

A scenic view of a river with a green bench and a wooden picnic table in the foreground, and a forested hill in the background.

EL DORADO COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION 2025 Annual Report



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION PURPOSE

Advisory to the Board of Supervisors regarding:

- Planning acquisition, development, maintenance, and operations of recreational opportunities within the county
- Coordinating with other recreation providers
- Securing of funding and development of fiscal resources
- Formulating policies effecting public recreation
- Reviewing and recommending support for legislation favorable to parks and recreation
- Reviewing and updating sections of the recreation element
- Recommending adoption of the master plans and policy on usage operations and maintenance

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

MEMBERSHIP

District 1 – Wayne Lowery, Chair

Term 1/7/2025 – 1/1/2029

District 2 – Donna Mullens-Becker, Vice Chair

Term 1/7/2025 – 1/1/2029

District 3 – Jon Hospitalier

Term 2/25/2025 – 1/1/2029

Tom Cumpston (Former), Term 1/1/2025 – 1/1/2029 (Ended Feb. 2025)

District 4 – Torin Dunnivant

Term 7/15/2025 – 1/1/2027

Julia McIver (Former), Term 1/1/2023 – 1/1/2027 (Ended March 2025)

District 5 – Vacant

Term TBD

Faye-Marie Pekar (Former), Term 2/14/2023 – 2/14/2027 (Ended Feb. 2025)

Current as of August 2025



From left: Zachary Perras (Parks Manager), Wayne Lowery (District 1), Donna Mullens-Becker (District 2), and Torin Dunnivant (District 4).
Absent: Jon Hospitalier (District 3).

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

General Plan, **Parks and Recreation Element**, Policy 9.1 – 9.3.9.1, July 2004

Parks and Trails Master Plan approved by the Board of Supervisors in March 2025.

County **Ordinance, Chapter 2.20**, County Boards, Commissions and Committees, Article X – Parks and Recreation Commission, Sec. 2.20.660-750. The Commission has reviewed the ordinance and provided staff with recommendations. Staff will be bringing these changes to the Board of Supervisors for their review.

County **Ordinance, Chapter 9.46**, Park Rules and Regulations, Sec. 9.46.010-820.

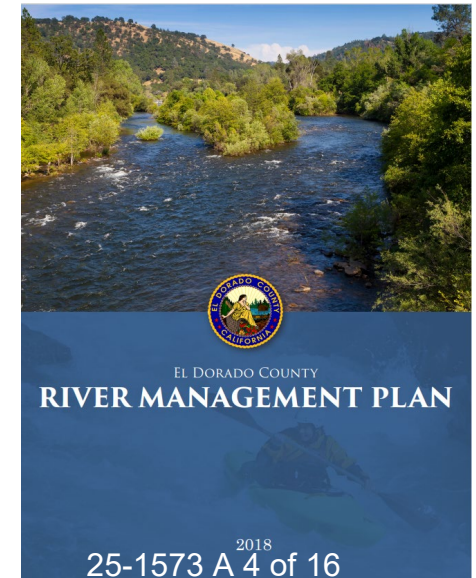
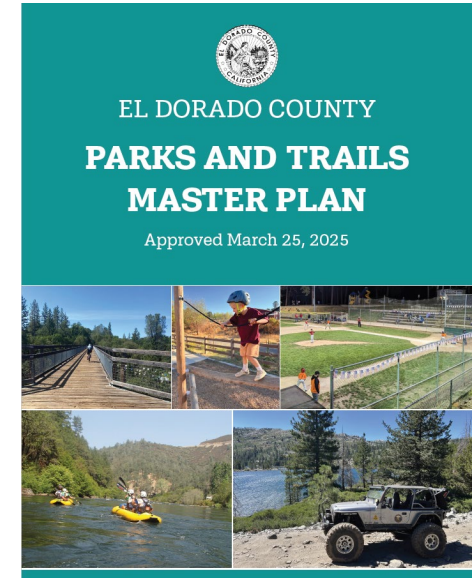
County **Ordinance, Chapter 9.48**, Skate Parks and Bike Parks, Sec. 9.47.010-070.

County **Ordinance, Chapter 9.49**, Dog Parks, Sec. 9.49.010-040.

