



Legislation Text

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The El Dorado County Parks and Recreation Commission recommending the Board consider the following:

- 1) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Resolution **053-2014** to dissolve the El Dorado County Trails Advisory Committee as a subcommittee of the Parks and Recreation Commission and thereby rescind Resolution 58-96; and
- 2) Dissolve the El Dorado County Sacramento-Placerville Transportation Corridor Oversight Committee, a subcommittee of the Trails Advisory Committee.

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost

No change to Net County Cost

Background

The current Trails Advisory Committee was established by the Board of Supervisors (BOS) with in 1989 with Resolution 302-89, and later amended with Resolution 58-96 in 1996. The Trails Advisory Committee (TAC), as directed by the resolution, is a sub-committee of the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC). The TAC acts as a standing forum for issues involving El Dorado trails and bikeways.

The Board created the Sacramento-Placerville Transportation Corridor Oversight on August 16, 2011. Staff returned to the BOS in September with a list of 7 proposed committee members that represented a cross section of interested parties, which included three (3) representatives from TAC, two (2) representatives from the rail road and two (2) property owners. This committee was directed to report directly to TAC.

At a PRC Special Meeting on January 30, 2014, the PRC received: 1) presentations from the TAC and SPTC on their roles and responsibilities; 2) a staff report from Parks Manager; and 3) were requested to provide recommendations to the Board on the future roles and structure of these two committees. The PRC voted to continue this item.

The PRC held a Special Meeting on February 18, 2014, at which time the PRC revisited this item and after receiving public comments, the PRC voted to recommend that the SPTC be dissolved and to continue the discussion on the status of TAC.

On March 20, 2014 the PRC once again had the discussion of TAC on the agenda. The PRC voted to recommend that the TAC be dissolved and for staff to take the recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

Reason for Recommendation

During the PRC meetings on this matter, Commissioners heard frustration from the public and from staff on the additional time that it takes to navigate through the current advisory structure. The process for vetting items through these committees has delayed action on issues and consumes a lot of staff time. Constituents also found that their views were often not be represented fairly or

effectively by TAC and/or SPTC. The constituents felt that they could better convey their views if allowed to present directly to PRC. There was also confusion resulting from staff's need to bypass the advisory functions and go directly to PRC because of time sensitive issues. It was generally felt that standing committees tend to become complacent and lose focus over time.

The PRC is recommending that both the current TAC and SPTC be dissolved and that the Commission facilitate open public meetings and working groups on issues, with the option of forming ad-hoc groups that would focus on specific tasks, returning to the PRC with recommendations within a stated timeline. It is felt that these recommendations would streamline the advisory process, making it more efficient and effective.

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