



El Dorado County Parks and Trails Master Plan Community Workshops

April 13, 2011

**Pollock Pines-Camino Community Center
Pollock Pines**

April 20, 2011

**Diamond Springs Fire Station Volunteer Hall
Diamond Springs**

April 27, 2011

**Greenwood Community Center
Greenwood**

Agenda

6:00 – 6:15

Introductions

6:15 – 6:30

Presentation

- **Why a Master Plan?**
 - **Public Participation Strategy**
 - **What is a Park?**
 - **Focus: Which Parks are We Planning?**
 - **Challenges for Park Planning**
 - **Park Planning Game Instructions**
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6:30 – 6:55

Park Planning Group Activity

6:55 – 7:20

Discussion

7:20 – 7:30

Next Steps

Why a Parks and Trails Master Plan?

Per the 2004 General Plan...

Parks & Recreation Element

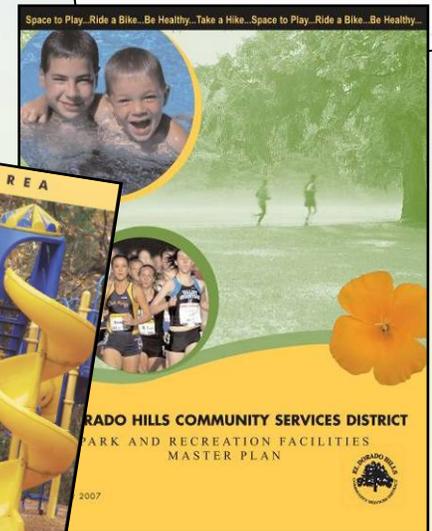
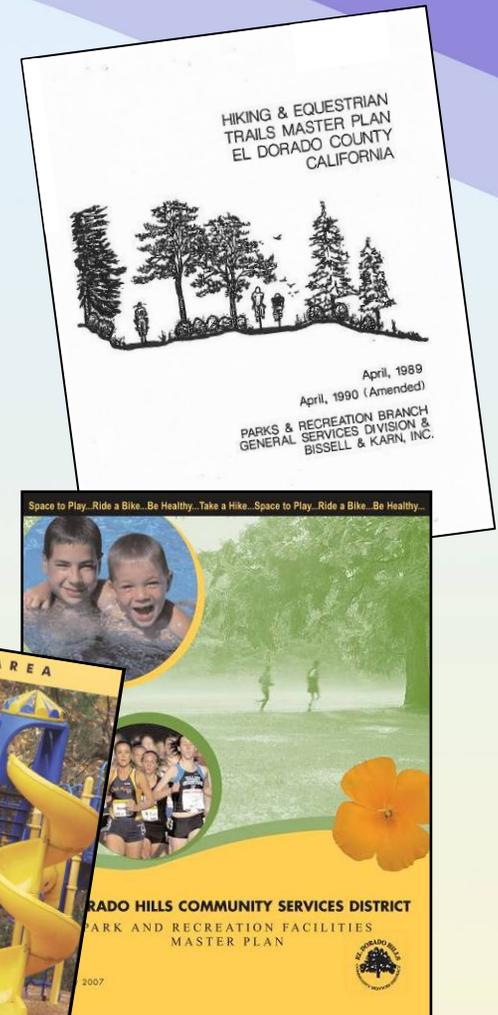
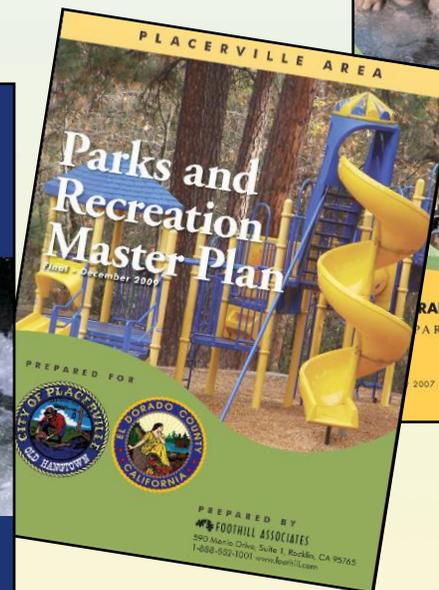
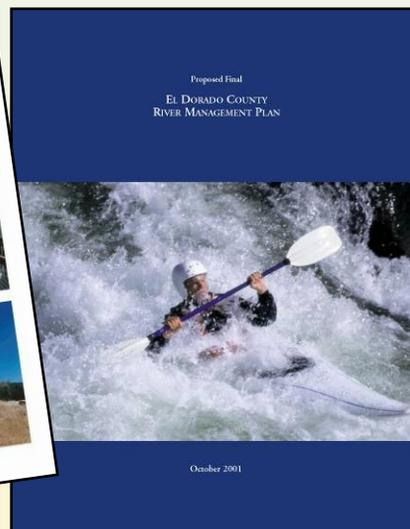
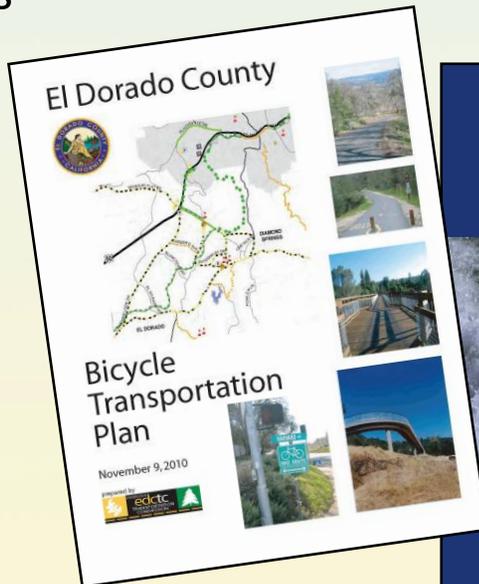
- **Goal 9.1:** Provide adequate recreation opportunities and facilities including developed regional and community parks, trails, and resource-based recreation areas for the health and welfare of all residents and visitors of El Dorado County.
- **Goal 9.2:** Secure an adequate and stable source of funding to implement a comprehensive County-wide parks and recreation plan.
- **Goal 9.3:** Greater opportunities to capitalize on the recreational resources of the County through tourism and recreational based businesses and industries.

