

**EL DORADO COUNTY
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
FY 2025-26 Annual Report
September 2026**



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION PURPOSE

Parks, Trails, Rivers Division Mission Statement

We promote and protect El Dorado County's world-class outdoor recreation and cultural resources for the public's enjoyment through community partnerships, stewardship, and education for present and future generations.

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

Term 1/7/2025 – 1/1/2029

District 2 – Donna Mullens-Becker, Chair

Term 1/7/2025 – 1/1/2029

District 3 – Jon Hospitalier

Term 2/25/2025 – 1/1/2029

District 4 – Torin Dunnivant, Vice Chair

Term 7/15/2025 – 1/1/2027

District 5 – Danny McLaughlin

Term 9/30/2025 – 1/2/2027

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From left: 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 **Resolution, 151-2025**, Establishing the Parks and Recreation Commission.

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

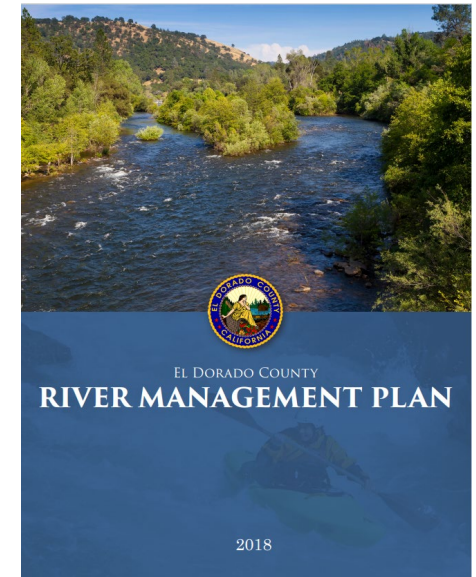
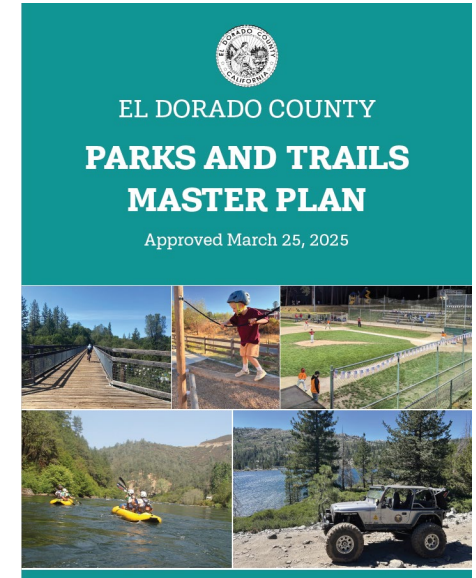
County **Ordinance, Chapter 9.48**, Skate Parks and Bike Parks, Sec. 9.47.010-070.

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

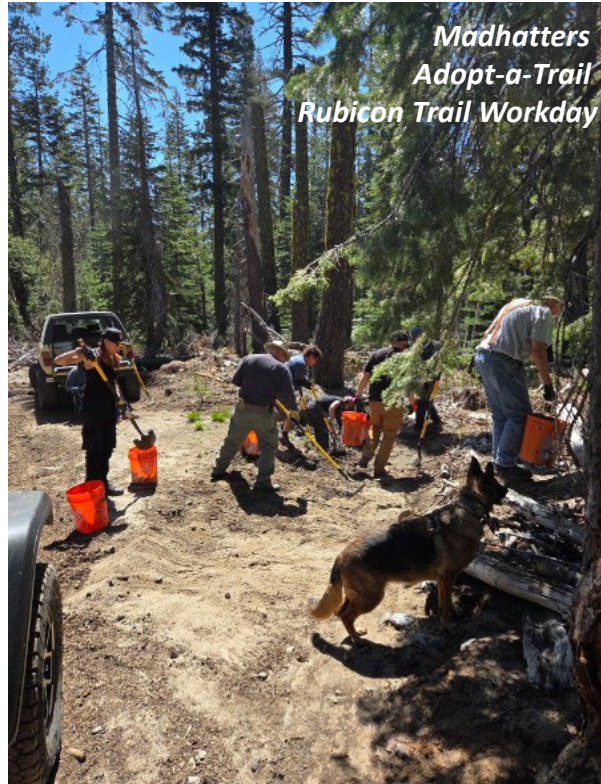
River Management Plan, an update to the River Management Plan was reviewed by the Commission in March 2026 and pending review by Planning Commission and Board.

