



OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Council Chambers
1735 Montgomery Street
Oroville, CA. 95965

NOVEMBER 1, 2016
REGULAR MEETING
CLOSED SESSION 5:00 P.M.
OPEN SESSION 6:00 P.M.
AGENDA

CLOSED SESSION (5:00 P.M.)

ROLL CALL

Council Members Berry, Del Rosario, Hatley, Pittman, Simpson, Vice Mayor Chan Wilcox, Mayor Dahlmeier

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION (ITEMS LISTED ON PAGE NO. 4)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

OPEN SESSION (6:00 P.M.)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATION / PRESENTATION

Proclamation recognizing *November 2016* as *Homeless and Runaway Youth Awareness Month*

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE A OCTOBER 18, 2016 REGULAR MEETING AND OCTOBER 18, 2016 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL** – minutes attached

Business Assistance and Housing Development Department

2. **CONTRACT FOR SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH EVAN'S APPRAISAL SERVICES, INC. AND SALE OF 2075 BALDWIN AVENUE** – staff report

The Council may consider a Contract for Services Agreement with Evan's Appraisal Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$3,000, for appraisal services relating to the sale and City-owned property located at 2075 Baldwin Avenue. **(Rick Farley, Enterprise Zone & Business Assistance Coordinator)**

Council Action Requested:

1. **Adopt Resolution No. 8550 – A RESOLUTION OF THE OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR THEIR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH EVAN’S APPRAISAL SERVICES, INC, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000, FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES RELATING TO THE SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2075 BALDWIN AVENUE, OROVILLE – (Agreement No. 3195).**
2. **Adopt Resolution No. 8551 - A RESOLUTION OF THE OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE VICE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER 012-160-071 OR 2075 BALDWIN AVENUE, OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA, BE SOLD FOR THE APPRAISED VALUE OR MORE.**

Administration Department

3. **NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2017 SAMUEL J. NORRIS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE RECIPIENT – staff report**

The Council may consider approving the nomination period for the 2017 Samuel J. Norris Award for Excellence. **(Jamie Hayes, Assistant City Clerk and Donald Rust, Director of Community Development)**

Council Action Requested: **Authorize the open nomination period for the 2017 Samuel J. Norris Award for Excellence for new nominations between the dates of December 1, 2016 through January 3, 2017.**

4. **RESOLUTION FOR INDUSTRIAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT – staff report**

The Council may consider a resolution approving an industrial disability retirement for Police Officer, David Bryning. **(Bill LaGrone, Director of Public Safety and Liz Ehrenstrom, Human Resource Manager)**

Council Action Requested: **Adopt Resolution No. 8552 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA, DELEGATING INDUSTRIAL DISABILITY FINDINGS AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE VICE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE RESOLUTION UNDER PUBLIC EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT LAW, GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 21023.6.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Community Development Department

5. **UPDATED PUBLIC DRAFT OF THE PARKS, TRAILS & OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN (CONTINUED FROM 09.06.2016) – staff report**

The Council will conduct a public hearing to review the completed public draft of the Parks, Trails & Open Space Master Plan. **(Dawn Nevers, Assistant Planner and Donald Rust, Director of Community Development)**

Council Action Requested: **Adopt Resolution No. 8553 – A RESOLUTION OF THE OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING THE FINAL DRAFT OF THE PARKS, TRAILS & OPEN SPACE PLAN PLANNING DOCUMENT.**

Public Safety Department

6. **ORDINANCE RESTRICTING THE RESALE AND POSSESSION OF BUTANE PRODUCTS** – staff report

The Council will conduct a public hearing regarding an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Oroville, California, adding Chapter 9.04.190 relating to butane resale regulations, to Title 9, Public Peace and Welfare, of the Oroville City Municipal Code. (**Bill LaGrone, Director of Public Safety**)

Council Action Requested: **Waive the first reading and introduce, by title only, Ordinance No. 1817 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 9.04.190, RELATING TO BUTANE RESALE REGULATIONS, TO TITLE 9, PUBLIC PEACE AND WELFARE, OR THE OROVILLE CITY MUNICIPAL CODE.**

REGULAR BUSINESS

Community Development Department

7. **CHANGE ORDERS AND PROPOSED PROJECT MODIFICATION RELATING TO THE TABLE MOUNTAIN ROUNDABOUT PROJECT** – staff report

The Council may consider change orders and proposed project modifications to the Table Mountain Roundabout Project. (**Donald Rust, Director of Community Development**)

Council Action Requested: **Approve the change orders and proposed project modifications to the Table Mountain Roundabout Project.**

Administration Department

8. **APPROVAL OF THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE POSITION OF CITY ENGINEER/DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, SALARY SCHEDULE AND RECRUITMENT PROCESS** – staff report

The Council may consider approving the job description for the position of City Engineer/Director of Public Works Director, adopting a salary range for the position, and starting the recruitment process. (**Donald Rust, Acting City Administrator**)

Council Action Requested:

1. **Approve the changes to the job description for the position of City Engineer/Director of Public Works Director.**
2. **Adopt the salary schedule or the position of City Engineer/Director of Public Works Director.**
3. **Authorize staff to begin the recruitment process for the position of City Engineer/Director of Public Works Director.**

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS (A verbal report may be given regarding any committee meetings attended)

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/ ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

CORRESPONDENCE

- State of California Department of Beverage Control

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

This is the time the Mayor will invite anyone in the audience wishing to address the Council on a matter not listed on the agenda to step to the podium, state your name for the record and make your presentation. **Presentations are limited to 3 minutes.** Under Government Code Section 54954.2, The Council is prohibited from taking action except for a brief response by the Council or staff to a statement or question relating to a non-agenda item.

CLOSED SESSION

The Council will hold a Closed Session on the following:

1. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6, the Council will meet with Labor Negotiators and City Attorney to discuss labor negotiations for the following represented groups: Oroville City Employees Association, Oroville Police Officers' Association – Sworn and Non-Sworn, Oroville Firefighters' Association, and Oroville Management and Confidential Association.
2. Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.95, the City Council will meet with Acting City Administrator and City Attorney regarding potential litigation – two cases.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting will be adjourned. A regular meeting of the Oroville City Council will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.

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**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 2016 – 5:00 P.M.**

The agenda for the October 18, 2016, regular meeting of the Oroville City Council was posted on the bulletin board at the front of City Hall and on the City of Oroville's website located at www.cityoforoville.org on Friday, October 14, 2016, at 11:21 a.m.

The October 18, 2016 regular meeting of the Oroville City Council was called to order by Mayor Dahlmeier at 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Berry, Del Rosario, Hatley, Pittman, Simpson, Vice Mayor Chan Wilcox, Mayor Dahlmeier

Absent: None

Following roll call, Scott Huber, City Attorney, made a request, pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, to add an item to the agenda as Closed Session Agenda Item No. 3.

A motion was made by Council Member Simpson, seconded by Vice Mayor Chan Wilcox, to add the following item to the agenda as Closed Session Item No. 3:

PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(D)(4), THE CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET WITH ACTING CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING POTENTIAL INITIATION OF LITIGATION – ONE CASE

The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Berry, Del Rosario, Hatley, Pittman, Simpson, Vice Mayor Chan Wilcox, Mayor Dahlmeier

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Staff Present:

Donald Rust, Director of Community Development
Ruth Wright, Director of Finance
Scott Huber, City Attorney
Tyson Pardee, IT Manager
Ron Belser, Code Enforcement Officer
Amy Bergstrand, Management Analyst III

Bill LaGrone, Director of Public Safety
Jamie Hayes, Assistant City Clerk
Karolyn Fairbanks, Treasurer
Gary Layman, Chief Building Official
David Goyer, Code Enforcement Officer
Bob Marciniak, Program Specialist

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Dahlmeier.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Dahlmeier called for a moment of silence in honor of Patricia Castleberry-Cannoy.

PROCLAMATION / PRESENTATION

Mayor Dahlmeier conducted an Oath of Office for Volunteer in Police Services Representative Mark Collum.

RECOGNITION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WISH TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

Wallace Clark-Wilson – Item No. 3
Janet Goodson – Item No. 8
John Scott – Item No. 8

Don Fultz – Item No. 8
Pastor Kevin Thompson – Item No. 8
Tasha Levinson – Item No. 8

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Chan Wilcox, seconded by Council Member Berry, to approve the following Consent Calendar:

1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE A OCTOBER 4, 2016 REGULAR MEETING OF THE OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL** – minutes attached

Community Development Department

2. **PURCHASE OF GRANITENET ASSET INSPECTION SOFTWARE** – staff report

The Council considered the purchase of GraniteNet Asset Inspection and Decision Support software, from WECO Industries, in the amount of \$14,096, to upgrade the Sewer Department's Pipeline Inspection Computer and data collection. **(Tyson, Pardee, IT Manager, Jesse Smith, GIS Specialist and Donald Rust, Director of Community Development)**

Council Action Requested: **Authorize the purchase of GraniteNet Asset Inspection and Decision Support software from WECO Industries, in the amount of \$14,096, for the Sewer Department's Pipeline Inspection Computer and data collection.**

3. **RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE KONKOW VALLEY BAND OF MAIDU INDIANS' FEDERAL RECOGNITION PETITION** – staff report

The Council considered adopting a resolution in support of the Konkow Valley Band of Maidu Indians' efforts to obtain federal recognition. **(Donald Rust, Director of Community Development)**

Wallace Clark-Wilson spoke to the Council in support of the Konkow Valley Band of Maidu Indians' efforts to obtain federal recognition.

Council Action Requested: **Adopt Resolution No. 8547 – A RESOLUTION OF THE OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE KONKOW BAND OF MAIDU INDIANS OF BUTTE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA.**

4. PURCHASE OF COMPUTER UPGRADES FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT – staff report

The Council considered the purchase of new workstations and monitors from Dell, utilizing the Western States Contracting Alliance bid, in an amount not to exceed \$14,000, for the Public Safety Department offices. **(Tyson Pardee, IT Manager and Bill LaGrone, Director of Public Safety)**

Council Action Requested: **Authorize the purchase of new workstations and monitors from Dell, utilizing the Western States Contracting Alliance bid, in an amount not to exceed \$14,000, for the Public Safety Department offices.**

Business Assistance and Housing Development Department

5. LEASE AGREEMENT WITH RAY MORGAN COMPANY – staff report

The Council considered a sixty (60) month Lease Agreement with Ray Morgan Company, in the monthly amount of \$140.21, for a new Canon Image Runner photocopier/scanner/fax machine, for the Business Assistance and Housing Development Department. **(Amy Bergstrand, Management Analyst III and Donald Rust, Director of Community Development)**

Council Action Requested: **Adopt Resolution No. 8548 - A RESOLUTION OF THE OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A 60-MONTH LEASE AGREEMENT, IN THE MONTHLY AMOUNT OF \$140.21, THROUGH A PIGGYBACK BID WITH RAY MORGAN COMPANY FOR THE LEASE OF ONE (1) CANON IMAGE RUNNER PHOTOCOPIER/SCANNER/FAX MACHINE FOR THE BUSINESS ASSISTANCE AND HOUSING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT - (Agreement No. 3193).**

The motion to approve the Consent Calendar was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Berry, Del Rosario, Hatley, Pittman, Simpson, Vice Mayor Chan Wilcox, Mayor Dahlmeier
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

REGULAR BUSINESS

Public Safety Department

6. ABATEMENT OF BURNED OUT AND ABANDONED STRUCTURES – staff report

The Council provided direction on the burned out and abandoned structure ordinances of the City and whether to approve the release of a Request for Proposal for the demolition of burned out and abandoned structures. **(Bill LaGrone, Director of Public Safety)**

Following a PowerPoint presentation and discussion, the Council directed staff to

- 1. Collaborate with local agencies for assistance with abating burned out and abandoned structures.**
- 2. Explore potential funding assistance through the County of Butte for assistance with abating burned out and abandoned structures.**
- 3. Return to Council for further consideration relating to the demolition of burned out and abandoned structures.**

Community Development Department

7. REQUEST TO ALLOCATE ADVERTISEMENT SPACE TO THE OROVILLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON AN EXISTING DIGITAL DISPLAY SIGN – staff report

The Council considered approving the allocation of 50% of the City’s allotted advertisement space on the digital display sign located at the northwest corner of the intersection at Georgia Pacific Road and Feather River Boulevard, to the Oroville Area Chamber of Commerce, for a total of 900 spots (8 second minimum). **(Donald Rust, Director of Community Development)**

A motion was made by Council Member Pittman, seconded by Council Member Simpson, to:

Approve the allocation of 50% of the City’s allotted advertisement space on the digital display sign located at the northwest corner of the intersection at Georgia Pacific Road and Feather River Boulevard, to the Oroville Area Chamber of Commerce, for a total of 900 spots (8 second minimum), for one year.

