

# **Bass Lake Regional Park Development Project Environmental Scoping Meeting Record of Discussion**

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Fire Station 85, El Dorado Hills

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Mike Gray of the El Dorado County (County) Division of Airports, Parks, and Grounds opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees and introducing Steve Peterson and Amanda Rose of Environmental Stewardship & Planning, Inc. (ESP) and Gary Hyden of the County Division of Airports, Parks, and Grounds.

Mr. Hyden reminded the attendees that copies of the Notice of Preparation (NOP) were available at the back of the room. Mr. Hyden introduced Sandra Dodson, County Park Commissioner.

Mr. Peterson explained that the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is a disclosure law that was passed in 1968. With the enactment of CEQA, the planning process became a public involvement process.

The NOP for the project was filed with the State Clearinghouse on May 15, 2003. The purpose of the NOP is to provide federal, state, and local agencies and the public with information describing the project and potential environmental impacts. The State Clearinghouse will route the NOP to state agencies such as the Department of Fish and Game (DFG), the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), and the Air Resources Board. Federal agencies, like the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, will also receive a copy of the NOP. Several copies of the NOP were provided for the attendants of the scoping meeting. Once the NOP has been circulated, there is a 30-day review period in which comments may be received. The letters received will become part of the official record and will help the technical team focus their study on issues the public feels are important.

Mr. Peterson explained that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was being prepared for the Bass Lake Regional Park Project. As part of the planning process for the EIR, the scoping meeting was held with the intent for the public to voice their concerns and address issues they feel need to be studied in the EIR. The feedback from the public will help direct the scientific and technical analyses that will be incorporated into the resource sections of the EIR.

The technical team will perform botanical, wildlife, and wetland studies, study background traffic numbers along Bass Lake Road and adjacent areas, and perform acoustical analyses (projections of basketball courts, turf areas, etc.) and identify sensitive receptors. Lighting specifications will also be determined.

A few attendees were concerned about the public notification process for the scoping meeting. Some attendees passed out flyers at their own expense and told other interested parties about the meeting. One woman said she had the CEQA Guidelines with her that evening, and she wanted to go through each one to show how each public notification procedure was not met.

Mr. Hyden said that advertisements had been placed in two local newspapers: the Village Life and the El Dorado Hills Telegraph. Meeting attendees were upset that the ads were not placed sooner than the June 4, 2003 issue. Mr. Hyden said the County had placed the ads with adequate time; however, there had been a glitch in the notification process, and the request by the County had not been published. A request was made that ads be placed in the Mountain Democrat, the Village Life, and the Cameron Park Life for future meetings.

Mr. Hyden also noted that flyers were posted at public facilities two weeks prior to the meeting. Agencies and attendees of the previous scoping meeting were sent mailings notifying them of the June 4, 2003 meeting. Several attendees said they had not received any sort of notification.

A proposal was made to extend the comment period on the NOP, since members of the public felt they were not adequately informed of the availability of the NOP and the scheduling of the scoping meeting.

Comments received from the public will allow the EIR preparation process to move forward. First, an Administrative Draft EIR will be sent to the County for review. The County will comment, alterations will be made, and then a Draft EIR will be made available to state agencies and to the public. A Notice of Completion

and a Notice of Availability (NOA) will be sent of all meeting attendees, as well as posted in the newspapers. Once the Draft EIR has been circulated, the 30-day review period begins. During this time, agencies and citizens can provide written comments on the EIR. CEQA requires that each comment receive a response. The comments will be addressed in the Final EIR.

Several public involvement opportunities will be available once the Draft EIR has gone public: written comments, a public scoping meeting during the EIR review period, and the Planning Commission hearing. The Planning Commission will comment on the Draft and Final EIRs, and move forward with the certification process.

It is anticipated that the Administrative Draft EIR will be sent to the County in mid-July, and a Final EIR will be issued in September or October 2003.