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.



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION FY 2025-26 VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



185
Volunteers



1,301
Volunteer Hours



\$54,320*
Value of
Volunteer Time



*Based on \$41.75 hourly rate from 2025
Independent Sector value of volunteers

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
FY 2025-26 VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

**We honor and recognize the outstanding contributions of these volunteers
and extend our heartfelt thanks. Your service inspires us all!**

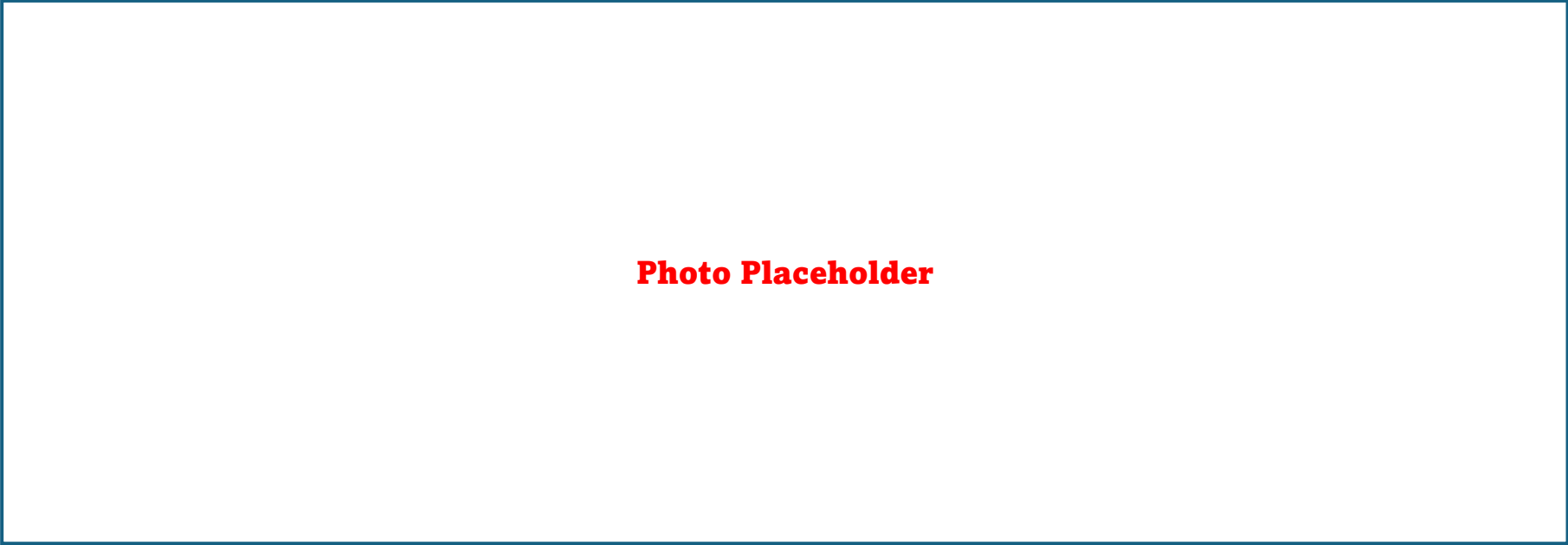


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Thank you to all the Parks & Trails Division volunteers for your service!

DISTRICTS 1-4

EL DORADO TRAIL



El Dorado Trail (natural)
West to City of Folsom



El Dorado Trail (paved)
East to Camino



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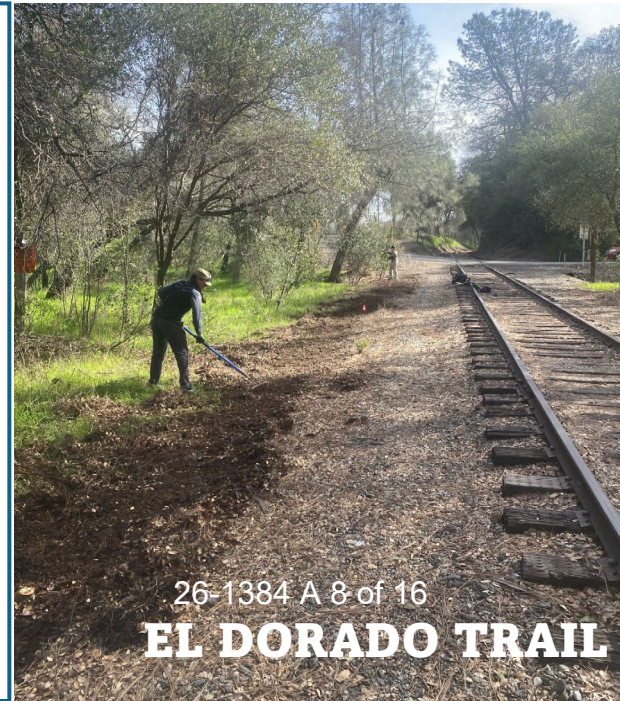
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PIONEER PARK

