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TO: Planning Commission

Agenda of: October 23, 2014

- FROM: Gordon Bell, Contract Planner
- DATE: September 15, 2014

RE: GOV14-0003/Finding of General Plan Consistency for Acquisition of Pollock Pines Recreation Park

<u>APPLICANT</u>: El Dorado County Chief Administrator Office/Facilities Division, Parks

<u>REQUEST</u>: Request to make a General Plan Finding of Consistency for the property acquisition by the El Dorado County Chief Administrative Office.

- **LOCATION:** The subject property is the eastern portion of the Forebay Recreation Area located east of Forebay Road and south of Gail Drive in Pollock Pines area.
- **<u>APN</u>**: 101-330-77-100 (Portion)

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT: Exempt pursuant to Section 15325(f) of the CEQA Guidelines.

<u>SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION</u>: Planning Services recommends that the Planning Commission find that the acquisition of Pollock Pines Recreation Park is consistent with applicable policies of the adopted 2004 El Dorado County General Plan in accordance with Government Code Section 65402.

BACKGROUND: The El Dorado County Chief Administrative Office Facilities Division is in the process of acquiring the Pollock Pines Recreation Park. The park is currently owned by the El Dorado Irrigation District (EID) and represents a portion of the Forebay Recreation Area which is 122-acre parcel that includes not only the park but the Forebay Park and its picnic facilities, restrooms, and open space areas. The EID has determined that the Pollock Pines Recreation Park (a 12.619-acre portion of the Forebay Recreation Area which has been created by Record of Survey [See Attachment 3]) is surplus land and has thus offered to the County to acquire the park.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Project Description:

El Dorado County is proposing to acquire Pollock Pines Recreation Park which is approximately 12.619 acres of the Forebay Recreation Area. The park includes the "Senior Center" building and asphalt paved parking area; the Snowline Little League baseball diamond, concession building with announcer's stand, batting cages and bleachers; horseshoe pits and restrooms; two storage bins; two septic systems; and undeveloped woodland. The subject property is currently owned by the El Dorado Irrigation District (EID).

	Zoning	General Plan	Land Use/Improvements
Site	RF	PF	Park facilities
North	R1	HDR	Single-family residential
South	R1	HDR	Single-family residential
East	R1	HDR	Single-family residential
West	RF, RA-80	PF	Forebay Park

Adjacent Land Uses:

General Plan: The 2004 General Plan designates the subject property as Public Facilities (PF). This land use category includes only publicly-owned lands used for public facilities such as sanitary landfills, storage and maintenance yards, regional parks and recreation facilities, fire stations, schools, community parks and recreation facilities, libraries, administration and support buildings, hospitals (including non-profit), airports, transit facilities, water and sewer treatment facilities, etc. This designation is considered appropriate within Community Regions, Rural Centers, and Rural Regions.

OBJECTIVE 9.1.1: PARK ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT: 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.

Policy 9.1.1.1: The County shall assist in the development of regional, community, and neighborhood parks, ensure a diverse range of recreational opportunities at a regional, community, and neighborhood level, and provide park design guidelines and development standards for park development. The following standards shall be used as guidelines for the acquisition and development of park facilities:

Guidelines For Acquisition and Development of Park Facilities					
Park Types	Developed				
Regional Parks	1.5 ac/1,000 population				
Community Parks	1.5 ac/1,000 population				
Neighborhood Parks	2.0 ac/1,000 population				
Specific Standards (Neighborhood and Community Parks)					
Cameron Park Community Services District	5.0 ac/1,000 population				
El Dorado Hills Community Services District	5.0 ac/1,000 population				
Planned Communities	5.0 ac/1,000 population				

The parkland dedication/in-lieu fees shall be directed towards the purchase and funding of neighborhood and community parks.

Discussion: The proposed acquisition will utilize parkland fees for the purchase of the Pollock Pines Recreation Park.

Policy 9.1.1.3: Community parks and recreation facilities shall provide a focal point and gathering place for the larger community. Community parks are generally 10 to 44 acres in size, are for use by all sectors and age groups, and may include multi-purpose fields, ball fields, group picnic areas, playground, tot lot, multi-purpose hard courts, swimming pool, tennis courts, and a community center.

Discussion: The existing park is considered a community park and serves the community of Pollock Pines. It is approximately 12.619 acres and includes a "senior center", baseball diamond (with concession building, announcer's stand, batting cages and bleachers), asphalt paved parking area, horseshoe pits, restrooms, and undeveloped woodland.

Policy 9.1.1.7: Encourage and support efforts of independent recreation districts to provide parks and recreation facilities. The joint efforts of Community Services Districts, independent recreation districts, school districts, cities, and the County to provide parks and recreation facilities shall also be encouraged.

Discussion: The County's Chief Administrative Office is working with the El Dorado Irrigation District to continue providing recreational facilities in the community of Pollock Pines.