Mr. Peterson asked attendees to speak to specific study issues (e.g., dangerous traffic intersection at Bass Lake Road). The more specific the comments, the better the technical team can address the issues.

One meeting attendee wanted to know when the project planning process started, and who was funding the project. Mr. Hyden noted that the planning process began approximately three years ago, and the County is providing the funding for the project.

A comment was made that "Bass Lake Road would have to be all redone" in order for their to be adequate access to the park.

One meeting attendee said he had moved to the area in 1995 and had seen information about and pictures of the project in the Sacramento Bee. He said he had heard of the widening of Bass Lake Road. He felt the project has been well planned and well organized and that he had been given proper notice for the public meetings.

Mr. Hyden apologized that the public did not feel they had adequate opportunities to provide input on the project and then spoke to the attendees about the project specifications. He explained that the project has been in a design phase for two years and that it is a problem solving process.

Mr. Hyden indicated on the display figures where the County property is in relation to the El Dorado Irrigation District's (EID) property. He felt that instead of going through all of the project features, as was done at the last scoping meeting, he would explain the changes that had been made to the plans since the previous meeting.

He explained that the tennis courts had been eliminated from the project due to budget constraints, the general consensus that tennis was decreasing in popularity, and that too few park users would benefit from tennis courts.

Mr. Hyden explained that the amphitheatre had been eliminated in order to maintain the natural setting and to make way for the nature interpretive area.

The playground had been moved to a more central location so that if a family had an older child playing soccer and a younger child wanted to play on the playground equipment, the parents could keep an eye on both children.

An additional concession stand had been added. The facility would provide snacks and treats but would not have a full kitchen.

Mr. Hyden explained that the project has been in a planning stage for two years. During which time, letters had been sent to citizens informing them of the project, and public notices had been posted on the County website. The County wanted feedback from the residents on what they wanted to see in the regional park. In the planning process, the County had to consider the juxtaposition of the facilities and the configurations with minimal impacts.

Many meeting attendees wanted Mr. Hyden to run through all of the project features. He explained that the County parcel was 40 acres with a significant wetland in the middle. The topography defines where facilities/venues can be located, because of steep berms surrounding the wetland.

Two baseball fields, two basketball courts, and two soccer fields are planned for the park. The soccer fields would be regulation, college-sized fields that would be able to hold three to four children's soccer games.

The planned community center would provide space to hold public meetings, for senior lunch programs, to hold scout meetings, and for a polling place. The proposed community center would be 6,000 square feet in size.

Two playground systems are planned for the park. Both playgrounds would provide space for toddlers to play, while a second area would be designed with older children in mind.

An interpretive nature center would be developed with pathways and signage to provide information on natural resources (plant and animal communities, geology, etc.) and historical topics.

A 1.25-acre dog park has been incorporated into the design of the project. Dog park enthusiasts do not feel that 1.25 acres is a large enough area.

Four parking lots and a service road are included in the project design. Approximately 300 parking spaces would be provided.

Also incorporated into the park design is open space and a trail around the lake. The open space is planned to offset traffic-generating elements, such as the soccer, baseball, and basketball fields.

A disc golf course has been planned for the northern portion of the park. Compared to the other facilities, disc golf courses are low impact. Michael Sandner (a meeting attendee and pro-disc golfer) explained that the disc golfers would be staying away from the fences. (Some meeting attendees were concerned that people would be coming over the fences to retrieve lost frisbees.) Mr. Sandner is concerned with security (like many of the adjacent property owners) because the disc golfers would store their equipment at the park and would not want to have it stolen. He explained that disc golf does not require lights or a water source, and the trees would not need to be cut down. Lions Park and Pioneer Park both have 14-hole disc golf courses, while the proposed disc golf course at the park would be nine holes. If EID grants an easement, it may be possible to expand the disc golf course, but no agreement has been made at this time.

