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TO: Parks and Recreation Commission  
FROM: Vickie Sanders, Parks Manager  
RE: Park Priorities

To establish a Capital Improvement Plan for Parks the Parks and Recreation Commission identified the top priorities. Based on that direction, I have put the list in order of priority.

Also identified are the vacant properties and potential land acquisitions. The following suggestions were made:

### **County Owned**

- **Bass Lake-** 40 acre park site located off Bass Lake Road. Master plan was developed for the land in 2001 to 2003. However, the environmental review process for this project was not completed and the project has been on hold since 2003.
  - Commission recommends the County continue discussions with El Dorado Hills Community Services District and Rescue Unified School District.
- **Cronan Ranch-**62 acres portion of the Cronan Ranch Regional Trails Park located in Pilot Hill. This is part of a 1600 acre natural area acquired through the cooperative efforts of the American River Conservancy, the Bureau of Land Management and others.
  - Options
    1. Sell or gift the land to BLM
    2. Develop MOU with BLM for management of the land. (BLM has the surrounding land)
    3. Develop master plan for site considering an equestrian arenaCommission recommends Option 1 or 2.
- **Chili Bar-**16 acres located downstream of the Highway 193 bridge over the South Fork of the American River. This is a put-in spot for rafting/kayaking.
  - Options
    1. Sell or gift the property back to American River Conservancy
    2. Sell the property

3. Develop master plan for this site.

Commission recommends Option 1.

- **Pollock Pines Community Park**-26 acres located off Red Hook in Pollock Pines. Master plan has been prepared for this site and it was determined that this site would be expensive because of the topography.
  1. Staff recommends selling this parcel and investing in Forebay Park.  
Commission recommends Option 1.
  
- **56 acres in South Lake Tahoe**-This site was identified in the South Lake Tahoe Master Plan as needing improvements and upgrades. At this time, the County has a lease with the City of South Lake Tahoe. There is a campground, recreation center, Ice Rink, Library, Museum and Senior Center located on the property.
  1. County could invest in the development of the site.
  2. County could sell or trade property to City of South Lake Tahoe.
  3. County could take over operations and maintenance of the property.Commission recommends use of staff time to monitor ad hoc committee being formed under Supervisor Novasel.

### Future Site Options

- **Carson Creek**-30 acres has been identified as park land. The majority of this property is wetland. Staff is working with the Planning Division of Community Development Agency as this property is adjacent to the SPTC corridor. Potentially trail access, restrooms and trailhead parking could be accommodated on this property.
  - Commission supported keeping an eye on this property and it offers a lot of options for the SPTC corridor. Develop a trailhead and staging area.
  
- **Campus Park Property**-13.5 acre site located behind the college off of Green Valley Road. Cameron Park Rotary built the Observatory at this site and the Master Gardeners have a demonstration garden. The remaining property could accommodate a ball field or soccer field.
  - Commission supports development of this property.
  
- **Old Depot/Missouri Flat Road**-2 acres off the El Dorado Trail at Old Depot Road. This site would be a good neighborhood park that could accommodate restrooms, playground and possible bike park right off the El Dorado Trail. With the development of the pedestrian bridge project and the class I extension to the town of El Dorado this park location would provide many opportunities connecting El Dorado and Diamond Springs.
  - Commission supports purchase and development of this property.
  
- **Henningsen Lotus Park expansion-Fire House Property**-Parcel was studied in conceptual plan. Parcel could be used for additional sports fields and courts, new trails and additional parking. It should be noted that in the plan parking was identified as adequate except during special events.

- Commission identified this as a low priority. Out of the five priorities identified for this district it was #5.
- **Henningsen Lotus Park expansion-Infill Property**-This is a residence located next to the playground near the ball field. This parcel could be used for additional parking.
  - Commission identified this as low priority. Out of the five priorities identified for this district it was #4.