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[prc] Diamond Springs Community Park

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Parks and Recreation Commissioners, and County staff,

As a 40 year El Dorado County resident, and neighbor that resides 0.8 miles from the Diamond Springs Community Park suggested site, I say, JUST DO IT! PLEASE.

Our County is lacking in parks. This is an amazing opportunity especially with the collaboration of so many agencies.

If vocal adjacent neighbors are worried about lighted sports fields, WHICH ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED!, have them contact El Dorado Hills CSD who won a lawsuit initiated by neighbors near Promontory Park. Those same neighbors came back to the CSD after the park was developed and thanked them. Sport field lighting is much more of an exact science than the days of old.

I look forward to having a park within walking distance that I can take my grandchild to without driving to El Dorado Hills or Folsom. Please include both Tot-Lot sized equipment in addition to older youth play areas. I would love to see a spray-ground water feature, but your Architects explained that it is not feasible. I understand.

The design options for this park are very well done. There was a lot of positive community feedback that you may not hear about!

I especially appreciate the concern and mitigation strategies for safety and fires that were addressed at the meeting. Maybe one of these days we'll have a team of Park Rangers!

Thanks for your dedication and volunteerism to our community. I am excited to watch park plans develop.

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Diamond Springs

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