One meeting attendee mentioned he had heard of a proposal to extend Bass Lake Road due north to Green Valley Road, so that an intersection would be formed with the old Bass Lake, the entrance into the park, and the new Bass Lake Road. Someone noted that there is currently a road called Old Bass Lake Road, so a new name would be needed for the current Bass Lake Road in the event of the extension.

One meeting attendee asked what the distances were from the end of Carl and Dormitory Roads and the edge of the park. After looking at the map, Mr. Hyden estimated that the park would be 300 to 600 feet away from the end of Carl Road.

Another meeting attendee noted that Bass Lake Road is a winding road, and when big trucks pass each other, they are close to the shoulder and close to each other. With additional traffic generated by this project, Bass Lake Road would become a more dangerous roadway.

Another concerned citizen mentioned that the ranges for a regional park are between 30 and 10,000 acres. She felt that in planning the park, the County was trying to "squeeze a lot into a 40 to 41 acre parcel." She also felt the park would generate that much more traffic and would detract from the rural community.

Mr. Peterson gave the audience a brief background to the EIR. It would be composed of a project description, executive summary (which would include a table of impacts, mitigation measures, and outcomes), and technical chapters (which will include project settings, analysis, impacts, mitigation measures, and conclusions). He noted that comments would prove especially helpful if specific areas of concern were identified.

Charles Frey introduced himself as a property owner within the Green Springs Ranch Community. As a whole, Green Springs Ranch is concerned with two issues: security and privacy. He suggested that a security fence be installed along the Ranch border to deter park visitors from crossing over into private property. Mr. Peterson asked if he had an example of the type of fencing he would like to see, and Mr. Frey said something that could not be hopped. Currently, the Ranch is in the process of putting in a security gate to prevent entrance. Mr. Frey said it would not be acceptable if there were access to the Ranch from the park.

The second issue Mr. Frey mentioned was privacy. With lights on in the park and the noise introduced by park visitors, Mr. Frey felt that the privacy of the Ranch property owners (particularly those along the park side of the Ranch) would be diminished.

Kirsten Klinghammer introduced herself as a property owner on Dormitory Road. In regards to the frisbee park, she indicated that a fence would be imperative, as the private property owners do not want people in their yard retrieving lost frisbees. Ms. Klinghammer felt since some of the adjacent property is horse property and some owners have dogs (one family has two mastiffs), the animals might easily become spooked, if unknown people entered their yards.

A website address was given for Bass Lake Regional Park updates: <http://www.co.el-dorado.ca.us/parks>. Attendees requested that a notice be posted 30 days in advance of the release of the document. The website would have pdf files so that prospective meeting attendees could print applicable information. It was also mentioned that a notice be physically posted at the Bass Lake site informing citizens of meetings.

Peggy Glazier introduced herself as the co-author of the May 1<sup>st</sup> letter to the County. She was concerned with the traffic issues associated with the park. Mr. Peterson explained that Fehr & Peers Associates (F&P) would be doing the traffic analysis. F&P has been doing traffic analysis for the County for the past five or six years. F&P have been given the current project information and would consider proposed improvements along Bass Lake Road.

Mr. Peterson noted that avoiding impacts is the cheapest way to mitigate. Impacts involve an immediate cost to the County. The planning team is meeting with the County Department of Transportation (DOT) to discuss potential traffic impacts associated with the project. In determining the traffic model, F&P would look at other parks with nearly identical facilities so that the estimated traffic volumes are accurate.

The traffic studies would look at peak time traffic (e.g., soccer games on the weekends, p.m. traffic), turning movements, pedestrian accidents, car-on-car accidents, children walking to the park, and people bicycling to the park. Mr. Peterson mentioned that a possible mitigation measure would be to designate how the operation of the park would operate in order to lessen traffic impacts (e.g., modification of league events).

Julianna Herrington asked if anyone knew the rating of the road according to DOT. She asked if F&P would know if the rating. Mr. Peterson said he would look into that information, and could email the response to her as well as post it on the County website. He would also include what the significance/definition of the rating was.