The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Berry, Del Rosario, Hatley, Pittman, Simpson, Vice Mayor Chan Wilcox, Mayor Dahlmeier
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

8. CALRECYCLE TIRE-DERIVED PRODUCT GRANT PROGRAM FY 2014-2015 – staff report

The Council provided staff with direction regarding the CalRecycle Tire-Derived Product Grant Program, due to expire on April 1, 2017. **(Donald Rust, Director of Community Development)**

Don Fultz, John Scott, Janet Goodson and Pastor Kevin Thompson spoke in opposition to the use tire-derived products in the community.

Tasha Levinson submitted a letter in opposition to the use tire-derived products in the community.

Following discussion, the Council directed staff to explore options to sell the tire-derived products and refrain from further utilizing the product within the City limits.

Administration Department

9. PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF THE PIONEER HISTORY MUSEUM – staff report

The Council provided staff with direction regarding a request from the Native Sons of the Golden West to acquire the Pioneer History Museum. **(Bob Marciniak, Program Specialist and Donald Rust, Director of Community Development)**

Following discussion, the Council directed staff to negotiate with the Native Sons of the Golden West on the potential acquisition of the Pioneer History Museum.

10. 2017 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS AND SAMUEL J. NORRIS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE PRESENTATION VENUE – staff report

The Council considered venue options for the 2017 State of the City Address and presentation of the Samuel J. Norris Award for Excellence. **(Donald Rust, Director of Community Development)**

Following discussion, the Council directed staff to coordinate a breakfast event and an evening event, to include the presentation of the 2017 Samuel J. Norris Award for Excellence, for the 2017 State of the City Address on Friday, February 3, 2016.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS (A verbal report may be given regarding any committee meetings attended)

Council Member Pittman gave an update relating to the proposed improvements at the North State Shooting Range located on Rabe Road, Oroville.

Mayor Dahlmeier and Council Member Del Rosario gave report on the Homeless Meet & Greet event featuring Homeless Advocate, Lloyd Pendleton.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/ ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Donald Rust, Director of Community Development, reported that the owner of Tim's Door Shop had donated materials and time to the City in response to recent vandalism that had taken place in Sank Park.

Mr. Rust also reported that the City had received recent correspondence from a community citizen provided positive comments regarding the City's recent placement of speed bumps on Fogg Avenue.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Sewerage Commission – Oroville Region
- State of California Department of Housing & Community Development
- Experimental Aircraft Association, Oroville Chapter 1112

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Pastor Ron LaGatta praised Bill LaGrone, Director of Public Safety, for his leadership in the City of Oroville.

August Lincoln inquired on responses to a statement he had requested during the October 4, 2016 City Council meeting.

Ron Sharbor gave a brief update on the Butte County Veterans Memorial Park Project (Project) and invited the Council to attend the American Legion Post No. 95 Annual Dinner & Dance Fundraiser, to be held Saturday, October 22, 2016, to benefit the Project.

Tom Turk invited the Council to attend, "A Night of Southern Gospel Music", to be held Tuesday, November 15, 2016, at the Oroville State Theatre.

CLOSED SESSION

The Council held a Closed Session on the following:

1. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6, the Council met with Labor Negotiators and City Attorney to discuss labor negotiations for the following represented groups: Oroville City Employees Association, Oroville Police Officers' Association – Sworn and Non-Sworn, Oroville Firefighters' Association, and Oroville Management and Confidential Association.
2. Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.95, the City Council met with Acting City Administrator and City Attorney regarding potential litigation – two cases.
3. Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4), the City Council met with Acting City Administrator and City Attorney regarding potential initiation of litigation – one case.

Mayor Dahlmeier announced that there were no reportable actions taken in Closed Session and direction had been given to staff.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m. A regular meeting of the Oroville City Council will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.

Donald Rust, Acting City Clerk

Thil Chan Wilcox, Vice Mayor

**OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 2016**

The agenda for the October 18, 2016 special meeting of the Oroville City Council was posted on the bulletin board at the front of City Hall, and on the City of Oroville's website located at www.cityoforoville.org on Monday, October 17, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.

The October 18, 2016 special meeting of the Oroville City Council was called to order by Mayor Dahlmeier at 7:59 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Berry, Del Rosario, Hatley, Pittman, Simpson, Vice Mayor Wilcox,
Mayor Dahlmeier
Absent: None

SPECIAL BUSINESS

1. LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH DAVIS HAMMON AND COMPANY – staff report

The Council considered a Letter of Agreement with Davis Hammon & Company to review the City's financial information and recap both the Community Development Block Program Income and the Home Investment Partnership Program's (HOME) Program Income, received and expended for the period July 1, 2014 through September 30, 2016. **(Amy Bergstrand, Management Analyst III and Donald Rust, Director of Community Development)**

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Chan Wilcox, seconded by Council Member Del Rosario, to:

Adopt Resolution No. 8549 – A RESOLUTION OF THE OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH DAVIS HAMMON AND COMPANY, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,680, FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES RELATING TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM'S PROGRAM INCOME RECEIVED AND EXPENDED FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2014 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 – (Agreement No. 3194).

The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Berry, Del Rosario, Hatley, Pittman, Simpson, Vice Mayor
Chan Wilcox, Mayor Dahlmeier
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. to a regular meeting of the Oroville City Council to be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.

Donald Rust, Acting City Clerk

Thil Chan Wilcox, Vice Mayor

**OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL
STAFF REPORT**

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

**FROM: RICK FARLEY, ENTERPRISE ZONE & BUSINESS ASSISTANCE
COORDINATOR**

**RE: CONTRACT FOR SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH EVAN'S
APPRAISAL SERVICES, INC. AND SALE OF 2075 BALDWIN
AVENUE**

DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 2016

SUMMARY

The Council may consider a Contract for Services Agreement with Evan's Appraisal Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$3,000, for appraisal services relating to the sale and City-owned property located at 2075 Baldwin Avenue.

DISCUSSION

Staff is requesting the Council to consider an Agreement with Evan's Appraisal Services, Inc. for the necessary appraisal of a City-owned property to determine the fair market value prior to completion of property sale negotiations and to allow the property to be sold for the appraised amount or more.

The property in question was acquired through a foreclosure on a City economic development loan and needs to be sold to recover as much of the loan amount as possible. The property involved is identified as Assessor Parcel No. 012-160-071 located at 2075 Baldwin Avenue. This is the former location of Lake Oroville Monument Company. The City initiated foreclosure on this property after the owner of the business defaulted on his loan. The amount of default was \$136,673.54.

Following the receipt of a valid appraisal, Staff would like to market the property for sale. Staff requests that the Council authorize in advance the sale of the property at fair market value or higher, based on the appraisal amount.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are available in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) General Administration Budget for the \$3,000 cost of this appraisal. It is

expected that the City CDBG business loan program will receive the property sale revenue as a result of this appraisal. The appropriate budget adjustments will be made to the appropriate budget or fund as the actual revenue becomes known.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Adopt Resolution No. 8550 – A RESOLUTION OF THE OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR THEIR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH EVAN'S APPRAISAL SERVICES, INC, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000, FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES RELATING TO THE SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2075 BALDWIN AVENUE, OROVILLE – (Agreement No. 3195).
2. Adopt Resolution No. 8551 - A RESOLUTION OF THE OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE VICE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER 012-160-071 OR 2075 BALDWIN AVENUE, OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA, BE SOLD FOR THE APPRAISED VALUE OR MORE

ATTACHMENT(S)

Resolution No. 8550
Agreement No. 3195
Resolution No. 8551
Parcel Map

**CITY OF OROVILLE
RESOLUTION NO. 8550**

A RESOLUTION OF THE OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR THEIR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH EVAN'S APPRAISAL SERVICES, INC, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000, FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES RELATING TO THE SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2075 BALDWIN AVENUE, OROVILLE

(Agreement No. 3195)

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Oroville City Council as follows:

1. The Oroville City Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor or their designee to execute a Contract for Services Agreement with Evan's Appraisal Services, Inc.
2. The Acting City Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Oroville City Council at a regular meeting on November 1, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Thil Chan Wilcox, Vice Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:

Scott E. Huber, City Attorney

Donald Rust, Acting Secretary

**CITY OF OROVILLE
RESOLUTION NO. 8551**

A RESOLUTION OF THE OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE VICE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER 012-160-071 OR 2075 BALDWIN AVENUE, OROVILLE CALIFORNIA, BE SOLD FOR THE APPRAISED VALUE OR MORE

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Oroville City Council as follows:

1. The Oroville City Council hereby ratifies the Contract for Services Agreement with Evan's Appraisal Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$3,000, for appraisal services relating to the sale and City-owned property located at 2075 Baldwin Avenue.
2. The Oroville City Council hereby approves the sale of City-owned property identified as APN 012-160-071, for the appraised value or more.
3. The Vice Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Grant Deed and escrow documents related to the sale of this property.
4. The Acting City Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Oroville City Council at a regular meeting on November 1, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

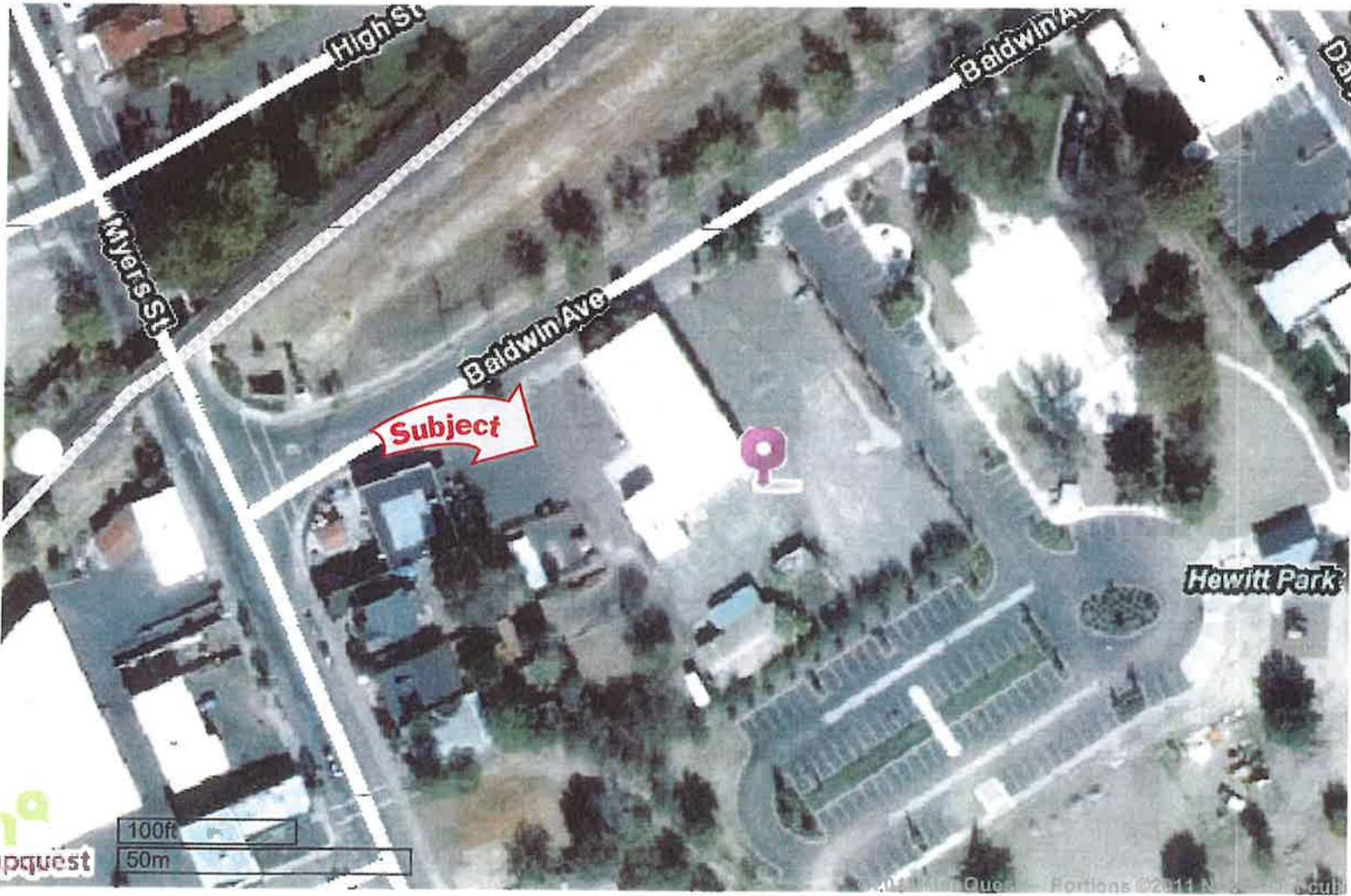
Thil Chan Wilcox, Vice Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:

Scott E. Huber, City Attorney

Donald Rust, Acting Secretary



**OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL
STAFF REPORT**

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

**FROM: JAMIE HAYES, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK
DONALD RUST, ACTING CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

**RE: NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2017 SAMUEL J. NORRIS AWARD FOR
EXCELLENCE RECIPIENT**

DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 2016

SUMMARY

The Council may consider approving the nomination period for the 2017 Samuel J. Norris Award for Excellence.