Other General Plan Elements

- **Land Use Element:** preferred locations for parks; scenic and cultural resources and scenic roadways are discussed
- **Conservation and Open Space Element:** use of open space for recreational activities
- **Circulation Element:** bikeways

Why a Parks and Trails Master Plan?

- No Countywide Parks Plan
- Last Approved Trails Master Plan 1990
- El Dorado County Bicycle Transportation Plan (2010)
- El Dorado County River Management Plan (2001)
- SACOG Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (2007)
- Placerville Area Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2009)
- El Dorado Hills CSD Recreation Facilities Master Plan (2007)
- Cameron Park CSD Facilities Master Plan (2000)
- Others



Why a Parks and Trails Master Plan?

Increasing Demand for Parks

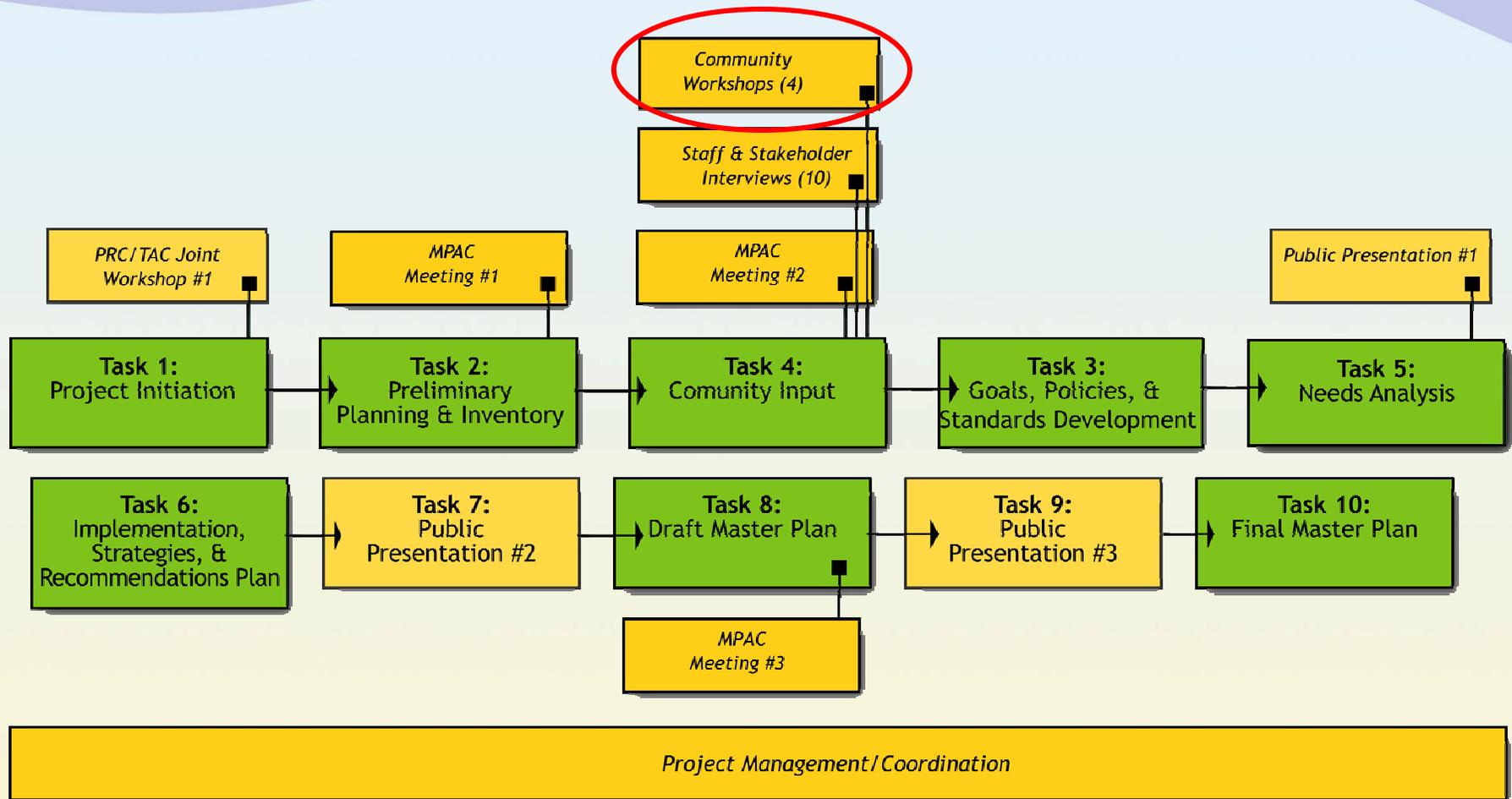
- Health Benefits
- Recreational Opportunities
- Outdoor Learning
- Community Connections and Events
- Volunteerism



Park Planning Looks at:

- Park locations (terrain, access, environmental issues, etc.)