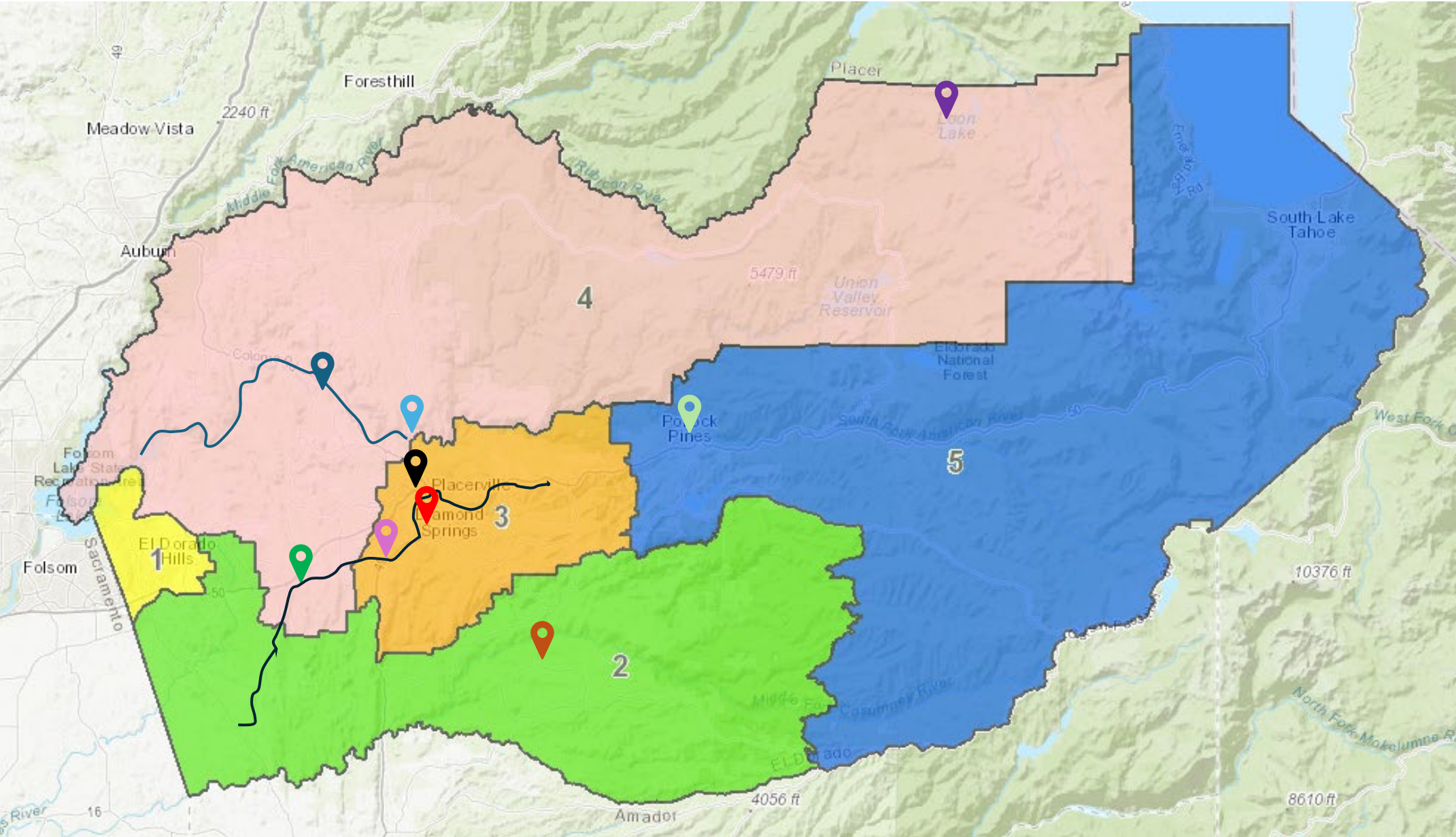
River Management Plan, an update to the River Management will be brought to the Commission for review later this year.

County **Ordinance, Chapter 5.48**, Streams & Rivers Commercial Boating, Sec. 5.48.010-140.