DISCUSSION

The Samuel J. Norris Award for Excellence Program was created in 2002 to recognize the outstanding efforts and commitments of a local individual or group of individuals that have improved the quality of life in the City of Oroville, provided positive leadership to the community, and have had significant achievements in their life that have inspired others to improve the community as well.

On February 3, 2015, the Council directed staff to retain nominations pertaining to the Samuel J. Norris Award for two calendar years. The following nomination are to be re-considered for the 2017 award:

- Frank Belser
- Jim Christensen
- Alberta Tracy
- Sean Pierce
- Loren Gill
- Dean J. Hill, Sr.

In addition, staff would like to open the nomination period for new nominations between the dates of December 1, 2016 through January 3, 2017. The selected recipient of the 2017 Samuel J. Norris Award for Excellence will be presented with an award at the 2017 State of the City Address, to be held on Friday, February 3, 2017 at the Oroville State Theatre.

FISCAL IMPACT

Award Plaque: \$100.00

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the open nomination period for the 2017 Samuel J. Norris Award for Excellence for new nominations between the dates of December 1, 2016 through January 3, 2017.

ATTACHMENTS

None

**OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL
STAFF REPORT**

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

**FROM: BILL LAGRONE, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY
LIZ EHRENSTROM, HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGER**

RE: RESOLUTION FOR INDUSTRIAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT

DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 2016

SUMMARY

The Council may consider a resolution approving an industrial disability retirement for Police Officer, David Bryning.

DISCUSSION

Before CalPERS can act on any local safety member's application for industrial disability retirement, the following questions (Exhibit A) must be resolved by the agency and the information transmitted in the form of a resolution. Based on Mr. Bryning's injuries, he is no longer able to perform the physical duties of a police officer. The City has been working through Joe Montgomery, the City's worker's compensation attorney with York Insurance Services, and Mr. Bryning's attorney to settle Mr. Bryning's claim. All parties involved have come to the conclusion that Mr. Bryning is no longer able to perform the physical duties of police officer and the City cannot reasonably accommodate Mr. Bryning's restrictions.

FISCAL IMPACT

Employee retirement to follow City protocol for all employees.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution No. 8552 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA, DELEGATING INDUSTRIAL DISABILITY FINDINGS AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE VICE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE RESOLUTION UNDER PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT LAW, GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 21023.6.

ATTACHMENT (S)

Resolution No. 8552

**CITY OF OROVILLE
RESOLUTION NO. 8552**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA, DELEGATING INDUSTRIAL DISABILITY FINDINGS AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE VICE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE RESOLUTION UNDER PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT LAW, GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 21023.6.

WHEREAS, the City of Oroville (hereinafter referred to as Agency) is a contracting agency of the Public Employee's Retirement System;

WHEREAS, the Public Employee's Retirement Law requires that a contracting agency determine whether an employee of such agency in employment in which he is classified as a local miscellaneous member is disabled for purposes of the Public Employee's Retirement Law and whether such disability is "Industrial" within the meaning of such Law;

WHEREAS, an application for Industrial Disability Retirement of David Bryning, employed by the Agency in the position of Police Officer, has been filed with the Public Employees' Retirement System; and

WHEREAS, the Oroville City Council has reviewed the medical and other evidence relevant to such alleged disability;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Oroville City Council find and determine and it does hereby find and determine that David Bryning is incapacitated within the meaning of the Public Employees' Retirement Law for performance of his duties in the position of Police Officer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Oroville City Council find and determine and it does hereby find and determine that such disability is a result of injury arising out of and in the course of employment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A PETITION has been filed with the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board for a determination pursuant to Section 21166, Government Code; and a copy of such determination will be provided when rendered; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the member was separated from his employment in the position of Police Officer effective November 2, 2016. His last day on pay status was November 1, 2016. There is not a possibility of third party liability. Advanced Disability Pension Payments will be made. The primary disabling condition is herniated discs in lower back.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Oroville City Council as follows:

1. The Vice Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute this Resolution, delegating industrial disability findings under the Public Employees' Retirement Law (Government Code Section 21023.6).
2. The City Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Oroville at a regular meeting held on November 1, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Thil Chan Wilcox, Vice Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:

Scott E. Huber, City Attorney

Donald Rust, Acting City Clerk

**OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL
STAFF REPORT**

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

**FROM: DAWN NEVERS, ASSISTANT PLANNER (530) 538-2429
DONALD RUST, DIRECTOR (530) 538-2433
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**RE: UPDATED PUBLIC DRAFT OF THE PARKS, TRAILS & OPEN SPACE
MASTER PLAN (CONTINUED FROM 09.06.2016)**

DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 2016

SUMMARY

The Council will conduct a public hearing to review the completed public draft of the Parks, Trails & Open Space Master Plan.

DISCUSSION

January 20, 2009, the Park Commission forwarded a recommendation to the City Council to enter into an agreement with Royston, Hanamoto, Alley & Abey (RHAA) to develop the Parks, Trails & Open Space Master Plan. The emphasis of this activity was to serve, in conjunction with the City's General Plan, as a guiding document for the planning and development of recreation facilities. The plan provides a framework of goals and policies necessary to meet public recreation needs over the next twenty years. Included in the Master Plan are an Action Plan and specific goals to serve as guidance for decision-making. The Master Plan will also aid the City in establishing eligibility for State, Federal and private grants that can help finance future construction of new facilities and funding of new programs.

The original Agreement expired on June 30, 2009. On October 20, 2009, the City Council approved Resolution No. 7444 to amend and reinstate the Agreement (Agreement No. 1869-1) to include Federal Overlay requirements not included in the scope of work as part of the original Agreement. This Amendment reinstated the Agreement and extended the term of expiration to June 30, 2010. Total payments made to date are \$103,786.

On June 2, 2015, the City Council approved an amended and restated Agreement with RHAA for the update and completion of the public draft of the Parks, Trails & Open Space Master Plan. The planning process for the plan was developed in two time periods. The first in 2009 was not reviewed due to changes in the City personnel, and recently in 2015, with public outreach through a combination of surveys and interviews from the public, Council, and City staff.

On August 8, 2016, the completed public draft was presented to the Oroville Park Commission. The Parks, Trails & Open Space Master Plan was reviewed and recommended by the Park Commission to the City Council for adoption.

On September 6, 2016, the Council received a staff report and provided comments in support of the documents proposed use as an appendix to the City's General Plan and the Supplemental Benefits Fund Consolidated Master Plans.

FISCAL IMPACT

January 20, 2009, Agreement No. 1869 in the amount of \$106,250. Agreement term extended to June 30, 2010 by Amended Agreement No. 1869-1.

- The City had acquired a Planning Technical Assistance Grant in the amount of \$33,800
- City was contributing \$8,200 in matching funds (General Fund)
- Remaining \$64,250 was to be paid for by the Park Development Impact Fund

Total Payments made to date for Agreement No. 1869 & 1869-1 are \$103,786.60

June 2, 2015, RHAA has provided two options for the completion of the Parks, Trails and Open Space Master Plan which include the following:

- Task 1 – Master Plan Update: \$12,040
This task includes the work required to complete the Plan without an additional public outreach.
- Task 2 – Outreach: \$9,320
This amount is the cost for the additional public outreach proposed.

Total Fee (Task 1 & 2) = \$21,360

On November 4, 2014, as part of the final fiscal year 2014/2015 Budget, the Council approved the use of \$25,000 from the Park Development Impact Fee Fund 106 for the completion of the Parks, Trails and Open Space Master Plan.

Total Payments made to date for Agreement No. 1869-1 & 1869-2 are \$127,862.00

The Remaining Balance is \$3,388.00

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution No. 8553 – A RESOLUTION OF THE OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING THE FINAL DRAFT OF THE PARKS, TRAILS & OPEN SPACE PLAN PLANNING DOCUMENT.

ATTACHMENT(S)

A – Resolution No. 8553

B – Public Notice

A full copy of the public draft Parks, Trails & Open Space Master Plan is available Monday -Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Community Development Department, located at 1735 Montgomery Street, Oroville, CA. or may be located on the City's website: www.cityoforoville.org



**CITY OF OROVILLE
RESOLUTION NO. 8553**

A RESOLUTION OF THE OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING THE FINAL DRAFT OF THE PARKS, TRAILS & OPEN SPACE PLAN PLANNING DOCUMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Oroville seeks to establish the Parks, Trails & Open Space Plan; and

WHEREAS, the emphasis of this activity was to serve, in conjunction with the City's General Plan, as a guiding document for the planning and development of recreation facilities and specific goals to serve as guidance for decision-making; and

WHEREAS, plan provides a framework of goals and policies necessary to meet public recreation needs over the next twenty years and aid the City in establishing eligibility for State, Federal and private grants that can help finance future construction of new facilities and funding of new programs; and

WHEREAS, the processes leading up to the completion of the final draft has involved an extensive community outreach process as described section II, Ch. 2 of the planning document; and

WHEREAS, this effort has been funded by a Community Development Block Grant: Planning and Technical Assistance grant, general fund dollars, and Park Development Impact Fees; and

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2016, the Oroville Park Commission reviewed the public draft and forwarded the Parks, Trails & Open Space Master Plan public draft to the City Council for review/comments and recommended the City Council adopt the final version of the plan; and

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2016, the City Council reviewed the public draft and directed staff to return with the final draft of the planning document for adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City Council hereby adopts the final draft of the Parks, Trails & Open Space Master Plan planning document.
2. The City Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this Resolution

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Oroville City Council at a regular meeting held on November 1, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Thil Chan Wilcox, Vice Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:

Scott E. Huber, City Attorney

Donald L. Rust, Acting City Clerk



CITY OF OROVILLE

PARKS, TRAILS & OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN DRAFT

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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❖ PURPOSE OF THE MASTER PLAN

The need for a Parks, Trails and Open Space Plan for the City of Oroville was identified by the City in an effort to provide a framework of goals and policies necessary to meet public recreation needs over the next twenty years. Included in the Master Plan are an Action Plan and specific goals to serve as guidance for decision-making. The Master Plan will also aid the City in establishing eligibility for State, Federal and private grants that can help finance future construction of new facilities and funding of new programs.

❖ PLANNING PROCESS

The planning process took place in two time periods- an initial administrative draft was prepared in 2009 but not reviewed due to major changes in City government. The process was restarted in 2015. Both efforts included public outreach. Key milestones include:

- Administrative Draft – Working draft of the Plan distributed amongst key City staff for review, study and comment.
- Draft Plan – Comments of the Administrative Draft are incorporated, and the report is open to public review and comment.
- Final Plan – Final comments from the public, Council, and key City staff are incorporated before release of the Final Plan. The Final Plan will be adopted by the Council upon approval.

