Pre-Application Conceptual Review (PA20-0006)



Board of Supervisors May 4, 2021

Pre-Application Process

The purpose of the pre-application process is to:

- Review preliminary project design to ensure conformance with County Policies and Ordinances
- Provide early identification of issues giving the applicant the opportunity to seek solutions before the filing of an application
- Suggest alternatives for the project which in the experience of the staff have improved chances of a recommendation for approval
- Assist the applicant in determining the scope of material required for submittal of an application
- Improve the quality of the application when submitted, thereby simplifying the processing of the application

Conceptual Review

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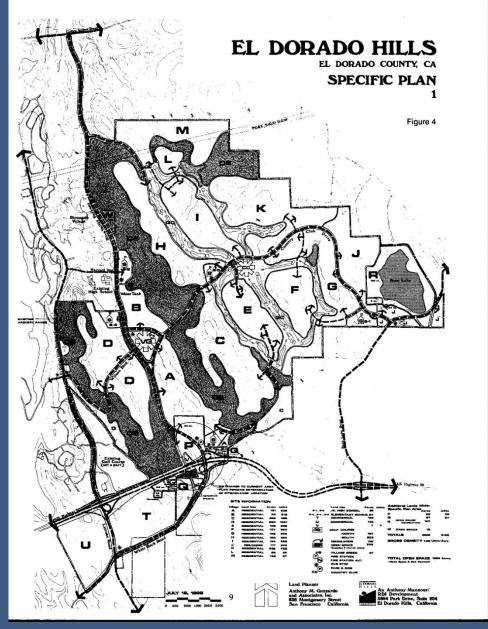
- Allow staff to prepare a minor report to the decisionmakers that outlines the basic issues for discussion
- Provide an opportunity for project applicants to receive early feedback from the Planning Commission and/or Board of Supervisors in an informal workshop setting
- Provide legal notice of the workshop, allowing public input

Project Summary

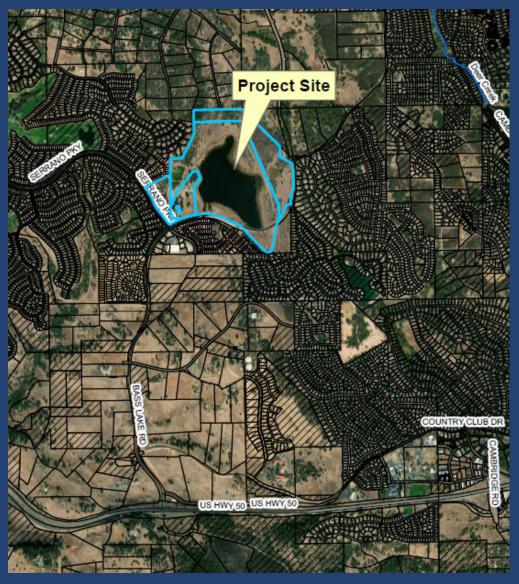
Request for a voluntary pre-application conceptual review (pursuant to Board Policy J6) of a proposed regional park that would provide recreational opportunities and ancillary facilities. Examples of anticipated activities and facilities include:

- Multi-use trails
- Tot Lot
- Dog Park
- Lighted ballfields and sport courts
- Shade and barbeque area
- Fishing dock and boat ramp
- Museum and educational facility
- Outdoor amphitheater

El Dorado Hills Specific Plan Area



Project Site Vicinity

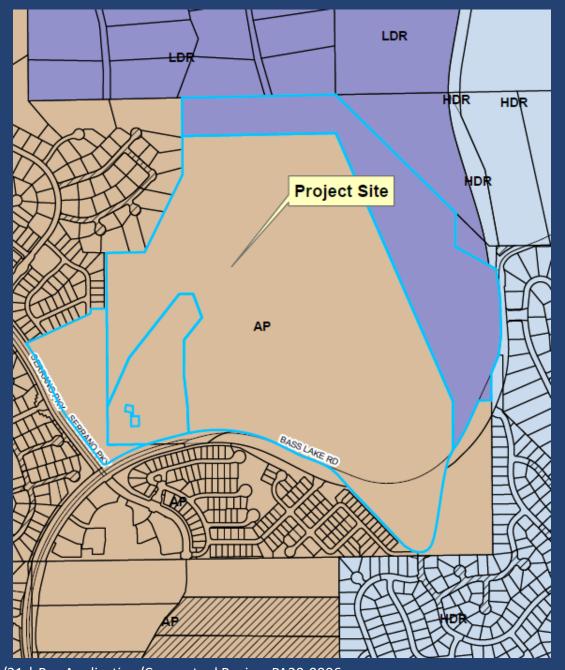


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General Plan Designations:

