than 5 acres.

Neighborhood Park: Intended to be used primarily by the people who live nearby, or within reasonable walking or bicycling distance of the park. Some neighborhood parks are situated adjacent to an elementary school and improvements are usually oriented toward the recreation needs of children. Park amenities may include: a tot lot, an adventure area, unlighted sport fields or sport courts, and/or a group picnic area, and parking limited to on-street. The size is generally from five to ten acres.

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Community Serving Acres: The Service Level Goal for these types of parks is 2.5 acres per thousand residents of the City.

Community Park: A park or facility developed primarily to meet the requirements of a large portion of the City. In addition to neighborhood park amenities, a community park may include: a large group picnic area with shade structure, a community garden, a neighborhood/community Skate Park, restroom, on-site parking, bicycle trail, a nature area, a dog park, lighted sport fields or sports courts. Specialized facilities may include: a community center, a water play area and/or a swimming pool. Some of the smaller community parks may be dedicated to one use, and some elements of the park may be leased to community groups. The size is generally from ten to 60 acres.

The City relies on formal partnerships with school districts for public access to public school sites after school hours to meet general public and school recreation needs. These school sites are usually classified as either neighborhood or community serving acres, depending on their size. The partnerships can include development of parks on land owned by a school district and designated by formal agreement for joint development, operation and/or maintenance. These joint use agreements make it possible to maximize use of community facilities and more efficiently provide parks and recreation facilities.

Citywide/Regionally Serving Acres: The Service Level Goal for these types of parks is 8.0 acres per thousand residents of the City.

Regional Park: Contains a wide range of improvements usually not found in local community or neighborhood facilities. These parks serve the entire City and beyond, and the size varies. In addition to neighborhood and community park type improvements, a regional facility may include regional destination attractions such as a golf course, a marina, amusement areas, a zoo or nature areas. Some elements in the park may be under lease to community groups.

Parkway: A linear park or interconnected system of parks used primarily as corridors for pedestrians and bicyclists, linking residential areas to schools, parks and trails systems. They are typically linear and narrow and may be situated along a waterway, abandoned railway or other common corridor.

Open Space: Open space areas in the Parks and Recreation System are natural areas set aside primarily to enhance environmental amenities. They are developed and managed to enhance or protect their scenic, historic, environmental, cultural and passive recreation value. Many such areas are

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intended to be part of an interconnected regional system of open space within and between urban growth areas.

The City formally recognizes the contribution of County and State park lands in meeting citywide/regionally serving acreage requirements, including the following: American River Parkway, Capitol Park, Governor's Mansion, Stanford Mansion, Sutter's Fort and Witter Ranch.

Projected Need

As Sacramento's population continues to grow and the socio-economic base becomes more diverse in recreational needs, there will be greater demand on existing services and facilities. New types of recreational needs will need to be addressed, and new residential areas, as well as infill development in existing areas, will require new park facilities. Presently, the City's General Fund accounts for part of the revenue for acquisition and improvements in parks and recreation facilities. Primarily through the Quimby Act (Parkland Dedication Ordinance), AB1600 (Park Development Impact Fee Ordinance) and capital grants, the City obtains land dedications and pays for parkland acquisition and/or development.

GOALS AND POLICIES FOR PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICES

Goal A

Provide adequate parks and recreational services in all parts of the City, adapted to the needs and desires of each neighborhood and community. Attempt to achieve the Acreage Service Level Goals established in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Policy 1

Encourage private development of recreational facilities that complement and supplement the public recreational system.

Policy 2

Give high priority to acquiring land and improving parks, open space and recreation uses in redevelopment, Community/Specific Plan and infill target areas where these uses are deficient.

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Policy 3

Encourage joint development of parks with compatible uses such as new schools, libraries and detention basins.

Policy 4

Apply Smart Growth and environmental sustainability principles to park and recreation facility planning, location, design and management.

Policy 5

Design parks to enhance and preserve natural site characteristics and environmental values.

Policy 6

Review all necessary infrastructure improvements for their potential park and open space usage.

Policy 7

Locate community and regional parks and linear recreational areas on or adjacent to major thoroughfares.

Policy 8

Periodically review and update the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Policy 9

Continue the practice of partnering with school districts and the community to provide neighborhood or community serving outdoor recreation facilities on and adjacent to public schools.

Policy 10

Develop and implement programs to help ensure the safety of residents utilizing parks and recreational facilities.

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Policy 11

Ensure adequate public access to the American and Sacramento Rivers in developing areas.

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