County **Ordinance, Chapter 5.50**, Specific Use Regulation for South Fork of the American River, Sec. 5.50.010-100.











RECREATION FACILITIES BY DISTRICT




LEGEND



Parks

-  Pioneer Park
-  Joe's Skate Park
-  Historical Rail/Dog Park
-  Old Depot Bike Park
-  Bradford Park
-  Chili Bar Park
-  Henningsen Lotus Park
-  Forebay Park

River

-  So. Fork American River

Trails

-  El Dorado Trail
-  Rubicon Trail (Loon Lake Trailhead)

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

WHAT WE DO

ACHIEVEMENTS 2024-2025:

- The Parks & Recreation Commission (PRC) meets on the third Thursday of each month at 3:00 p.m. In 2024, the PRC held ten monthly Commission meetings that were open to the public.
- With significant staff support, the PRC assisted with the completion of the 2025 Park & Trails Master Plan. The plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors on 3/25/2025.

Districts 1-4

- Attended SPTC-JPA quarterly meetings
- Initiated a conversation on electric bikes on El Dorado County trails

District 2

- Supported the installation of skate park equipment at Pioneer Park

District 3

- Provided day-of support for the Old Depot Bike Park volunteer event
- Provided day of support for the Historical Railroad Park / Dog Park Grand Opening
- Provided day-of support for the El Dorado Trail Community Ride & Missouri Flat Road Overcrossing Grand Opening

District 4

- Tracked progress of the Chili Bar site options project being conducted by Lebeck Engineering
- Attended the Rubicon Trail grant project public meeting