- Design standards (facilities, services, signage, accessibility, etc.)
- Safety (user practices, maintenance, management)
- Funding (priorities, grants, partnerships, etc.)

Public Participation Options



What is a Park?

General Plan Identifies 3 Park Types

- **Neighborhood** (ex. Bradford Park)
 - walking or biking distance,
 - 2 – 10 acres
 - adjacent to schools
 - basic facilities
- **Community** (ex. Pioneer Park)
 - serve larger community
 - 1- 44 acres
 - expanded facilities
 - community center
- **Regional** (ex. Cronan Ranch, Henningsen Lotus)
 - incorporate natural resources
 - 30 – 10,000 acres, several 100 acres preferred
 - serve the region
 - broadest range of facilities

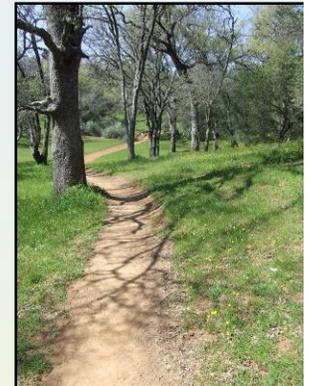


What is a Park?

Active vs. Passive Uses

■ Active

- sports fields
- play areas
- Improved group picnic areas
- community center
- aquatic complex



■ Passive

- hiking
- bird watching
- nature photography
- Informal picnics
- nature/cultural/historical education



■ Common to have parks with both



Focus: Which Parks are we Planning?