Sue Field indicated she liked the design of the park but was concerned about nighttime activities. Ms. Field used to live behind a park in the Prairie Oaks region, and the evening events brought air horns and whistles that were disturbing to local residents. She indicated that she did not want lights installed in the park and felt that lights might impact the wildlife. Ms. Field also questioned whether there was a large enough population of nighttime park users that justified the need for lights.

Eric Loewe introduced himself as a resident of Woodridge. Mr. Loewe felt that with the design of the park, Bass Lake Regional Park is going to become a primary host for league tournaments. He said traffic studies should investigate the impacts of tournament-induced traffic. He also felt that with 300 parking spaces, overflow parking would create a problem.

One meeting attendee asked about mitigation measures. Mr. Peterson indicated that mitigation measures would become part of the park procedure/plan, and the Mitigation Monitoring Plan would document the

effectiveness of the plan and the mitigation measures. The meeting attendee said she dealt with Mitigation Monitoring Plans all the time, and unless they were followed closely, they were not effective.

Bobbi Hunner introduced herself as a resident of Woodridge. She said she enjoyed the sounds of the frogs and was concerned that the lights might impact their behavioral patterns. Ms. Hunner also indicated that she moved to her home so she would have a view of the Lake, and if lights were installed, she felt her view would be obstructed. She believed two soccer fields were too many; one would be adequate.

Dennis Olberding introduced himself as a resident of Woodridge. He was concerned that children would be walking to the park along a road with no sidewalks. He wanted someone to look into the possibility of putting in a sidewalk.

Sandra Dodson explained that as a commissioner, she would take the comments back to the Commission. Ms. Dodson indicated that she believed there was no need for the soccer fields, baseball fields, and the additional fencing. She also felt the developer should pay for the road widening. She felt there are other parks nearby that offer tennis courts and soccer fields, and this parcel should be left in a natural state.

David Verbits asked if there was a cost estimate for total buildout of the project. Mr. Hyden said the cost could range between three to five million dollars depending on how the park is "dressed up." Money sources for the project would be the County general fund and Proposition 40 (a bond passed in 2000, funds becoming available in July 2003). The park would not require a sales tax increase. The project is planned as a multi-phased, multi-year project so that all of the proposed features would be built.

Another meeting attendee asked how long local residents would have to deal with construction. Mr. Peterson explained that construction-related impacts would be analyzed in the EIR.

Michael Darr introduced himself as an organizer of a local girls' softball league. Last year there were approximately 435 participants. Mr. Darr explained that within the region, there are a limited number of fields on which to play. He felt the County needed more parks like this, because as more people escape the city life by moving to the hills, there will be more children who will need a place to play instead of turning to a life of crime.

Paul Wong introduced himself as a resident of Woodridge. He felt the most important issues were lighting and noise. He believed the leagues should have to modify their schedules, not the adjacent property owners. He questioned the necessity to play into the night.

One of the meeting attendees indicated that Matt Boyer of the County DOT has a list of dates of the planned road constructions.

David Glazier felt the County should preserve the natural setting of the parcel. He noted that lights are not rural or natural, and he felt they should not be included in the park plan. He questioned what the breakdown of funding was for the project. Mr. Glazier recalled from the previous meeting that Mr. Hyden had mentioned \$375,000 for Phase I and no available funds for Phases II or III. Mr. Glazier asked if the money for Phase I was for maintenance (of lights that no one wants) and irrigation. Mr. Hyden indicated that it was too premature to breakdown where the funds would be directed; however, there is approximately \$500,000 available for Phase I. The majority of this money would go toward construction of the entrance road and possibly a field. Mr. Hyden said the safety of the entrance to and exit from the park is the most critical element, and if studying the entrance/exit takes the entire Phase I budget, then that is where the monies would go. Mr. Hyden noted that the County cannot overbuild the park and get ahead of the traffic impacts. Mr. Glazier indicated that keeping the parcel in a natural state is within the available budget, and he felt that was a good option.