Adopted Plan-El Dorado Hills Specific Plan (SP86-0002)

Low Density Residential (LDR)

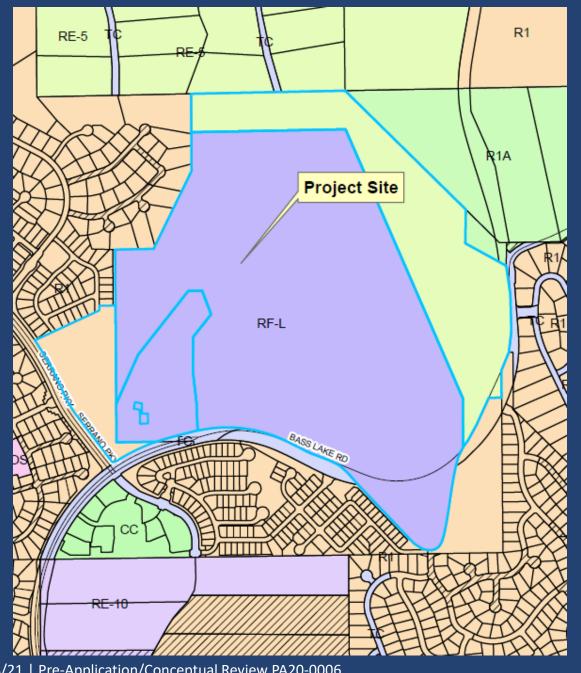


Zoning:

R-1/PD (Residential, Single unit with a Planned Development Overlay)

RF-L (Recreational Facility, Low Intensity)

RE-5 (Residential Estate, Five Acres)



Project Site

211 acres +/-

Bass Lake constitutes ~two-thirds of the site. Remainder is generally annual grasslands, chaparral to the east, and oak woodlands.

Bass Lake Dam, El
Dorado Irrigation
District (EID)
maintenance yard and
buildings, adjacent
small community park
w/baseball field w/
dirt parking lot.



Background

Development on the proposed site is regulated by both the El Dorado Hills Specific Plan (EDHSP) and the El Dorado County General Plan and Zoning Ordinance.

El Dorado Hills Specific Plan (EDHSP): The Specific Plan is a tool for implementing the General Plan. Per the EDHSP, Bass Lake and surrounding properties constitute an area of permanent open space which, if feasible, should be returned to public recreational use. The project presented in this pre-application pursues that intent (p. 35, EDHSP).

The parcel bounding the lake to the north and east has a General Plan Land Use Designation of Low Density Residential (LDR). Per the General Plan, Low intensity Recreational activities are appropriate for the LDR designation (Table 2-4, Land Use Element).

Bass Lake Regional Park Site Plan



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Project Status and Next Steps (1 of 2)

- Pre-application materials were circulated to 26 potentially affected departments, agencies, and other entities for review. Planning staff held a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting to review comments with the applicant and reviewers. (Comments received are included in the materials for this item that were submitted for Planning Commission review.)
- Planning Commission Conceptual Review workshop (2/25/2021)
- EDH CSD is currently working with a consultant to prepare an environmental analysis for the proposed park with the EDH CSD. County staff is working with EDH CSD to determine appropriate designation of the Lead Agency under CEQA for preparation and certification of a CEQA environmental analysis.

Project Status and Next Steps (2 of 2)

Based on the proposed uses and existing zoning, the anticipated applications would include:

- A Rezone application, which would establish common zoning designations to all affected parcels and would apply the Planned Development (-PD) Combining Zone, and
- A Planned Development Permit (PD) application, which would establish an official Development Plan for the regional park.