District 5

- Participated in the Forebay Park Community Meeting to review plans



El Dorado Trail (natural)
West to City of Folsom



El Dorado Trail (paved)
East to Camino

DISTRICTS 1-4

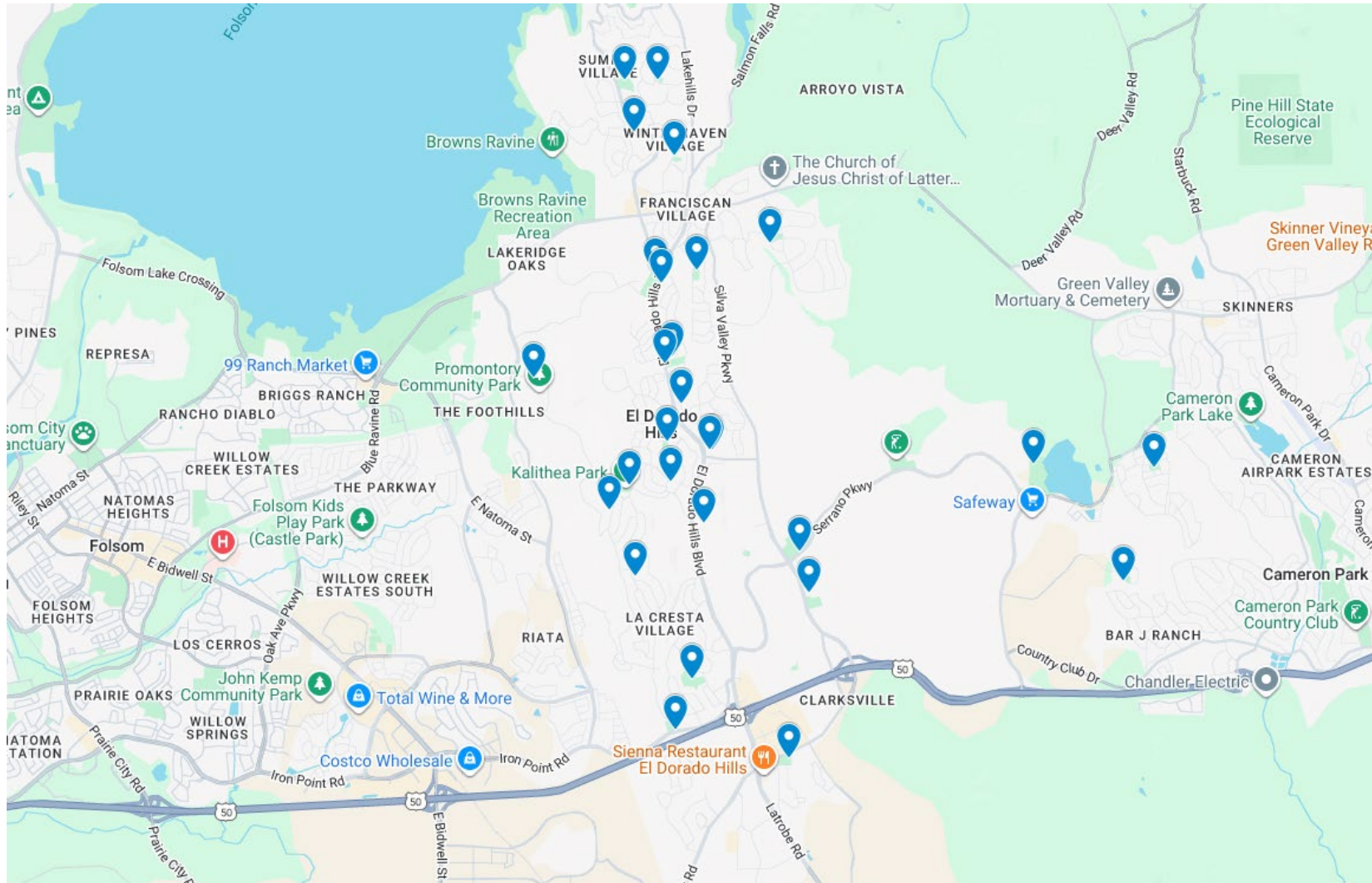


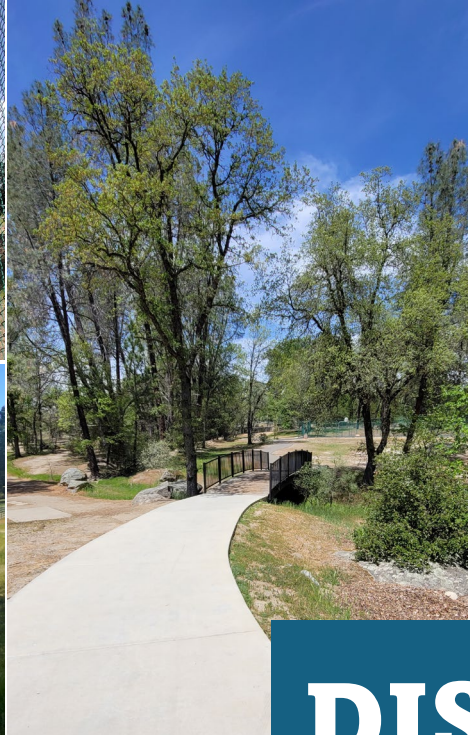
Missouri Flat Bike/Ped
Overcrossing

Photo courtesy of Sue Larson

DISTRICT 1

Served by El Dorado Hills Community Services District

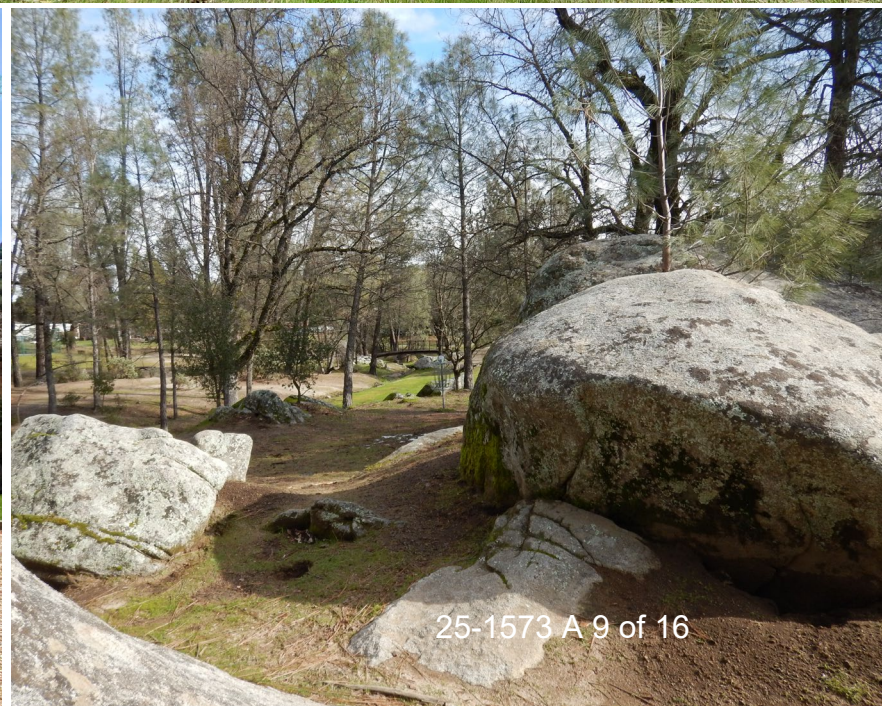




DISTRICT 2



PIONEER PARK





RAILROAD PARK



JOE'S SKATE PARK



DISTRICT 3



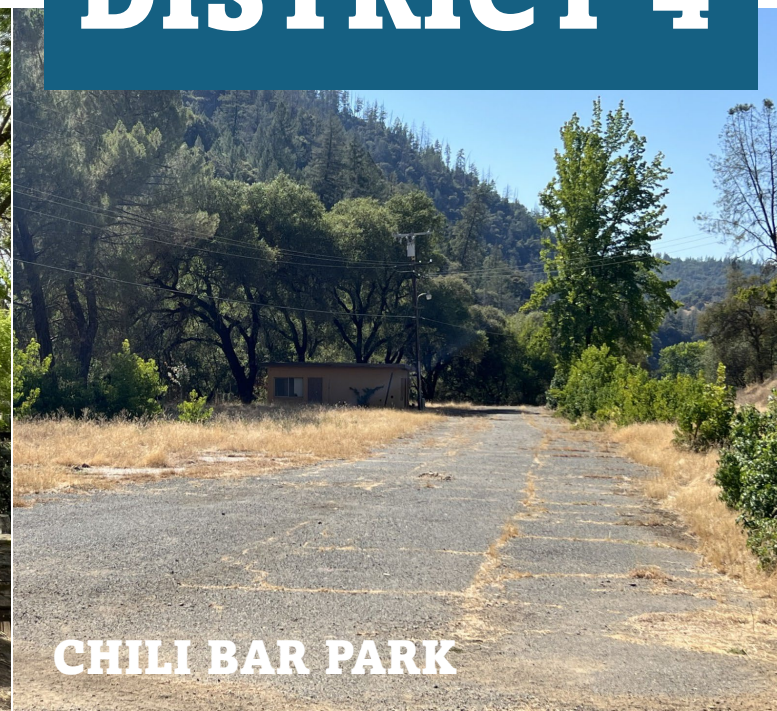
DOG PARK



**OLD DEPOT
BIKE PARK**



DISTRICT 4



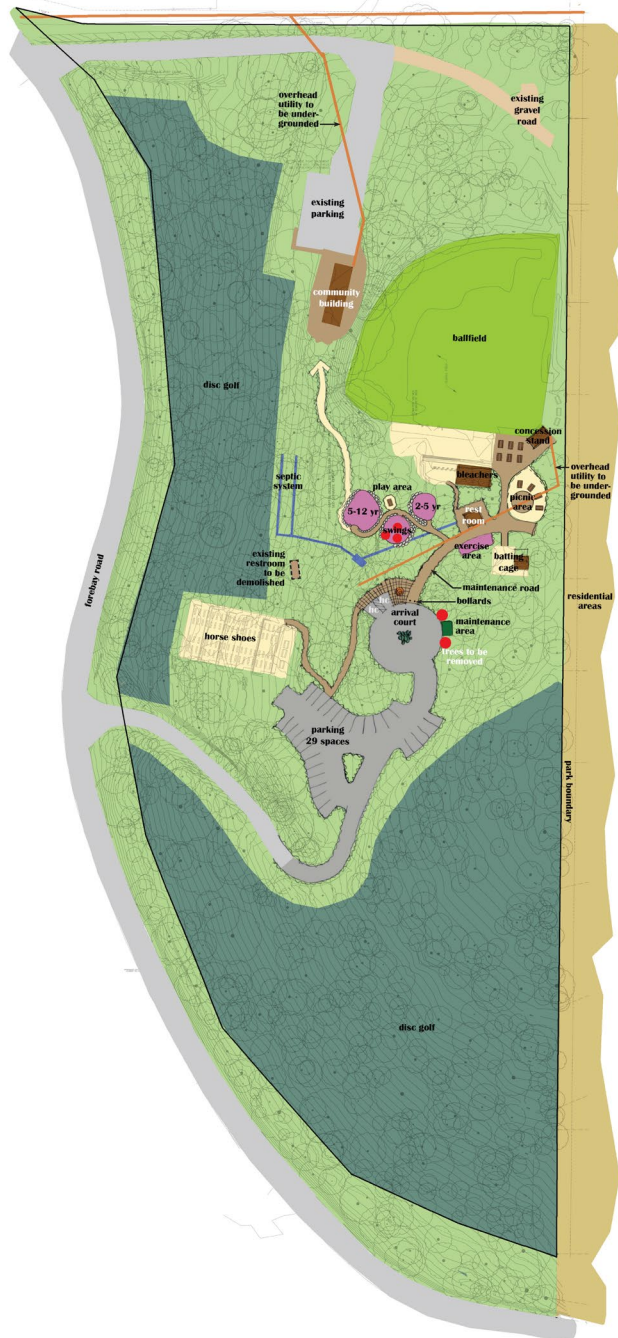
BRADFORD PARK

CHILI BAR PARK

HENNINGSEN LOTUS PARK



FOREBAY PARK



DISTRICT 5



Community Meeting 8/21/24



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION FY 2025-26 CHALLENGES

Building on the volunteer base for parks and trails – assist staff and volunteer groups in promoting community involvement in the maintenance and promotion of our parks and trails.

Staffing constraints due to budget reductions – the FY2025/26 budget will directly impact staffing in the Parks and Recreation Department. The Commission will endeavor to assist staff in whatever areas most beneficial to the department.