❖ ORGANIZATION

The City of Oroville Parks, Trails & Open Spaces Master Plan is organized into three sections: Introduction, Needs Assessment, and Implementation. Appendices give detailed information on the public outreach surveys. Following are summaries of each section.

❖ SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

Section 1/ Chapter 1 identifies the focus and specific goals of the master plan, describes the location, community profile, agency roles, background of recreation planning, and the principle objectives of the plan.

Oroville's Parks and Recreation must be considered within the context of the established system of these various recreation and facility providers. The role of athletic programming is primarily taken on by the FRRPD. Recreational trails in the area are primarily the responsibility of the State Parks Department.

The Oroville 2030 General Plan Adopted June 2nd, 2009 is intended to provide the fundamental basis for the City's land use, development and conservation.

There are 497 acres of parks and recreational facilities within Oroville's city limits, with additional open spaces that are protected by State agencies or conservation trusts.

❖ SECTION 2: NEEDS ASSESSMENT

This section has three major components:

- Community outreach to identify needs and desires related to recreation
- Inventory and review of the existing facilities
- Inventory and review of existing programs

Chapter 2- Needs Assessment: Public Outreach

This chapter summarizes the data collected from outreach events and surveys conducted in 2009 and in 2015. In both years, there was a general approval of the parks, with some concerns expressed on safety and maintenance. Expressed unmet needs included better river access, more trails, swim facilities and children's water play/splash pads.

There was also a desire to better clarify the roles and responsibilities of the Feather River

Recreation and Park District, the State of California and the City.

Chapter 3- Needs Assessment: Recreation Facilities Inventory and Review

This chapter reviews the existing recreation facilities within the City of Oroville and the immediate surrounding area. The chapter looks at three categories of facilities:

- City owned and operated
- Facilities within the City limits owned and operated by others
- Facilities within the City planning area

City owned and operated facilities include:

- Bedrock Park
- Centennial Plaza
- Chinese Temple
- Feather River Nature Center
- Hammon Park
- Hewitt Park
- Municipal Auditorium
- Railroad Park
- Rotary Park
- Sank Park at Lott Home
- State Theatre & Performing Arts Center
- Soroptimist Park
- Wallace Park

Major other stakeholders owning and operating facilities with the City include the Feather River Recreation and Park District, the State of California and the Oroville Unified School District.

Other recreation resources are the Feather River, miles of trails, and a variety of cultural and historic resources that contribute to the rich recreation opportunities for the community.

Chapter 4- Needs Assessment: Recreation Programs Inventory and Review

This chapter identifies the existing programs and events of the City of Oroville. While the Feather River Recreation and Park District is the primary provider of recreation programs, the City participates by sponsoring other groups to create events and programs. The City of Oroville recognizes expanding development of

programs and events as an essential component of effective tourism.

SECTION 3: IMPLEMENTATION

This section looks at strategies to meet unmet desires and needs. Specific strategies include

- Mission, Goals, Policies and Actions
- Facility Standards
- Funding Strategies
- Ongoing Planning Recommendations

Chapter 5- Implementation: Mission, Goals, Policies and Actions

This chapter focuses on first identifying general goals for recreation, then policies to support those goals, and finally specific actions to meet the identified unmet needs. The goals are based primarily on the City's adopted General Plan and are directives for development and maintenance of the recreation facilities and programs. The plan strives to provide a framework for recreation within the City of Oroville.

Goals, policies and actions are divided into the seven major categories:

- Parks and Facilities
- Cultural & Historic Resources
- Circulation & Connection
- Access & Safety
- Conservation and Preservation
- Administration, Management & Maintenance
- Community Outreach

Suggested phasing for the action items through the Capital Improvement Projects and Other Improvement Projects of the City are identified in Table 5.1. Table 5.2 identifies the Proposed CIP/IP Implementation Plan.

Chapter 6- Implementation: Facility Standards

This chapter provides standards for facilities to serve as a guide for planners, developers, and contractors.

The following topics are discussed in this chapter:

- General Design Standards
- Regional Recreation Facilities
- Community Facilities
- Community Parks
- Cultural Facilities And Historic Sites
- Neighborhood Parks
- Green Spaces
- Detention Basin Parks
- Special Use Facilities
- City Of Oroville Construction Standards for Parks and Streetscapes
- Accessibility Standards for Facility Design
- Playground Safety Standards

Chapter 7- Implementation: Funding Strategy

This section is a summary of potential funding sources to provide a background and to establish a common frame of reference for the subsequent sections of this report.

The two basic principles that should guide future decisions regarding financing mechanisms are as follows:

- Costs should be equitably distributed based on benefit received.
- Sources of both capital and on-going maintenance revenue should be considered as a part of any financing strategy to ensure that all improvements can be maintained without placing an undue burden on the City.

The chapter identifies current sources of revenue and expenditures. Suggestions are made for potential new resources for both capital expenditures and operations.

Chapter 8- Implementation: On-Going Planning

The final piece of implementation is an outline of when parts of the plan will potentially need updating. Updates will be required to reflect the changing character of the community as it grows and ages.

APPENDICES

In the Appendices are details of the surveys used in both 2009 and 2015 and potential funding sources. Appendix I details the intercept surveys compiled at the Wildflower Festival on May 4, 2009. Appendix II relates the information received at the Stakeholder interviews on May 3, 2009. Appendix III shows input from the online survey of the summer of 2015. Appendix IV is the results of the intercept surveys conducted on June 20, 2015 and July 3rd, 2015. Appendix V list potential funding sources.

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INTRODUCTION

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❖ VISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION IN OROVILLE

The focus of the City of Oroville’s parks and recreation spaces is to provide varied places for recreation, to preserve the wealth of historic and natural resources and to create vibrant spaces for community events throughout the year. Specific goals include:

- Engage in community building efforts to strengthen character of place while fostering Oroville’s role as a regional and statewide visitor destination.
- Provide a comprehensive, high - quality system of recreational open space and facilities to maintain and improve the quality of life for Oroville residents.
- Facilitate the development of an extensive, integrated and interconnected multi-use trail system.
- Maintain and enhance the quality of Oroville’s scenic and visual resources as well as the preservation of its unique natural environments and habitats.
- Create a high - quality, diversified public park system that provides varied recreational opportunities.
- Identify and pursue State, Federal, private, and foundation funding to preserve, protect, and enhance all parks, trails, open space and recreational areas.
- Engage in coordinated and cooperative planning efforts between local, regional, and State parks providers.
- Promote and identify parkland and increase public awareness of the recreational opportunities.

❖ LOCATION

The City of Oroville is located 65 miles north of Sacramento within the western reaches of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, at the juncture where the Sacramento Valley meets the Sierra foothills. As the seat of Butte County, Oroville is the home of Lake Oroville, the Oroville Dam and the head of the State Water Project. Some of the more prominent recreational features include the Feather River which flows from east to west through the planning area and serves as the northern boundary and focal point of the historic downtown, the Thermalito Forebay, Afterbay and the Oroville Wildlife Refuge. The Sutter-Butte mountain range is visible to the south and Table Mountain to the north.

❖ COMMUNITY PROFILE

The City of Oroville is primarily a single-family residential community with a historic downtown district. Commercial corridors are located along some of the major arterial roadways. The incorporated city area is approximately 13.85 square miles and has an estimated 2015 population of 18,922 people. Historically the City has grown at approximately 1% per year. Annexations resulted in larger growth rates than normal in two years- one in 2007 which created a growth rate (6.6%), and additional annexations in 2015 which increased the population by 2,725 for a 16% increase. In addition to the resident population, there are over a million visitors to the area each year. There is approximately 83 square miles of land that lies within the recreation planning area but outside the City limits. Approximately 35% of this land has been designated for Parks and Recreation, Environmental Conservation and Safety, Resource Management, and State Water Project. Currently the planning area has a population of approximately 55,000 residents. County development on the fringes of the city and complexities associated with the annexations has resulted in an irregular city boundary and smaller city population.

✦ AGENCY ROLES

The Oroville City Planning Division is responsible for coordinating the Parks, Trails and Open Space Master Plan and manages the planning process of recreational projects. The Department of Parks and Trees (DPT) plays a significant role in the planning of the City's recreation spaces. The DPT is also responsible for the implementation, maintenance and coordination of community special events, and civic and cultural programs. The Department of Community Development and Public Works supports development by managing urban planning projects for both design and construction activities. This department also administers City sponsored community programming through grant funding applied to community groups.

Other recreation providers with whom the City coordinates are the State Parks Department and Feather River Recreation and Park District (FRRPD). Oroville's Parks and Recreation must be considered within the context of the established system of these various recreation and facility providers. Current parks owned and maintained by the City are either neighborhood parks that support casual recreation or are unique facilities that enhance civic and cultural identity. The role of athletic programming is primarily the responsibility of the FRRPD. Recreational trails in the area are primarily the responsibility of the State Parks Department. Although each of these respective roles adds to the quality of life for residents and visitors, the structure of this document reflects the current division of all roles.

This plan illustrates the City's vision for facilities within the City limits and planning area as well as effectiveness of participation and leadership. This document outlines how the City will further develop coordinated recreational opportunities efforts to implement this vision.

The City of Oroville received a State of California, Community Development Block Grant, Planning and Technical Assistance Grant to provide a thorough analysis of the recreation facilities and programs, including the development of guidelines for park

development. This grant was used to partially fund the development of this master plan.

✦ BACKGROUND OF RECREATION PLANNING IN OROVILLE

There are several planning studies that impact recreation within the City of Oroville and the surrounding region. Major studies include the following:

The Oroville 2030 General Plan adopted June 2nd, 2009 and subsequently amended with targeted updates on March 31, 2015 is intended to provide the fundamental basis for the City's land use, development and conservation.

There are 430 acres of parks and recreational facilities within Oroville's city limits, with additional open spaces that are protected by State agencies or conservation trusts.

The Oroville Waterfront Concept Plan was developed in 2004 to maximize the opportunities offered by the Feather River, especially for strengthening the civic framework of the City's historic downtown area. The plan proposes public space improvements for recreation and redevelopment along the river.

The Butte Regional Conservation Plan (BRCP) and EIS/EIR, designed to preserve habitat and natural communities, is currently in development. As a stakeholder in recreational open space for the community, the City of Oroville is actively involved in the development of the plan. The formal draft plan is under review during the Fall of 2015. Implementation is anticipated for the end of 2016. The formal public draft documents were submitted to USFWS Regional Office for review and publishing of the Notice of Availability in the Federal Register in July 2015. It will take approximately 10-12 weeks for the Notice of Availability to be published in the Federal Register. Once this is complete, a 90-day public review period will commence and will be accompanied by public workshops. The next BRCP Stakeholder Committee meeting is scheduled for January

2016 to discuss the results of the 90-day public review period and public workshops, and review an updated project schedule. The likely adoption/implementation date is late 2016 or early 2017. Once implemented, the plan will result in the creation of a number of preservation and habitat conservation areas within the planning area. For additional information please see their website: <http://www.buttehcp.com/>

The Urban Greening Plan for the Oroville Area is being developed by Butte County, with the Draft Plan under review in the summer of 2015. The goals of the plan, as stated on the project website: <http://www.butteorogreen.net/> are to: *In collaboration with the City of Oroville (City) and the Feather River Recreation and Park District (FRRPD), and in coordination with other local agencies, Butte County (County) will complete a Master Greening Plan to serve as the master document guiding and coordinating greening projects in the Oroville urban area. The Plan will cross City, County and FRRPD jurisdictional boundaries, and will be consistent with the state's strategic growth goals of increasing forest canopy, reducing stormwater runoff, improving air and water quality, conserving energy, providing open space, and achieving long-term community sustainability.* The project was funded through State proposition 84 funds. Major components include a map of opportunity sites for greening and a baseline of existing tree inventory

❖ PRINCIPLE OBJECTIVES OF THE PARKS, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACES MASTER PLAN

The Parks, Trails and Open Space Master Plan for the City of Oroville represents an opportunity to harness the unique character of recreation in the area. Oroville's location on the Feather River in the foothills of the Sierras and its adjacency to Lake Oroville gives its citizens access to a wide variety of recreation opportunities. The plan will provide a thorough

analysis of the recreation facilities and programs, including specific quantitative and qualitative data, opportunity and constraint analyses and guidelines for park development. This plan represents the culmination of public outreach efforts and reflects the desires of the current community.