Volunteer Recognition
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EL DORADO TRAIL



RAILROAD PARK



DISTRICT 3



DOG PARK



JOE'S SKATE PARK



**2026 Volunteer
Recognition
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OLD DEPOT BIKE PARK

DISTRICT 4



BRADFORD PARK



**HENNINGSEN LOTUS
PARK**

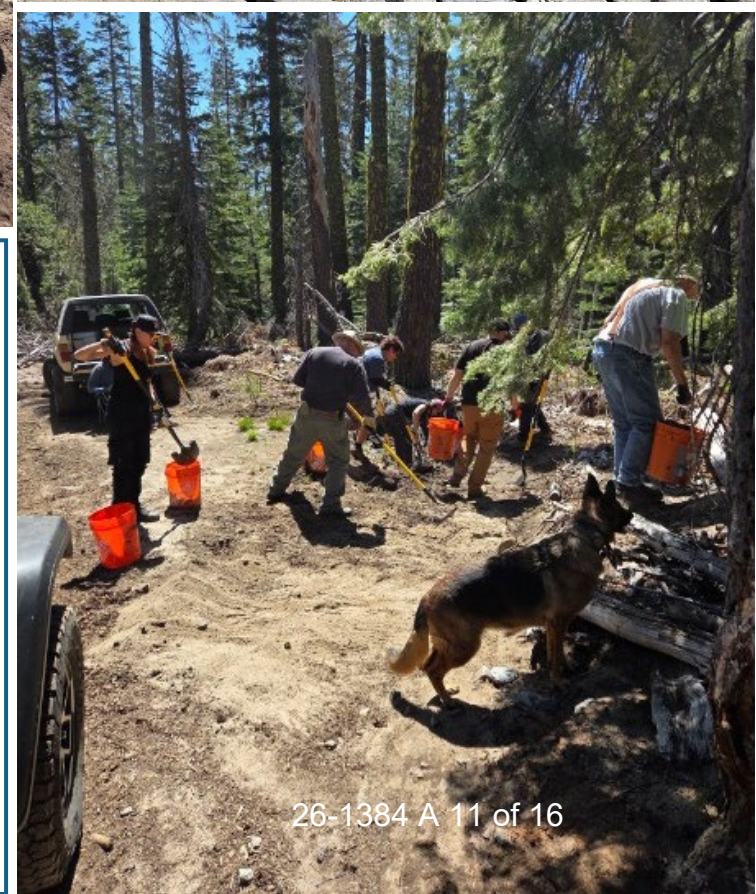
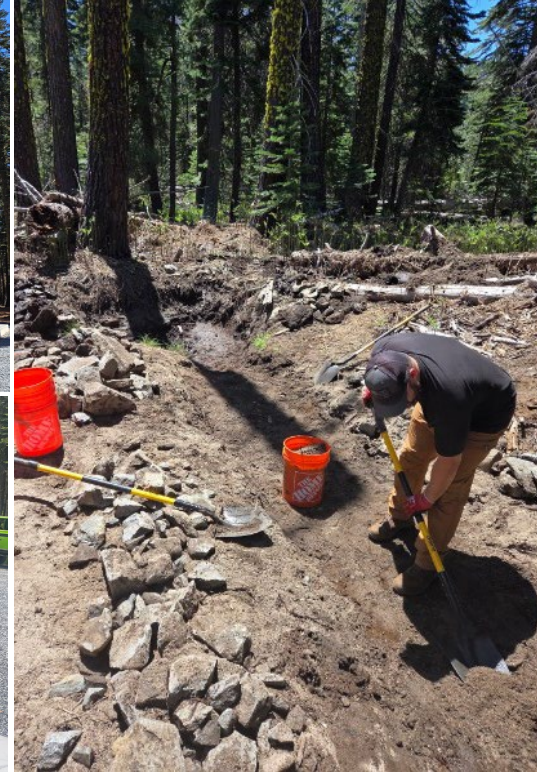