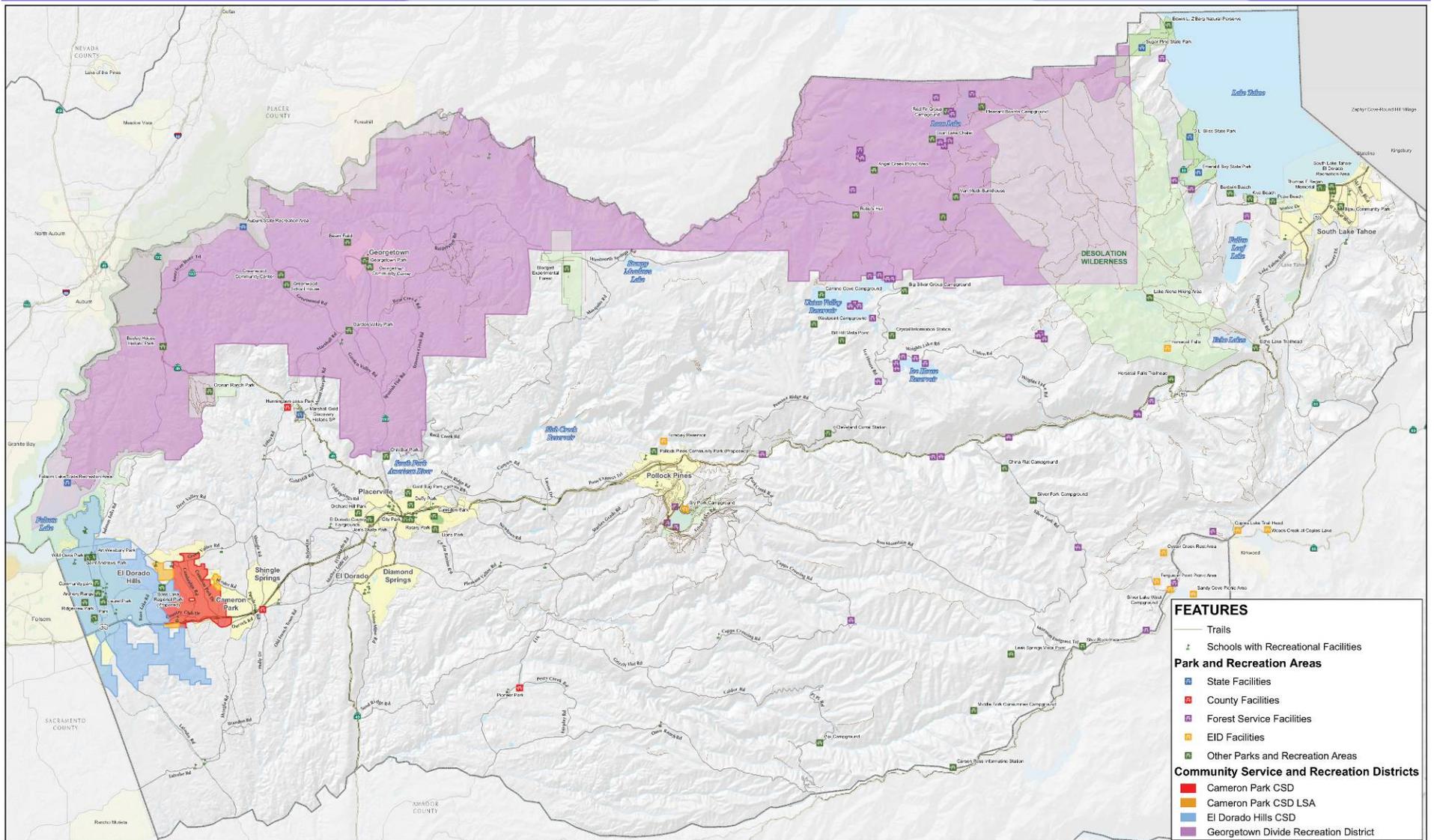
■ Objective 9.1.1:

The County shall assume primary responsibility for the acquisition and development of regional parks and assist in the acquisition and development of neighborhood and community parks to serve County residents and visitors.