This report is designed to support the following principal objectives:

- Identify and assess of the inventory of the City's park and recreation facilities.
- Conduct cohesive survey and interviews with stakeholders and community.
- Create vision and goals that prioritize community needs for expansion and improvements.
- Set policy to support community goals.
- Set an implementable action plan for cooperation with other projects, fostering of relationships of agencies, and defining priorities and establishing phasing.
- Set a cohesive framework of standards for the variety of recreational land use and recreation providers within Oroville's planning area.

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SECTION II NEEDS ASSESSMENT

NEEDS ASSESSMENT: PUBLIC OUTREACH

✦ INTRODUCTION

This chapter catalogs the current desires for recreation in the Oroville community. The data and analysis provides direction for the future development of parks and recreation.

The Needs Assessment is separated into the following chapters:

- Chapter 2: Public Outreach
- Chapter 3: Recreation Facilities: Inventory and Review
- Chapter 4: Recreation Programs: Inventory and Review

✦ PUBLIC OUTREACH

This chapter summarizes public input data from public surveys, outreach events and interviews conducted in 2009 and then again in 2015. Responses are detailed in Appendix I & II of this document.

SURVEYS

Mailed Surveys – June / July 2009

This community outreach effort was conducted by mailing surveys enclosed with monthly refuse bills to all City of Oroville residents. The intention was to reach a broad base of residents. The community was asked to fill out an anonymous informational survey on recreation in the City of Oroville. A total of 200 community members participated in the survey. See Appendix II for complete survey analysis.

Online Surveys – July/ August 2015

In 2015, the survey process was switched to an online survey using the Survey Monkey software program. The survey was posted on the City website and the City Facebook account, sent to local media outlets (print, television and radio) and disseminated electronically to subscribers. 122 responses were received.

Top outdoor elements desired, receiving over 30% of the votes, were a spray park, swim center, trails and opportunities for rafting and kayaking. Top indoor elements were a teen and youth facility, community center, fitness center and performing arts center. Top event choices were a farmer's market, holiday / seasonal celebrations, outdoor theater, music in the park and movies in the park.

Comments about trails included the desire for improvement and extension of the trails, in particular the Brad Freeman trail, and connections to the dam, need for improved signage and maps, improved maintenance, better access to the river and improved accessibility.

As part of the survey, participants were asked about their willingness to support a tax increase for the operation and maintenance of parks. 86% would support this increase with the largest percentage in favor of a \$20 increase.

The majority of respondents to the on-line survey were primarily in the age range of 26 to 55, Caucasian and residents of the City or County.

OUTREACH EVENTS

The consulting team and city set up booths at three community events to encourage people to give input- one in 2009 and two in 2015. In all three events, bottles of water were given out to entice participation.

Wildflower Festival – May 4, 2009

This community outreach event was conducted at the annual Wildflower Festival at Riverbend Park. Representatives of the City Planning Department, the consultant team and the FRRPD set up a station at the entrance to the festival. Members of the community were asked to fill out an anonymous informational survey on recreation in the City of Oroville. A total of 151 community members participated in the individual surveys. See Appendix I for complete survey analysis.

Olive Festival– June 20, 2015

Using displays of the parks to attract interest, the consulting team set up a booth at the Olive Festival to get updated opinions and ideas. 117 people completed surveys at this event. Participants filled out surveys and gave additional input that was recorded by consulting team members. See Appendix III for complete survey analysis.



Community members complete surveys at Olive Festival

Red, White and You Celebration – July 3rd, 2015

City officials continued the outreach at the Red, White and You Celebration in downtown Oroville on July 3rd, 2015. Officials were able to get an additional 45 citizens to give input. Appendix III has a detailed survey analysis.

STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS

In both 2009 and 2015, key stakeholders were interviewed for their opinions and concerns about park and recreation in Oroville. In 2009, nine responses were received. In 2015 four responses were received out of twenty invitations. Their input closely paralleled that received in the online surveys and at the intercept survey events.

SUMMARY OF OUTREACH INPUT

Participants at both events in 2015 expressed interests in the same types of activities. Top votes for new outdoor activities were primarily related to water (a spray park, swimming, rafting/kayaking) and gardens. Top indoor activities were a performing arts center, fine arts

center and community center. The farmer's market, music in the park and outdoor theater led the community events survey.

As part of the survey, participants were asked their willingness to support a tax increase to improve recreation opportunities. The survey revealed that 93% would be willing to approve a tax increase with the largest percentage, 40%, being for a \$20 a year increase. Participants indicated that, for that increase, they would like increased maintenance, improved trails and parks and more events.

Trail improvements desired were similar to those indicated on the online survey. The largest number of responses included the desire for trails along the river, and to Lake Oroville, and multi-use trails.

The question of feeling safe in the parks was split with 49% stating that they feel safe, 12% somewhat safe and 39% unsafe. Prime concerns for safety included transients, drug use and the need for more police presence and lighting.

The demographics of the respondents at these outreach events did not completely match the general population. Those who took the surveys were primarily more mature than the general population with 46% being above 56. 77% were white, 12% Hispanic and 2% each Asian and Native American.

STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS:**City Hall – May 3, 2009**

The project consultant team conducted interviews with community associates and affiliates to gather perspectives, ideas and perceptions regarding recreation in the City of Oroville. Invitations were extended to City Staff, State Parks Staff, City Parks Commissioners and City Council members. Participants were asked to complete a survey as well as participate in interviews to discuss their responses. Eight interviews were held and nine surveys collected, resulting in candid responses that resulted in a variety of responses and vision. In an effort to maintain the anonymity of respondents, identities are not linked to responses.

July / August 2015

To get an updated perspective on parks and recreation in Oroville, the project consultant team conducted new interviews with key stakeholders in the summer of 2015. Invitations were extended to City Staff, State Parks Staff, City Parks Commissioners and City Council members. Participants were given the option to complete a survey by email or to have a phone interview. Fifteen invitations were extended and six responded.

Key needs identified were similar to those collected in the online survey and at the outreach events. Concerns included the need for more safety and security in the parks with better police presence, a new swim facility/ water park and a new community center/ gymnasium, particularly for youth and senior programs. There was also desire for the City to add programs for youths. In an effort to maintain the anonymity of respondents, identities are not linked to responses.

☒ SUMMARY ANALYSIS: PUBLIC OUTREACH

The results of public outreach in 2009 and 2015 were consistent, by and large revealing a general approval of the status of existing parks in Oroville. It was generally agreed that Oroville has an abundance of recreation resources.

Public outreach showed that there is heavy use at certain facilities- in particular Riverbend Park- which received the most votes for favorite park, active sports, picnicking, playground- while other facilities are under-used, particularly the City owned neighborhood parks. There is some apparent confusion regarding where certain parks are located and activities they offer. For example, neighborhood parks may be known within their immediate neighborhoods but not known to the community at large.

The top interests for the residents of Oroville are to increased access to the river and activities related to trails. There is also a strong desire for splash pads and swimming. There is also interest in event spaces and the development of more passive recreation opportunities. Overall concerns focus on safety and cleanliness.

The Stakeholder interviews revealed a desire for the City's development of parks and recreation to incorporate innovative, far reaching, "out of the box" approaches.

In the stakeholder interviews, there was significant discussion on the potential roles and responsibilities of the City and its partners moving forward in the development of Oroville's parks, recreation and open spaces. It was generally agreed that the many facets of the existing stakeholder organizations, including the City, the FFRPD and the State Parks, should be synthesized to create a complimentary framework. Generally, the City focuses on passive recreation and cultural facilities while the FRRPD runs active recreational programs and facilities, and the State facilitates open space management. Within this established system, there is potential for the City to expand its current roles as well as generate new functions.

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RECREATION FACILITIES: INVENTORY AND REVIEW**✦ INTRODUCTION**

This chapter summarizes the existing facilities operating within the boundaries of the City of Oroville's Planning Area. There are a variety of facilities for residents with the most important being the Feather River and the various facilities and trails along its banks. Specific parks include the following:

1. CITY OWNED AND OPERATED RECREATION FACILITIES

- Bedrock Park
- Centennial Plaza
- Chinese Temple
- Feather River Nature Center
- Hammon Park
- Hewitt Park
- Mother Orange Tree
- Municipal Auditorium
- Railroad Park
- Rotary Park
- Sank Park at Lott Home
- State Theatre & Performing Arts Center
- Soroptimist Park
- Table Mountain Golf Course
- Wallace Park

2. CURRENT RECREATION FACILITIES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OWNED AND OPERATED BY OTHER AGENCIES

- Bedrock Skate Park – Feather River Recreation and Park District (FRRPD) owned and maintained
- Bedrock Tennis Facility – FRRPD owned and maintained
- Feather River Recreation and Activity Center – FRRPD owned and maintained
- Gary Nolan Sports Complex & Playtown Park – FRRPD owned and maintained
- Harrison Stadium – Oroville Unified High School District owned and maintained
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Park – FRRPD owned and maintained
- Nelson Sports Complex & Nelson Swimming Pool – FRRPD owned and maintained
- Riverbend Park – FRRPD owned and maintained

3. CURRENT RECREATION FACILITIES WITHIN THE CITY PLANNING AREA:

- 74.3 miles of hiking, biking and horse trails – State of California, Butte County and FRRPD owned and maintained
- Bidwell Canyon Recreation Facilities – State of California owned and maintained
- Clay Pit State Vehicular Recreation Area – State of California owned and maintained
- Feather River Fish Hatchery – State of California owned and maintained
- Forebay Aquatic Center – State of California owned and Feather River Rowing Club maintained
- Formalito Forebay Recreation Facilities – State of California owned and maintained
- Lake Oroville – State of California owned and maintained
- Lake Oroville Golf Club – Privately owned and maintained
- Larkin Road State Boat Ramp – State of California owned and maintained

- Oroville Dam Spillway and Boat Ramp – State of California owned and maintained
- Oroville State Wildlife Area – State of California owned and maintained
- Palermo Park/ Pool – FRRPD owned and maintained
- Thermalito Canal / Thompson Flat – State of California owned and maintained
- Veterans Memorial Park – County owned and maintained
- Wynadotte Park – Oroville Elementary School District owned and maintained



CITY OWNED FACILITIES

COMMUNITY PARKS:

BEDROCK PARK



Bedrock Park is an ideal gathering space for functions, events and groups of all sizes. Conveniently located near the center of Oroville and directly off the Feather River Parkway Trail, Bedrock Park features an outdoor amphitheatre and stage as well as easy access to the Feather River. Bedrock Park is a great place for swimming in a protected area, tubing and various water activities.

Needs:

- *Amphitheater upgrades.*
- *Work with DWR to establish better water flow into the lagoon*

CENTENNIAL PLAZA



Dedicated in 2007, Centennial Plaza a 2.70 acre park and plaza that commemorates the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of Oroville. Dramatically sited overlooking the Feather River near historic downtown, Centennial Plaza is a prime location for enjoyment of the river, wildlife, local history and culture. Adjacent to the Feather River Bike and Pedestrian trail, the Plaza is a destination and resting place. Visitors enjoy gathering space, views of Table Mountain and interpretative memorials to the individuals who made Oroville successful.

Needs:

- *Access to restrooms and more parking.*

City of Oroville

Park and Recreational Opportunities

Disclaimer: Statement
 All recreation resources as depicted on this map are advisory and illustrative only. Map users assume the entire risk as to the quality and accuracy of the map.

see enlargement map

55 Community Park
55 Community Cultural Facilities
55 Neighborhood Park
55 Community Green Area
55 Special Use Facilities
Feather River Recreation & Park District
55 State Facilities & Trails

For recreation amenity information refer to the park on flip side of map.
 Managed by:
 (FRRPD) Feather River Recreation and Park District
 (COPR) City of Oroville Parks and Recreation
 (State) State of California Parks Department

- Community Parks**
 (** See Enlargement Map on Back)

 - 1 Bedrock Park (FRRPD) ** J9
5th Ave. & Safford St.
 - 2 Centennial Plaza (COPR) ** J8
1802 Arlin Rhine Dr.
 - 3 Feather River Nature Center (COPR) ** L8
Montgomery & Old Ferry Rd.
 - 4 Martin Luther King Jr. Park (FRRPD) ** M11
Wyandotte Rd.