CHILI BAR PARK



**SOUTH FORK OF THE
AMERICAN RIVER**

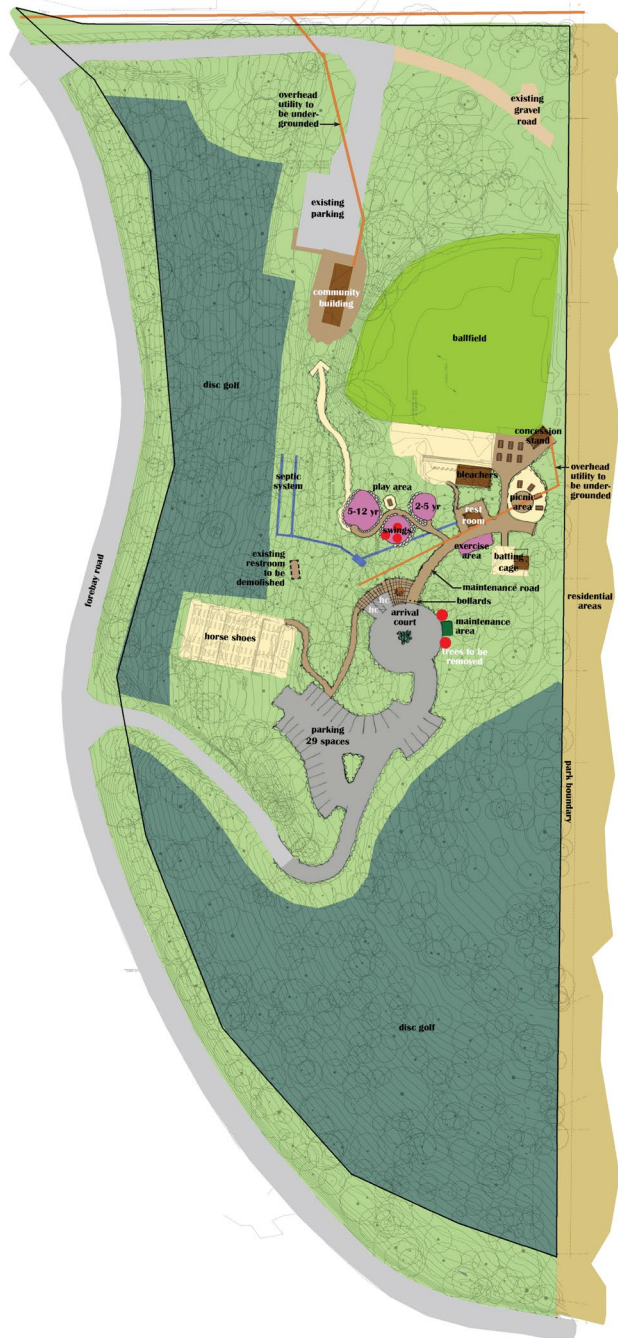




**Volunteer Recognition
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FOREBAY PARK



DISTRICT 5



Volunteer Recognition Photo Placeholder



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION ACHIEVEMENTS FY 2025-26

- The Parks & Recreation Commission (PRC) meets on the third Thursday of each month at 3:00 p.m. In FY 2025-26, the PRC held eight monthly **Commission meetings** that were open to the public
- With staff support, the PRC reviewed the update to the **2018 River Management Plan** and coordinated with the Coloma Lotus Advisory Committee Ad-Hoc to discuss and finalize recommended updates
- Supported activation of the **Volunteer Program for parks and trails**, promoted volunteerism with local clubs and groups and helped recruit volunteers, provided day-of registration support and hospitality for volunteer events, and launched a **Volunteer Recognition** program to celebrate and honor the hard work and dedication of the Division's volunteers
- Supported the ongoing **Cost Recovery Project** with discussions, research, and final recommendations for the provision and frequency of partial park closures to allow for private special events and filming
- Supported staff with the creation and adoption of a **Mission Statement** to guide the Division's purpose, values, and priorities
- Attended SPTC-JPA quarterly meetings **(D1-4)**
- Received a presentation from DOT on upcoming El Dorado Trail projects **(D1-4)**
- Provided day-of support for the Spring Trail Fest event **(D3)**
- Provided day of support for the May is Bike Month volunteer clean-up event at Old Depot Bike Park **(D3)**
- Staffed the Parks & Trails Division booth at the El Dorado County Fair to provide public education and outreach **(D3)**
- Supported the re-launch of the Rubicon Trail Adopt-a-Trail volunteer program **(D4)**
- Supported the LWCF grant application for the Forebay Park Improvement Project and continues to support the project as it undergoes the post-federal selection process **(D5)**

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION FY 2026-27 CHALLENGES

Continuing to build 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.