Vacancies within the Parks and Recreation Commission – it is hopeful that the Commission will be fully appointed in the very near future.

Funding for construction, maintenance and enhancements – funding is an ongoing issue, and the Commission will review and support staff in any applications for funding.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

FY 2025-26 GOALS

- Continue to provide a **public forum** for discussion of parks and recreation concerns and opportunities ([Master Plan Initiative 4.2.1](#))
- Review and update **County Ordinance Sec. 2.20.660-750** to repeal and replace with a resolution and supporting bylaws
- Aid in the development of a **Cost Recovery Program** for County-owned and operated recreation facilities ([Master Plan Initiative 3.2.6](#))

District 2

- Aid efforts to develop a park in the community of **Grizzly Flats**
- Aid efforts to develop a **30-acre trailhead** in El Dorado Hills

District 3

- Support staff in recruiting a volunteer base and providing motivational support for retention of volunteer to assist with volunteer activities at **Old Depot Bike Park** and the natural trail section of **El Dorado Trail** ([Master Plan Initiative 4.1.4](#))

District 4

- Update the **River Management Plan** and County Ordinance 5.48 Streams & Rivers Commercial Boating ([Master Plan Initiative 1.4.10](#))
- Review **Henningsen Lotus Park** master plan and provide recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for options to increase cost recovery and proposed frequency of closing the park for private special events and filming ([Master Plan Initiative 3.1.11](#))

District 5

- Continue to support the **Forebay Park** improvement project and assist with fundraising for future phases ([Master Plan Initiative 3.1.1](#))

Staff Recommendation

- Represent the Parks Division through attending tablings, events, and public meetings to interact and engage with the public

THANK YOU!

Interested in becoming a Parks & Recreation Commissioner?

Learn more here:

www.eldoradocounty.ca.gov/County-Government/Board-of-Supervisors/Boards-Commissions-and-Committees-Notice-of-Vacancies

There is currently a vacancy in District 5

Interested in attending a Parks & Recreation Commission meeting?

Check out the commission calendar:

eldorado.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx

PRC meets monthly on the third Thursday of each month at 3:00 PM