- Community Cultural Facilities**
 (** See Enlargement Map on Back)

 - 1 Bolt's Antique Tool Museum (COPR) ** J9
1650 Broderick St.
 - 2 Butte County Pioneer Museum (COPR) ** L8
2332 Montgomery St.
 - 3 Lott Home (COPR) ** J9
Montgomery St. & 3rd Ave.
 - 4 Municipal Auditorium (COPR) ** K8
Meyer Street.
 - 5 Chinese Temple & Garden (COPR) ** J9
1500 Broderick St.
 - 6 Oroville State Theater (COPR) ** K8
1489 Meyer St.
 - 7 Veteran's Auditorium

- Community Green Areas**
 (** See Enlargement Map on Back)

 - 1 Wallace Park (COPR) ** J10
High St. & Feather River Blvd.
 - 2 Sank Park (COPR) ** J9
Montgomery St. & 3rd Ave.
 - 3 Sorptomist Park (COPR) ** K9
1675 Montgomery St.
 - 4 Railroad Park (COPR) ** K9
Meyer & High St.

- Neighborhood Parks**
 (** See Enlargement Map on Back)

 - 1 Hammon Park (COPR) ** J7
Hammon Dr. & 2nd St.
 - 2 Rotary Park (COPR) ** J9
Safford St. & 2nd Ave.
 - 3 Hewitt Park (COPR) ** L9
Baldwin Ave. & Spencer Ave.

- Special Use Facilities**

 - 1 Table Mountain Golf Course (COPR) ** B3
2700 Oro Dam West Blvd.
 - 2 Lake Oroville Golf & Event Center ** G1
5131 Royal Oaks Dr.

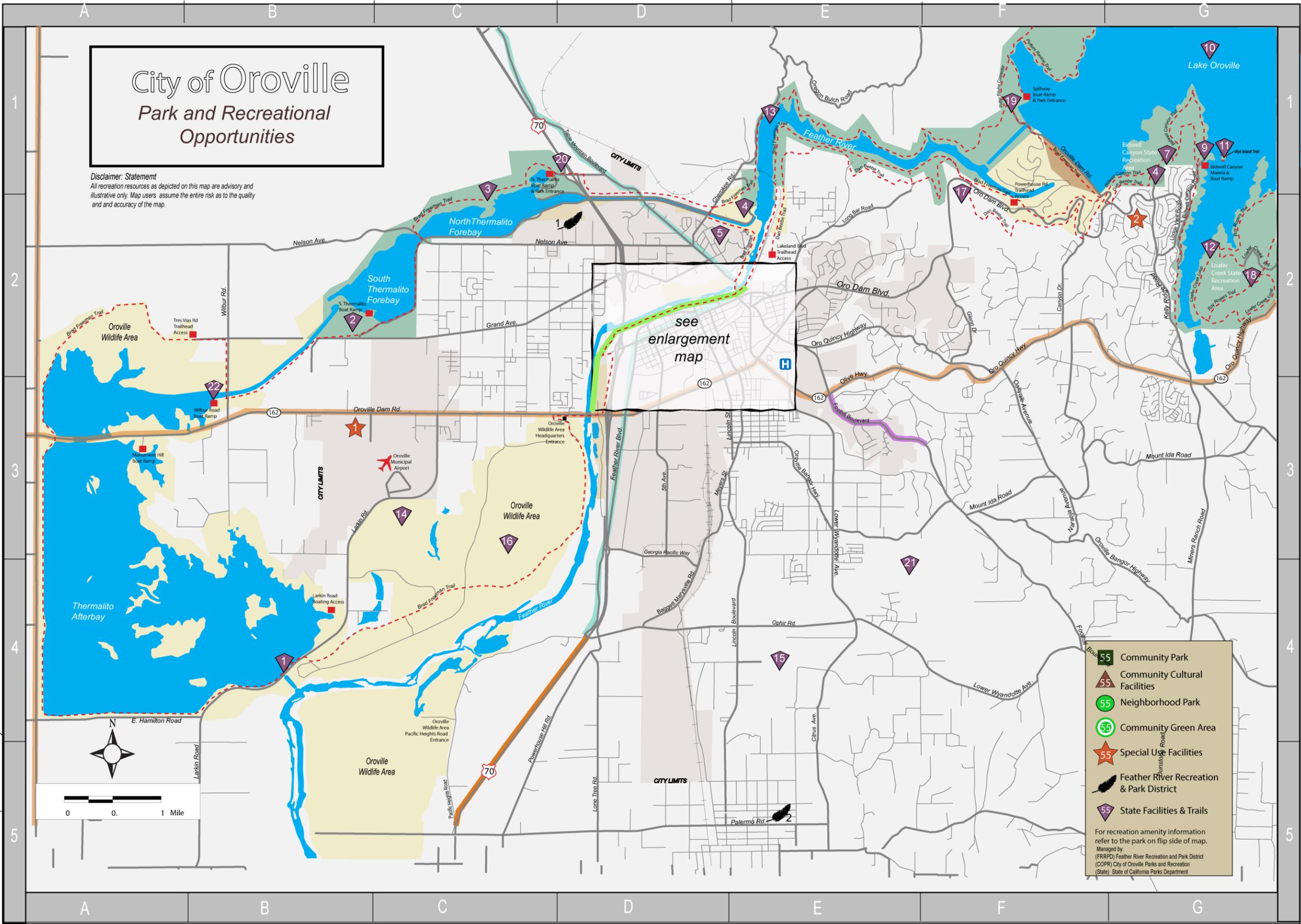
- Feather River Recreation & Parks District**
 (** See Enlargement Map on Back)

 - 1 Nelson Sports Park (FRRPD) - D2
Nelson Ave.
 - 2 Palermo Park E5
 - 3 Riverbend Park (FRRPD) ** H10
Montgomery St.
 - 4 Gary Nolan Sports Complex (FRRPD) ** J10
Mitchell Road & 3rd St.
 - 5 Mitchell Field Playtown Park (FRRPD) ** J10
5th & Ponomna Ave.

- State Facilities and Trails**
 (** See Enlargement Map on Back)

 - 1 Larkin Road Boat Ramp (State) - B4
Larkin Road
 - 2 South Thermalito Forebay Rec. Facilities (State) - B2
 - 3 North Thermalito Forebay Rec. Facilities (State) - C1
Garden Dr. off Table Mtn. Rd.
 - 4 Dan Beebe Trail (hiking & horses)
Lakeland Blvd off Long Bar Rd. - E2
 - 5 Deer Creek (State) - D2
Grand Avenue - East of Hwy 70
 - 6 Feather River Fish Hatchery (State) ** L8
Table Mountain Boulevard
 - 7 Kelly Ridge Visitor Center (State) - G1
Kelly Ridge Rd. off Hwy 162
 - 8 Kelly Ridge Trail (hiking & biking) - G1
Saddle Dam Trailhead off Kelly Ridge Road - G1
 - 9 Bidwell Canyon Recreation Facilities (State) - G1
Bidwell Canyon Road off Kelly Ridge Rd.
 - 10 Lake Oroville (State) - G1
 - 11 Wyk Island Trail (State) - G1
Bidwell Canyon Rec. Area
 - 12 Loafer Creek Trail (hiking & horses) (State) - G2
Loafer Creek Rd. off Hwy 162
 - 13 Brad Freeman Trail - Loop Trail (hiking, biking, horses) (portions do not allow horses) - E1
 - 14 Clay Pt State Vehicular Rec. Area (State) - C3
Larkin Road
 - 15 Wyman Ravine Southwest (State) - E4
 - 16 Oroville State Wildlife Area (State) - C3
Headquarters off Oroville Dam Blvd.
 - 17 Potters Ravine Trail (State) - F1
Oroville Dam Road
 - 18 Roy Rogers Trail (hiking & horses) (State) - G2
Loafer Creek Road
 - 19 Spillway Boat Ramp
Oroville Dam Road - F1
 - 20 Thermalito Canal Open Space (State) - D1
 - 21 Wyman Ravine Northeast (State) - E3
 - 22 Wilbur Road Boat Ramp (State) - B3
Wilbur Road off Hwy 162
 - 23 Feather River Parkway Bicycle Trail

- Bicycle Routes and Trails**
- Bicycle Accessible Highways
 - Bicycle Routes, Near State Routes
 - Class 1 - Offstreet Bike Path
- *Off road biking opportunities are plentiful in Oroville. Please refer to State Facilities and Trails for more information.



FEATHER RIVER NATURE CENTER

Feather River Nature Center is a 5 acre educational center located near the Salmon Hatchery. At particular times of year, the Feather River Nature Center is a great location to watch salmon spawn. This non-profit community resource highlights Oroville's local and natural history through environmental education. Specific site amenities include river access and picnic areas.

Needs:

- *Better connection to the other side of Table Mountain Boulevard.*

CULTURAL FACILITIES:**CHINESE TEMPLE**

The Chinese Temple is a .91 acre historic landmark. Built in 1863, this museum is a piece of Oroville's distinct history and an exceptional cultural asset. The Chinese Temple is one of only four Gold Rush era temples in California. It served as a center for religious and civic events to the largest Chinese community north of Sacramento. The Chinese Temple rests on a spacious lawn and houses a lush and inspirational historic courtyard garden. The Museum is filled with fun and educational information and activities.

Needs:

- *Better identification and preservation of artifacts*

MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM

Built in 1902, the Municipal Auditorium is a venue for classes, performances, events and festivals for the Oroville area. The facility doubles as a gymnasium and an auditorium seats up to 500. Activities are

sponsored by the Feather River Recreation and Park District. One of the most popular events is the seasonal farmers market held in the parking lot.

Needs:

- *Upgrades and repairs*

SANK PARK AT LOTT HOME



Sank Park at Lott Home is a 2 acre historic garden at the center of Oroville. A key component in Oroville's historic downtown, Sank Park's lovely parterre gardens provide gracious outdoor space ideal for a quiet escape or group events.

Needs:

- *More restroom capacity for large events*

STATE THEATRE & PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



The recent revival of Oroville State Theatre is an exciting development in the historic downtown center and represents the City's current cultural renaissance. The Oroville State Theatre was built in 1928 and is noteworthy for its distinguished art deco architecture. The theatre was designed by a notable San Francisco Bay Area architect, equipped with a Wurlitzer organ and seating capacity for over 1500 people. The Oroville State Theatre was bought by the City with the support of the Oroville Concert Association in 1986 and in partnership with STAGE, has been dutifully restored to its original grandeur. The State Theatre was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1991.

Needs:

- *Continued restoration*

THE MOTHER ORANGE TREE

The Mother Orange Tree is another unique piece of Oroville history that distinguishes and celebrates the City. The Mother Orange is one of the oldest orange trees in California. The rootstock was originally brought from Mazatlan, Mexico and planted in Oroville in 1856. As the tree flourished, it grew to over 60 feet in height and was a favorite amenity to the miners during the Gold Rush era. It was known to yield an average of 600 pounds of fruit each year. The tree has been transplanted twice and now resides at the California State Park headquarters.

GREEN SPACES/ POCKET PARKS:**RAILROAD PARK****SOROPTIMIST PARK****WALLACE PARK**

The City owns and maintains three small pocket parks: Railroad Park, Soroptimist Park and Wallace Park. They were identified in the outreach process as potential garden sites

Needs:

- *Benches, picnic tables and sidewalks*
- *Gardens*

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS:**HAMMON PARK**

Hammon Park is a 5.50 acre neighborhood park. Conveniently located near several schools, Hammon Park offers toddler and school age play areas. The park also provides a great place for informal functions and group gathering. Facilities include play structures, open grass areas, covered picnic areas, barbecue grills and convenient parking.