Budget constraints – continue to support staff with implementing Parks & Trails Master Plan initiatives with limited resources and continued budget constraints.

Ongoing funding issues – the Commission will endeavor to support staff with any fundraising efforts and will review and support staff in any grant applications for funding.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

FY 2026-27 GOALS

ONGOING GOALS

- Continue to provide a **public forum** for discussion of parks and recreation concerns and opportunities ([Master Plan Initiative 4.2.1](#))
- Continue to support staff in **recruiting a volunteer base and providing motivational support** for retention of volunteers to assist with volunteer activities at parks and the natural trail section of El Dorado Trail. This year, establish guiding principles and develop criteria to be used for the nomination of volunteers to be recognized ([Master Plan Initiative 4.1.4](#))
- Continue to represent the Division through attending tablings, events, and public meetings to interact and engage with the public
- **D2:** Support the community of **Grizzly Flats** in their efforts to develop a park

GOALS CONTINUED FROM FY 2025-26

- Aid in the development of a **Cost Recovery Program** for County-owned and operated recreation facilities ([Master Plan Initiative 3.2.6](#))
- **D2:** Support efforts to develop a **30-acre trailhead** in El Dorado Hills
- **D5:** Support the **Forebay Park** improvement project and assist with fundraising for future phases ([Master Plan Initiative 3.1.1](#))

NEW GOALS

- **D3/D4:** Review **existing parks plans** including the **El Dorado Trail** master plan and continue discussions of the **Henningsen Lotus Park** conceptual master plan to reevaluate priorities for implementation of improvements as funds become available ([Master Plan Initiative 3.1.11](#))
- Develop partnership with local Chamber of Commerce(s) or other similar agencies to promote County parks, trails, and recreation opportunities ([Master Plan Initiative 4.3.4](#))

STAFF RECOMMENDATION FY 2026-27

- Encourage and promote donations to fund capital projects, amenities, and maintenance projects ([Master Plan Initiative 2.4.5](#))
- Support staff with establishing sponsorship guidelines for park and trail facilities as part of the cost recovery project ([Master Plan Initiative 5.1.7](#))

THANK YOU!

Volunteer with Parks & Trails Division

Learn more here:

<https://www.eldoradocounty.ca.gov/Land-Use/Parks-Trails/Volunteer>

Volunteer with Parks and Trails Division



Volunteers are vital to the Parks and Trails Division! Volunteers help support the Division with park and river cleanups, trail workdays, and other special projects. Join us for an upcoming volunteer opportunity or send us your volunteer project idea.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer Interest Form

Let us know volunteer opportunities you are interested in or suggest your own project. Complete the form below:

Parks & Trails Division Volunteer Interest Form

El Dorado County Parks and Trails Division wants to hear from you! The Division is interested in hearing from individuals, service groups, clubs, and other organizations who are interested in volunteering or submitting a volunteer project idea for County parks and trails facilities. Fill in the form below and you will receive a response within 2-3 weeks.

When you submit this form, it will not automatically collect your details like name and email address unless you provide it yourself.

* Required

1. Full Name *

Enter your answer

2. Contact Phone Number *

Enter your answer

Volunteer Signup Form

May is Bike Month 2026 Volunteer Signup Form

Join Parks and Trails Division, Friends of El Dorado Trail, Mother Lode Trail Stewardship, and FATRAC for May is Bike Month volunteer events! Help us take care of the County's bike and trail facilities in celebration of Bike Month. No experience or tools necessary, just bring a pair of gloves.

When you submit this form, it will not automatically collect your details like name and email address unless you provide it yourself.

* Required

1. Which volunteer event(s) are you registering for? *

☐ 5/2/26 - El Dorado Trail Workday

☐ 5/16/26 - Old Depot Bike Park Clean-Up

2. Full Name *

Enter your answer

3. Phone Number *

Enter your answer

4. Email *

Enter your answer

5. Age, if under 16

All volunteers under the age of 16 must have an adult parent/guardian present at the volunteer event.

Enter your answer