■ Many supporting policies including:

- Park land dedication/in-lieu fees shall be used for neighborhood (primarily) and community parks
- Land dedicated for neighborhood and community parks must be suitable for active uses
- Primary responsibilities of the County as a recreation provider shall be the establishment and provision of a regional park system
- Encourage and support efforts of independent recreation districts to provide parks and recreation facilities
- The County will identify and secure funding sources, where possible,
- As a priority, the County shall continue to plan for and develop existing County owned regional and community park sites.
- Focus park acquisition on recreation oriented facilities.

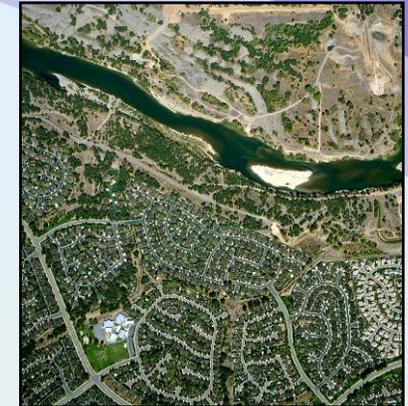
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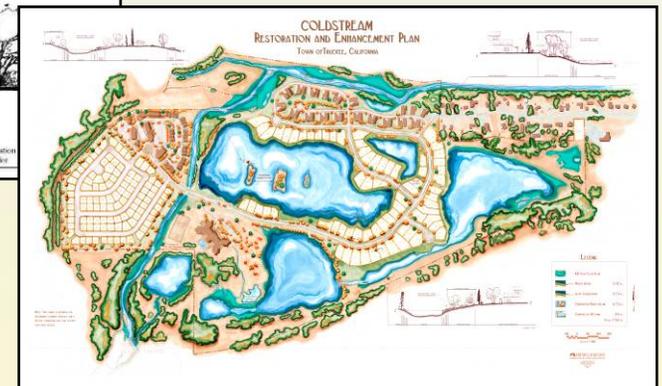
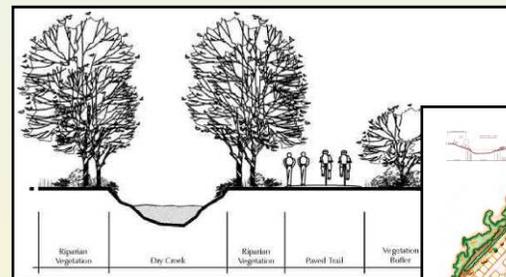
Existing Park Land

	General Plan Park Acreage Guidelines		
	Neighborhood Parks (2.0 ac /1,000)	Community Parks (1.5 ac /1,000)	Regional Parks (1.5 ac /1,000)
Acres needed for West Slope Served only by El Dorado County	153	114	114
Developed			
<i>Henningsen Lotus Park</i>			51
<i>Pioneer Park</i>		21	
<i>Bradford Park</i>	5		
<i>Joe's Skate Park</i>		1	
<i>Chili Bar</i>			16
<i>El Dorado County Fairgrounds</i>			48
Undeveloped			
<i>Cronan Ranch Regional Trails Park</i>			62
<i>Pollock Pines Community Park</i>		26	
<i>Bass Lake Regional Park</i>			40
<i>Railroad Park</i>			6
Total Surplus/(Deficit)	(148)	(66)	109

Park Master Planning Challenges



- Meeting diversity of user needs
- Establishing priorities for park locations and facilities
- Optimizing volunteer potential
- Access to and maintaining neighborhood parks in rural areas
- Implementing development fees and/or benefit assessment districts
- Funding/resources for construction and maintenance
- Coordination with other regional park and trail providers in assessing needs
- Environmental impacts
- Changing trends
 - *Accessibility regulations*
 - *Senior play areas*
 - *Discovery play opportunities*
 - *New features: dog parks, spray/play, disc golf, etc.*



Group Activities

- Parks vision question to discuss as a group for 3 park types
 - Regional
 - Community
 - Neighborhood
- Parks on a Budget Group Exercise
 - \$1 million each to spend
 - Remember: it's not real money!
 - Be nice.
- On the Spot: Park Facility Priorities
 - 5 voting dots
 - All on one facility or
 - Spread them out



Next Steps

- Community Workshops 6-7:30 PM
 - April 20th – Diamond Springs Fire Station Volunteer Hall
 - April 27th – Greenwood Community Center
- Goals, Policies and Standards
- Needs Analysis
- Public Presentation #1 – late July

Thank You!