Another meeting attendee bought property in the vicinity of the project area two years. She recalled having heard about a small park being put in across the street, but had not ever heard any specific information or received any notifications of meetings. She wanted someone to consider putting a place to walk or incorporating trails into the park.

Ted Greenman introduced himself as a resident of Woodridge. He said he played softball one or two nights a week and played in a basketball league. Mr. Greenman said he did not know of too many sports leagues that schedule their playing time for the evening hours. He said that often, he would drive to Lincoln Park for his nighttime activities. He mentioned that in order to maintain a rural atmosphere, there was no need for lights at the park.

With the phasing, Mr. Greenman was concerned the park would be a “never-ending project” because of ongoing construction. He suggested that a safety study be conducted before building the park. The study should specifically look at children traveling to the park, children at the park, teenagers driving to the park, and the effects of alcohol use at the park.

Another meeting attendee said she had lived in the vicinity of the project area since 1987. She had previously lived in Stonegate (behind Harvard Park). A park in that region had installed 70-foot high lights. She said the lights were so bright that residents could read their newspapers in their backyards at night. The lights had been taken out because of complaints of the local residents. She did not want to see the County waste their money on lights at this park, only to have to remove them. She asked if there was any available lighting information. Mr. Peterson said that Mr. Hyden was working on the lighting specifications, and that information was not yet available.

Another meeting attendee voiced her concern about the type of security that would be available at night. She indicated she was a resident of Green Springs Ranch, and as a community, they currently have to deal with teenagers who come to their neighborhood to drink alcohol. She believed this issue could escalate with park completion. She also felt some park users might see the Ranch to be an ideal place to park their cars. Mr. Peterson indicated that the Public Services and Health and Safety section of the EIR would address these issues. He also indicated that the entrance/exit gate would be locked at night.

Jeanette D’Amico was concerned with the grove of oak trees on the northern portion of the property. She wondered if anyone would look into putting benches in the area so that people may experience the serenity of the locale. The disc golf course is planned for this area, and the disc golfers indicated the trees would remain, in fact, they wanted more trees planted.

It was noted that the timeline had been altered since the last meeting. Previously, construction was to begin in Fall 2003. Mr. Peterson said the EIR schedule had prompted the schedule to slip, which would delay construction.

Another meeting attendee was a soccer coach who is involved in a league of 800 participants. He said the region has a limited number of soccer fields, so oftentimes teenage leagues must practice during the evening hours because other teams have been playing all day. He also noted that it is possible for soccer teams to rent temporary six to eight foot high lights to illuminate the soccer fields for evening games. Many meeting attendees felt this was less intrusive than taller, permanent lights.

Another meeting attendee was concerned with funding and maintenance issues. She believed that if there was only enough money to complete Phase I, there would be no money to maintain the park. She felt the limited budget would prevent the Mitigation Monitoring Plan from being completed. Mr. Peterson noted that the fiscal impact of the project would be studied.

One meeting attendee wanted to know what the difference was between a Regional Park and a Community Park. Mr. Peterson replied that the main difference is a financial one.

Another meeting attendee said she lived in the hills. She had heard that Bass Lake Road was going to be rerouted. She also understood the need for the soccer and baseball fields; however, she mentioned that Green Valley Elementary had such fields. She had heard of a new Middle School and High School being constructed in the area, and she thought those facilities would have fields. There was also rumor that Serrano was planning a park, and she felt they should build the park because they were better funded.

She hoped that the grading associated with the construction of the park did not mean the oak trees would need to be cut down. It was noted that grading would be minimized in order to minimize costs.

She saw the area as a family community, not a rural community. She felt that the park did not need so many facilities. She thought trails would be a nice addition, but no fields were needed, and she wanted to keep the trees. She also requested that the impacts on the houses be studied.