Policy 9.1.1.11: Focus park acquisition on recreation oriented facilities.

Discussion: The proposed acquisition is consistent with focusing on recreation oriented facilities, as the park includes active recreation facilities including the baseball diamond and associated facilities as well as the horseshoe pits.

Zoning: The subject property is zoned RF, Recreational Facilities. Parks are allowed in the RF zone district by right. Surrounding properties to the north, east, and south are zoned R1, single family residential. Property to the west is part of the Forebay Recreation Area, which is also zoned RF.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This project has been found to be exempt from the requirements of CEQA pursuant to Section 15325 of the CEQA Guidelines (Transfers of Ownership of Interest in Land to Preserve Existing Natural Conditions and Historical Resources). Section F allows for an exemption for "Acquisition, sale, or other transfer to preserve open space or lands for park purposes." This request is solely related to general plan consistency issues related to the acquisition; there are no construction activities contemplated at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Planning Commission find that the proposed property acquisition by the Chief Administrative Office for a portion of Assessor's Parcel Number 101-330-77-100 is consistent with the 2004 General Plan.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1	Findings
Attachment 2	Aerial Location Map
Attachment 3	Record of Survey

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ATTACHMENT 1

FILE NUMBER GOV14-0003

Findings of Consistency

The Planning Commission finds the request for General Plan Finding of Consistency for the property acquisition by the El Dorado County Chief Administrative Office of the Pollock Pines Recreation Park is consistent with the General Plan policies.

- 1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65402, the project has been found to be exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15060 of the CEQA Guidelines stating that the activity is not a project as defined under Section 15325(f) of the CEQA Guidelines.
- 2. The proposed site acquisition and existing land use is consistent with the policies in the El Dorado County General Plan. The Planning Commission finds that the proposed acquisition and existing land use is consistent with the 2004 General Plan Policies 9.1.1.1, 9.1.1.3, 9.1.1.7, 9.1.1.11.

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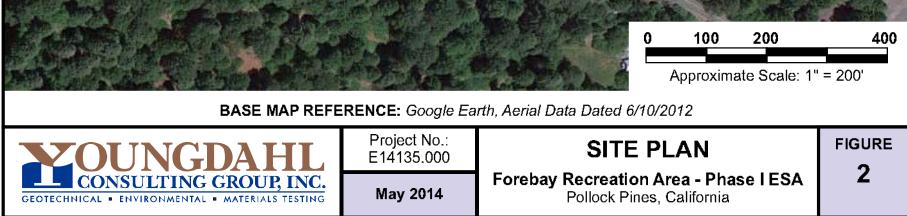
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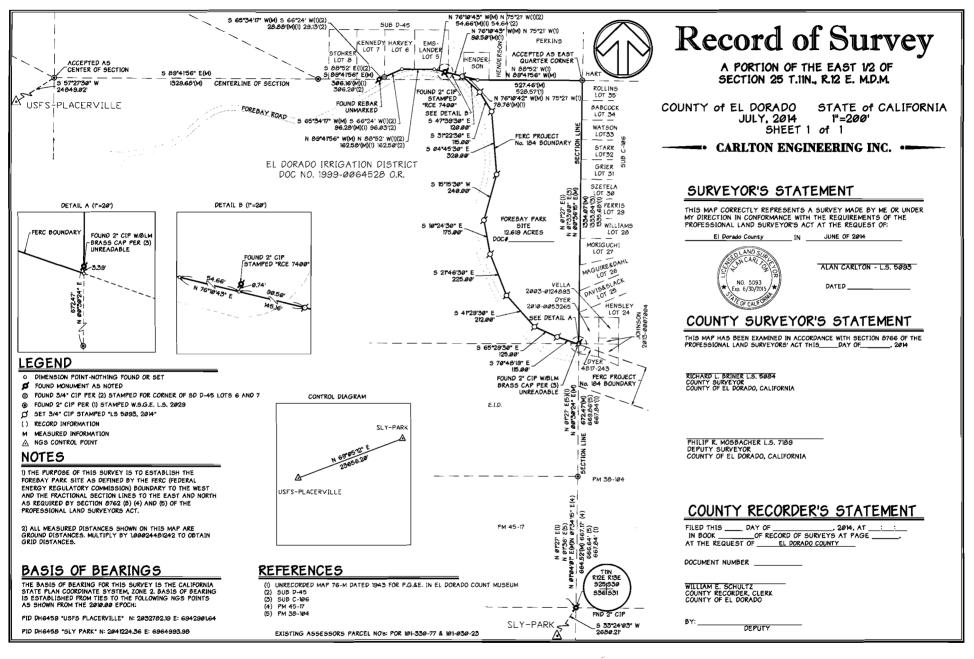
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ATTACHMENT 2 - AERIAL LOCATION MAP



ATTACHMENT 3