Needs:

- *Additional covered picnic area*
- *Sand volleyball court*

HEWITT PARK

Hewitt Park is a 7.80 acre neighborhood park. Hewitt Park is distinguished by an historic railroad feature. Facilities include bocce courts, horseshoe pits, group picnic areas, toddler and school age play areas, restroom and open lawn areas.

Needs:

- *Covered picnic area*
- *Tennis courts*
- *Water feature*
- *Community garden*

ROTARY PARK

Rotary Park is a 2.14 acre neighborhood park. Central to Oroville's downtown, residential neighborhoods and adjacent to the Feather River Parkway Trail, Rotary Park features toddler and school age play areas.

The park has a great place for group gatherings. Facilities include covered picnic areas, barbecue grills and convenient on-street parking.

Needs:

- *Perimeter sidewalks*
- *Additional picnic tables*



FACILITIES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OWNED AND OPERATED BY OTHER AGENCIES

BEDROCK SKATE PARK AND TENNIS COMPLEX – FRRPD FACILITIES



The Skate Park and Tennis complex within Bedrock Park are owned and operated by the Feather River Recreation and Parks District. The skate park is an integrated skate and BMX park. Half of the park is all ramps; the other half has ramps and a large bowl structure. Bikes and skates rotate weekly. The tennis complex is adjacent to the main part of the park on Safford Street. Eight lighted courts support an active tennis program.

Needs:

- *Upgraded tennis facilities*

RIVERBEND PARK – FRRPD FACILITY



Riverbend Park is a popular option for a variety of civic and family events, scoring highest on usage during outreach surveys. The park provides covered and open picnic areas as well as creative play structures for toddlers and school age children. In addition there are soccer fields and a disc golf course. Riverbend Park is located along a scenic stretch of the Feather River and provides access for swimming, tubing and other water activities.

Needs:

- *Improved disc golf*
- *Better safety and security*
- *Native American and gold rush exhibits*
- *Enhanced swimming and water features*

FEATHER RIVER RECREATION AND ACTIVITY CENTER – FRRPD

The 40,000 square foot activity center houses a world class gymnastics program. In addition, there are facilities for exercise classes, dance, karate, preschool and art. The facility features kitchens and a meeting room for programs and events.

Needs:

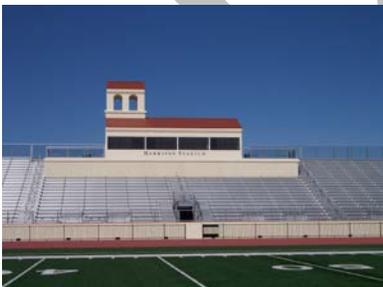
- *Upgrades for broader community use spaces*

GARY NOLAN SPORTS COMPLEX AND PLAYTOWN – FRRPD FACILITY

Gary Nolan Sports Complex hosts a variety of community sports fields, a concession stand and picnic areas. The 14.2 acre complex includes Playtown Park, which offers creative play structures for toddler and school age children.

Needs:

- *Upgraded playtown facilities*
- *Better safety and security*

HARRISON STADIUM – OROVILLE UNIFIED HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Harrison Stadium is a field sport and track facility with bleachers for about 5,000 fans. The facility serves both high schools as well as community sports. After a community fund raising effort, the facility was fully renovated in 2010 including artificial turf fields and synthetic track surfacing.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PARK – FRRPD FACILITY

Martin Luther King, Jr. Park offers community services within the heart of a residential neighborhood. The park contains sports fields, play area, an outdoor amphitheatre, a stage and picnic areas. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park is a great location for a variety of active events and activities.

NELSON SPORTS COMPLEX AND SWIMMING POOL – FRRPD FACILITY

Nelson Sports Complex is a 29.6 acre facility whose community features include sports fields, sports courts, swimming facilities and a concession stand. The complex also provides picnic areas and play areas. Nelson Sports Complex is another great location for a variety of active sports events.

Needs:

- *Upgraded pool facilities*

PALERMO PARK – FRRPD FACILITY

Located within the sphere of influence but outside Oroville, Palermo Park contains picnic facilities, a pool, horseshoe pits, a multi-use sports field and a playground. A large gazebo is perfect for weddings and events. The park offers a diversity of activities for all ages.

TABLE MOUNTAIN GOLF COURSE – PRIVATELY OWNED

Table Mountain is an 18-hole community golf course, putting green and driving range conveniently located on Oro Dam Road. The facility offers day use, and membership rates, individual and group lessons, clubs for all ages, a pro-shop and restaurant on site. Table Mountain Golf Course hosts a variety of exciting golf tournaments throughout the season and was awarded in “Best Places to Play” by Golf Digest in 2008/2009.

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK – COUNTY OWNED/ PRIVATELY FUNDED

Located adjacent to the Veterans Building and Pioneer Museum on Montgomery Street, Oroville Veterans Memorial Park honors Butte County Veterans. Completed in 2014, phase one construction consists of a promenade surrounded by a series of memorials and lawn areas, terminating in a plaza which overlooks the Feather River. Future phases include a pavilion, honor lists and memorial tile walls and restrooms.

CULTURAL & HISTORIC RESOURCES:

Oroville contains a variety of cultural and historic resources. These define a unique sense of place and enhance the quality of life for the City’s residents and visitors. These sites include:

- Oroville Chinese Temple & Garden (see previous description)
- Bolt’s Antique Tool Museum
- Butte County Historical Museum
- Butte County Pioneer Museum
- Centennial Cultural Center
- Feather River Nature Center
- Feather River Fish Hatchery
- The Mother Orange Tree (see previous description)
- Oroville State Theater & Performing Arts Center (see previous description)

- Lott Museum at Sank Park
- Veterans Memorial Hall

TRAILS & OPEN SPACE AREAS

There are a variety of open spaces and trails within the City planning area that preserve and provide access to Oroville's abundance of outstanding natural resources:

- 3.5 Miles of Hiking Trails
- 13 Miles of Hiking & Biking Trails
- 16.2 Miles of Hiking & Horse Trails
- 41.6 Miles of Hiking, Biking & Horse Trails
- Bidwell Canyon Recreation Facilities
- Clay Pit State Vehicular Recreation Area
- Deer Creek
- Lake Oroville
- Larkin Road State Boat Ramp
- North Thermalito Forebay Recreation Facilities
- South Thermalito Forebay Recreation Facilities
- Oroville Dam Spillway and Boat Ramp
- Oroville State Wildlife Area
- Thermalito Canal / Thompson Flat
- Wyk Island
- Feather River Nature Center
- Wyman Ravine Northeast Site (340 acres)
- Wyman Ravine Southeast Site (195 acres)

❖ PROPOSED FACILITIES

The City and County have identified areas where new parks are desired. These include the following:

PROPOSED COMMUNITY PARKS

- Grand Avenue Park (20 acres)
- Oak Park Horse Facility (5 acres)
- Olive-Oakdale Park (20 acres)
- Oro Bay Community Park (8 acres)
- Riverfront Community Park (8 acres)

- Southside-Las Plumas Park (40 acres)

PROPOSED NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

- Brookdale Drive Neighborhood Park (3 acres)
- East of Fish Barrier Dam Vicinity (North of Power Canal) Park (8 acres)
- East of Wyman Ravine/South of Mount Ida Road Park (8 acres)
- Forebay Estates Neighborhood Park (4 acres)
- Garden Drive Vicinity Park (8 acres)
- Linda Loma Drive/Buehler Ave./Olive Highway Vicinity Park (8 acres)
- Martin Ranch Neighborhood Park (2 acres)
- Mount Ida/Miner's Ranch Road Vicinity Park (8 acres)
- Nelson 56 Neighborhood Park (4 acres)
- Oroville Garden Ranch Road and Brookdale Drive Park (8 acres)
- Rio D'Oro Neighborhood Park (12 acres)
- Riverbend/Thermalito Park (8 acres)
- Riverview Drive Vicinity Park (8 acres)
- South of Monte Vista Avenue Vicinity Park (8 acres)

TABLE 3.1 – SUMMARY OF EXISTING PARK FACILITIES

FACILITY	CITY													NON-CITY							
	Bedrock Park	Centennial Plaza	Chinese Temple	Feather River Nature Center	Hammon Park	Hewitt Park	Railroad Park	Rotary Park	Sank Park / Lott Home	Soroptimist Park	Wallace Park	Bedrock Skate & Bike Park	Bedrock Tennis Complex	Feather River Recreation Center	Gary Nelson Sports complex and Playtown	Harrison Stadium	Martin Luther King Park	Nelson Sports Complex	Palermo Park	Riverbend Park	
AMENITY																					
Amphitheater	♦																♦				
Barbecue Grill(s)	♦			♦	♦	♦		♦							♦		♦	♦			♦
Baseball/Softball Field(s)								♦							♦			♦	♦		
Basketball					♦	♦		♦							♦		♦		♦	♦	
Beach/Boating/Kayaking	♦																				♦
Fishing	♦																				♦
Football																♦					
Gardens		♦	♦		♦			♦			♦										♦
Group Picnic Area				♦	♦	♦		♦							♦			♦	♦		♦
Gymnasium														♦							
Horseshoes						♦														♦	
Informal Grass Area	♦	♦	♦		♦	♦	♦	♦		♦					♦		♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
Multiuse Trail	♦	♦		♦																	♦
Picnic Tables	♦			♦	♦	♦	♦	♦		♦					♦			♦	♦		♦
Playground/Play Equipment					♦	♦		♦							♦		♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
Restrooms	♦		♦	♦	♦	♦		♦							♦			♦	♦		♦
River Access	♦			♦													♦				♦
Shade Structures		♦		♦	♦			♦									♦		♦		♦
Skating/Skate Boarding											♦										
Soccer Field(s)															♦				♦	♦	
Swimming	♦																	♦	♦		♦
Tennis Courts												♦									
Track																♦					
Visitor Center				♦																	♦
Volleyball																					

SUMMARY ANALYSIS: FACILITIES

The facilities in the City of Oroville are well distributed and provide a wide range of recreation options to its residents.

The City is committed to continue to provide places for passive, neighborhood and event recreation as well as to work with other agencies to ensure that a complete range of recreational opportunities are available to City residents. The City will persist in ensuring that underserved areas will receive priority for all of these services. The City will make certain that new facilities will compliment services offered at adjoining facilities and will implement a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that addresses service deficiencies by improving and expanding amenities in existing facilities.

The plan identifies many opportunities for continued re-design and improvements to City maintained facilities. While there are many neighborhood parks, some of the individual neighborhood parks are considered to be underutilized. Certain parks lack functionality and others, a sense of identity. The City's "green spaces" particularly lack distinction and function. There is a significant need to cohesively connect all facilities run by various service providers.

In addition to the community and neighborhood parks already planned, the facilities assessment indicates the need for further development of specific types of facilities. These include access to the river, including put-ins for boating and fishing and beach areas, with opportunities to prioritize water activities. Another element identified is that Oroville needs to consider creating a heart of civic identity. Thoughtfully developing public spaces is crucial to enhancing the City's character. Additionally, there is a lack of current facilities for particular active recreational sports.

Proposed facilities will be consistent with the adopted General Plan and the Waterfront Master Plan. Especially because development will leverage the wealth of natural resources for civic growth, plans must incorporate and exhibit systematic and innovative ecological sensitivity.

RECREATION PROGRAMS: INVENTORY AND REVIEW

✦ INTRODUCTION

This chapter identifies existing recreation programs and events of the City of Oroville, summarizes current recreational use schedules for city facilities and assesses related issues and opportunities to better accommodate the recreational needs of Oroville residents.

While the Feather River Recreation and Park District is the primary program provider for active recreation, the City currently promotes alternate types of programming. This includes waiver of fees for events and distribution of grant funds to a variety of community groups. The City allocates CDBG funds to create programs for the YMCA, Catalyst and The Boys and Girls Club.

Current events sponsored by the City include the following:

- Old Time Fiddlers
- Feather Fiesta Days
- Salmon Festival
- Bounty of Butte County
- First Friday Events
- Veteran's Day Parade
- Fourth of July Red White and You event
- Hmong New Year Celebration
- Christmas Light Parade

✦ SUMMARY ANALYSIS: PROGRAMS

Oroville residents currently enjoy an array of cultural, recreation and sports activities throughout the year provided by a variety of program providers. With the proper approach, this balance of programmatic roles may continue to drive development. Furthermore, the City of Oroville recognizes expanding development of

programs and events as an essential component of effective tourism.