Mr. Wong explained that he had an arborist come to his property to look at his oak trees. The arborist told him that fertilizers were bad for the oaks. He also assumed that the park would want to keep weeds down, and weed control chemicals could be harmful to the oak trees. He felt the EIR should consider this information.

Mr. Peterson responded that in order to be certified by the RWQCB, a project cannot pollute the “waters of the U.S.” He also explained that the RWQCB guidelines specify the biocides and fertilizers that can and cannot be used.

Mr. Peterson also explained that the fields would be hydrologically separated from Bass Lake and the smaller wetland. According to the ACOE, the wetland is jurisdictional.

One meeting attendee wanted to know who was going to be voting on approval of the park project. Mr. Peterson speculated that the County Planning Commission, the County Council, and the Park and Recreation Department would have an opportunity to vote on the project.

Another meeting attendee wanted to know whom the contact was for the ACOE. Mr. Peterson told her he was not sure who would be assigned this project, but he told her Tom Cavanaugh is the area supervisor. Mr. Peterson suggested she call the public information number for the Regulatory Branch, inform them that she was calling in regards to 404 permitting, and ask for the person overseeing El Dorado County.

Kathy Prevost introduced herself as a resident of Woodridge. Ms. Prevost said she used to live in Illinois, where they had designated areas for trails. These areas were part of the Cuba Marsh system. This site includes trails, parking, restrooms, and water sources. She said it was an “ideal spot.” The Cuba Marshes were so called because they are in the Cuba Township. The Cuba Marshes produce less traffic because the area is composed of a series of paths, and there is no need for the use of lights. Ms. Prevost hoped that the meeting attendees’ comments would be taken to heart.

*[The Cuba Marsh Forest Preserve in Lake County, Illinois offers a variety of woodlands, pine groves, large tracts of open grassland, and wetlands. The site attracts many wildlife enthusiasts as the grassy expanses are home to bobolinks, meadowlarks, eastern kingbirds, and bluebirds.*

*The site was farmed for a number of years, and faced subdivision before becoming preservation for natural land in 1976. Most of the grasslands that occupy the preserve are non-native plants, remnants from when the land was pasture.*

*Wetlands on the site include a hemi-marsh, a mixture of plants and open water that draws an assortment of birds.*

*The Forest Preserve hosts a number of guided walks and nature programs, and hiking, jogging, and biking are popular activities throughout the trail system, which is widespread throughout the Preserve.*

For more information regarding the Cuba Marsh Forest Preserve, go to:  
<http://www.chicagowildernessmag.org/issues/spring1998/IWcubamarsh.html>

Mr. Hyden told the attendees that this was a public plan, not his plan. He has been and will continue to make changes per the community’s request as is economically feasible.

Ted Shults introduced himself as a resident of Woodridge. He felt that two baseball fields and two soccer fields was “overkill.” Mr. Peterson noted that the first designer of the park took feedback from the community. The general consensus (initially) was to construct a park that provided baseball fields, soccer fields, tennis courts, and basketball courts. The first design had many more fields compared to the current design. The current design has fewer fields and more open space, per the community’s request.

The plan was presented to and approved by the Board in February 2002. The environmental document would present the impacts and mitigation measures, and since the planning team cannot change County policies, the project would be redesigned (if necessary) in order to conform to County guidelines.

A meeting attendee questioned the possibility of opening the west side of the project area for hiking. This is the EID property, and currently there is no easement, and it is too premature to plan for one in the EIR. However, a mitigated negative declaration could tier from the EIR, if an easement is signed.

Several meeting attendees felt that the biological resources analysis needs to include studies of impacts to owls, hawks, raptors, turkeys, deer, frogs, and toads. Some meeting attendees believe that lights will affect the hawks, deer, frogs, and toads.

Rattlesnake displacement also needs to be studied.

Mr. Peterson informed the meeting attendees that gabbro soils plants occur just off of the property and do not occur onsite.

Charlie Callahan introduced himself as a disc golf player. He was concerned with the birds on the EID property, the scrub on the southeast portion of the parcel, and the wild turkeys that stayed along the water's edge and along the berm. Mr. Callahan explained that the oak grove to the north of the project area would be safe from the disc golf course.

Mr. Callahan asked for confirmation of a rumor that Bass Lake was stocked with fish. He wondered if fishing would eventually be allowed in the lake. It was noted that the steep banks along the lake created an unsafe means of getting to the lake.

The husband of one of the meeting attendees used to teach children how to fish, and she knew the story behind the fish stocking. Charlie Coleman (now deceased) was the original stocker of the lake. Fishing is no longer allowed; however, some meeting attendees claim to have seen EID employees fishing on the lake.

Someone asked about the potential existence of asbestos at the project site. Mr. Peterson explained that a Phase I Hazardous Materials Analysis would be performed. Before purchasing the property, the County requested that the previous owner prepare a Phase I Environmental Assessment. This initial report was written before reports included studies of asbestos impacts. The Phase I Hazardous Materials Analysis will include a study of the serpentine rock (the source of asbestos). The impacts of grading the serpentine soil will be studied.

A meeting attendee was concerned with the placement of #2 on Figure 2. She was concerned with where the number was on the figure, as opposed to what the number was referencing. She did not think that was County property. Mr. Hyden explained that the County was hoping to swap properties with the landowner. The woman asked if the County had approached the property owner, and Mr. Hyden said they had not, but that the lot is currently for sale.

One meeting attendee recalled that a tour of the property had been proposed. Mr. Peterson explained that the data gathered through the technical studies are protected by law (especially the Cultural Resources information). Bird migration patterns are public information. The public can request a California Natural Diversity Database list from DFG. The list will provide information about the presence or absence of a species, but it will not provide exact locations.

One meeting attendee asked what the probability was of getting the lighting removed from the project plans. Mr. Peterson deferred that question to the County, but he did say that the County could elect to remove a piece of the project. He also noted that a Statement of Overriding Consideration could be prepared, if there is an impact, but the ultimate project is beneficial.

One of the meeting attendees requested that for future meetings, notices be posted in the newspaper each week for a month prior to the meeting date. It was mentioned that this would be difficult from a budget standpoint. A compromise was made that two weekly notices could be placed in the newspaper. Other notification systems

would be via mail (from the list of the meeting attendees), via email, on the County website, and notification on the Bass Lake property. Meeting attendees requested a 30-day notice prior to the next meeting, and they also requested an additional two weeks for review and comment on the NOP. Mr. Hyden reiterated that the newspapers had not processed the County's request for notice publication. Ads would be placed in the Mountain Democrat, the Village Life, and the Cameron Park Life for future meetings. Attendees also requested that letters of notification be sent to Cameron Park residents.

Mr. Peterson noted that an NOA would be publicized saying that the Draft EIR would be available for review and comment.

A meeting attendee asked how much water would be needed to maintain the park. Mr. Peterson commented that the Hydrology and Water Quality section of the EIR would address that issue. Plants native to the area, as well as drought-tolerant plants would be used. Attendees also wondered if water would be drawn from wells. Mr. Peterson thought EID could help answer that question.

One meeting attendee wanted to know how the planning team was going to stay consistent with the County Draft General Plan (GP) and GP EIR. Mr. Peterson commented that the GP and EIR were being prepared by EDAW. Consulting teams share information, and with documents in flux, like the GP and EIR, the Bass Lake consulting team would look at where the County documents are in the process when the Park document is produced. When plans are in flux, consulting teams need to address all alternatives.

Ms. Dodson informed the meeting attendees that Commission Meetings are always the first Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. The meetings are held at the Department of General Services Building.

The meeting was adjourned.