The City will continue to develop community programs and events through coordination and promotion. Many community programs and events are held by various organizations in Oroville throughout the year and this is a great asset for residents and visitors. Maximizing the City's participation in this type of programming and events is a significant opportunity.

The City should strengthen partnerships already in place and encourage new endeavors with a broader range of potential organizations. The City will strive to reinforce the vision and diversity of programs and events. This strategy should incorporate the City's increased organization of direct funding and primary sponsorship of cultural and community events. City sponsored programs and events should focus on cultural and environmental activities that highlight Oroville's historical and natural resources.

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SECTION III IMPLEMENTATION

MISSION, GOALS, POLICIES, & ACTIONS

INTRODUCTION

The goals, policies and actions of this Master Plan are intended to supplement those of the City's adopted General Plan. Goals included in this section serve as directives for development and maintenance of parks, trails, and recreation, and related programs.

This section has been developed from the needs defined during the community outreach efforts with Oroville residents, along with the input and direction of the City staff, City Park and Recreation Commission, City Planning Commission and City Council as well as elements of the City of Oroville General Plan, the Waterfront Plan, the Bike & Trails Master Plan and the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP/NCCP).

The mission, goals and policies for the City of Oroville Parks, Trails, and Open Spaces must be considered within the context of the City's current facilities and its vision for parkland within the planning area. These goals are designed to implement the City's comprehensive recreation plan for development of community parks, neighborhood parks, the historic downtown and successful tourism. In addition, this plan strives to set a cohesive framework of standards for the variety of recreational land use and recreation providers within Oroville's sphere of influence.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the City of Oroville Park, Trails and Open Space Master Plan is to "provide a comprehensive system of recreational open space and facilities to maintain and improve and the quality of life for Oroville residents." (GP OPS-1)

GENERAL GOALS

The following goals will guide the City in defining more specific goals for creation of an implementation plan, policies and determining actions for meeting recreation needs.

- Enhance the quality of life in Oroville by providing coordinated, unified and comprehensive recreation opportunities.
- Make all recreation facilities and activities accessible to all individuals, regardless of race, age, gender, religion, disabilities, or income level.
- Maximize park and recreational resources through positive working relationships, partnering, and collaborative efforts with other public agencies, nonprofit organizations, and the private sector.
- Pursue a variety of mechanisms for the acquisition, development, long-term operations and maintenance of the City's parks and recreational systems.
- Increase tourism by providing cohesive and distinctive recreational opportunities that will generate economic benefits for the City.

SPECIFIC GOALS

The order presented does not reflect the order of importance.

GOAL 1 – PARKS & FACILITIES

"Create a high quality, diversified public park system that provides adequate and varied recreational opportunities conveniently accessible to all present and future residents, and that enhances Oroville's unique attributes."(GP OPS-3)

Policy 1.01 Provide additional park and recreational facilities to meet the needs of Oroville residents through the year 2030 and beyond with a goal of 3 acres of developed parkland per 1,000 residents as stated in General Plan (GP OPS-3).

Policy 1.02 Design new facilities to a professional standard appropriate to specific use, so as to attract tourism and events.

Policy 1.03 Provide attractive parks and recreation facilities that are sited and designed to optimize safety and compatibility with neighboring residences.

Policy 1.04 Institute policies for a public art program for the placement of art in parks and civic spaces where appropriate.

Policy 1.05 Support the establishment of Oroville as a regional river recreation center by providing a comprehensive network of access to the Feather River.

Policy 1.06 Improve existing park and recreation facilities while focusing on efficient service delivery and financing constraints.

Policy 1.07 Require all new parks and recreation facilities follow the guidelines as set out in Chapter 6 – Facilities Standards of this document.

Actions for Goal 1:

Action 1.01 Expand the scope of recreation and programmatic elements along Feather River scenic trail to create a continuous greenway along both sides of the Feather River consistent with the City's adopted Waterfront Plan. Programmatic elements include interpretive and educational signage, access to the river, picnicking, and pedestrian bridges.

Action 1.02 Develop river recreation access routes for fishing, boating, kayaking, rafting and tubing as activities to continue to attract outdoor recreation tourism. Refer to guidelines as set out in Chapter 6 – Facilities Standards of this document.

Action 1.03 Develop formalized canoe access on the river to attract outdoor recreation tourism. For example, consider development of a canoe launch at Bedrock Park. Refer to guidelines as set out in Chapter 6 – Facilities Standards of this document.

Action 1.04 Encourage the development of the variety of Oroville's neighborhood parks as set by the guidelines as in Chapter 6 – Facilities Standards of this document.

Action 1.05 Implement thematic demonstration gardens. Institute landscaping

of City public spaces with uniquely appropriate thematic plantings to promote local identity through flora and habitat. Thematic plantings are particularly appropriate to enhance the City's smaller pocket parks and green spaces. These gardens will increase opportunities for civic identity and educational program. Examples include a Heritage Rose Garden, Heirloom Citrus Grove, Native Plant Garden, Water Efficiency Garden, and Riparian Garden.

Action 1.06 Encourage the development of Oroville's community oriented sites as set by the guidelines in Chapter 6 – Facilities Standards of this document.

Action 1.07 Continue to implement the actions of the City of Oroville Bike and Trails Master Plan. Ensure trail head connectivity with bicycle routes in the Bicycle Transportation Plan.

Action 1.08 Encourage variety in Oroville's open space and regional recreation opportunities as set by the guidelines in Chapter 6 – Facilities Standards of this document.

Action 1.09 Promote dual-use facilities such as storm water retention if the construction of such facilities will complement park uses. See the guidelines as set out in Chapter 6 – Facilities Standards of this document.

Action 1.10 Encourage the installation of trails and picnic areas through mitigation areas for low impact uses. See the guidelines as set out in Chapter 6 – Facilities Standards of this document.

Action 1.11 Develop a Community Center with spaces dedicated to all ages- seniors, youth, teens, young children. Specific activities desired include computer center, senior center, youth drop-in center, and childcare. Look at expanding opportunities at existing facilities.

Action 1.12 Work with Feather River Recreation and Park District to develop a swim facility with water play, therapeutic swim and lap swim.

Action 1.13 Create community gardens. Potential locations are Hewitt and Wallace Parks

Action 1.14 Develop fenced dog parks. Work with the community to identify potential locations.

GOAL 2 – CULTURAL & HISTORIC RESOURCES

Seek to provide leadership and stewardship for important aspects of the community that contribute to Oroville’s heritage and unique character. (GP OPS-14)

Policy 2.01 Preserve and enhance historic structures and cultural features within the City by connecting the community through stewardship and education.

Actions for Goal 2:

Action 2.01 Identify historic structures within Oroville and where appropriate, promote inclusion of these structures on local historic registers, the State’s Inventory of Historic Sites, and the National Register of Historic Places.

Action 2.02 Continue to strengthen the Oroville Arts, Cultural and Entertainment District.

Action 2.03 Increase the City’s initiation, promotion and sponsorship of various cultural events throughout the year including but not limited to movies in the park, concert series, festivals and specialized sporting tournaments, like fishing and cycling. These events are important opportunities to continue to leverage Oroville’s significant abundance of outdoor recreation.

Action 2.04 Continue to create and sponsor events and programs that highlight the unique cultural and historic character of Oroville, including the Sierra Oro Farm Trail, the Wildflower Festival and the Greenline Tour. This includes potential to expand current events as well as creating new ones. For example, expand the self guided walking tour of historic sites in downtown Oroville.

Action 2.05 Increase the City’s promotional materials of historic and cultural resources for the community and tourism. Development of materials should include but not be limited to updated maps, calendars and websites. These resources should reference standards set in the City’s General Plan.

Action 2.06 Continue to develop the State Theatre as a Center for Performing Arts. The City should encourage rentals for meetings, performances, festivals and classes. The City should also host events including film festivals, music festivals, theatrical series, speaking tours, seminars, award ceremonies, and book signings.

Action 2.07 Continue to develop Bedrock Park and Centennial Plaza as community cultural gathering spaces. The City should expand sponsorship of facilities to host unique cultural events including ethnic music, dances, nature education, Earth Day festivals, Tree Dedication ceremonies, seasonal festivals and children’s festivals.

Action 2.08 Examine the feasibility of creating an annual music festival. Consider updating City facilities with this attraction in mind. For example, the sound systems at Bedrock Park and the State Theatre should be designed to specifically accommodate this type of use.

Action 2.09 Establish cohesive documentation and display of historic and cultural resources to enhance public interaction and education.

Action 2.10 Increase and update cultural venues to attract and accommodate various events from across the region. For instance, the amphitheatre at Bedrock Park should be renovated for attractiveness, accessibly and utility for both patrons and sponsors needs.

Action 2.11 Create a permanent Farmer’s Market space in downtown Oroville capable of being used year round. A formalized market area will add regional attraction and create an iconic center of activity for the City. Design for implementation of areas for stable and flexible use.

GOAL 3 – CIRCULATION & CONNECTIONS

“Support the development of an extensive, interconnected multi-use trail system for Oroville.” (GP OPS-4)

Policy 3.01 Establish and require cohesive signage standards for all facilities, regardless of provider, within the City planning area. Signage should follow the guidelines as set out in Chapter 6 – Facilities Standards of this document.

Policy 3.02 Support providing connecting pathways throughout the City that link existing trailheads to planned bikeways consistent with the City’s adopted Bike & Trails Master Plan.

Policy 3.03 Expand and maintain the system of multi-use trails 8-12 feet wide and specialized use trails serving both recreational and emergency access needs.

Policy 3.04 Support the establishment of Oroville as a regional cycling center by coordinating a bicycle trail network for transportation, recreation and special events.

Actions for Goal 3:

Action 3.01 Develop recreational bicycle trails and facilities to meet standards detailed further in the guidelines as set out in Chapter 6 – Facilities Standards of this document.

Action 3.02 Implement conversion of rail-to-trail projects along abandoned rail corridors consistent with the City’s adopted bicycle plan.

Action 3.03 Connect residential neighborhoods with Oroville’s downtown, mixed use areas, schools, park and recreation facilities and regional trails. To this end, ensure that all new residential neighborhoods have adequate and direct pedestrian/bicyclist linkages with these destinations and facilities.

Action 3.04 Work with neighboring communities and agencies to implement the City’s goals of providing trail connections throughout the region. Regional trailheads should be coordinated to connect with the City’s bike and transportation routes.

Action 3.05 Implement missing connections for existing bike trails. These standards are detailed further in the guidelines as set out in Chapter 6 – Facilities Standards of this document.

Action 3.06 Establish a cohesive system and design of proposed trailheads throughout the planning area as set by the guidelines in Chapter 6 – Facilities Standards of this document.

Action 3.07 Institute service area standards to improve amenities and signage at existing trailheads. These standards are detailed further in the guidelines as set out in Chapter 6 – Facilities Standards of this document.

Action 3.08 Improve and enhance quantity and quality of connections between trails and the Feather River with existing and proposed trails consistent with the City’s adopted Waterfront Plan. Additional standards are detailed further in the guidelines as set out in Chapter 6 – Facilities Standards of this document.

Action 3.09 Improve access to Feather River by creating system of specified drop in points along the river with coordinated activities. This “put in” system should follow guidelines as set out in Chapter 6 – Facilities Standards of this document.

Action 3.10 Institute a signage campaign to apply to all facilities regardless of owner or operator. Coordinate signage at parks, trails and cultural, historical sites. These standards are detailed further in the guidelines as set out in Chapter 6 – Facilities Standards of this document.

GOAL 4 – ACCESS & SAFETY

Strengthen the City’s commitment to providing safe and accessible environments for users with a diverse range of abilities and resources.

Policy 4.01 Adapt existing recreation facilities and build new recreation facilities in a manner that complies with existing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards and safety codes.

Policy 4.02 Promote crime prevention through consistent monitoring of existing parks. Work with police department in planning process to ensure proposed facilities are appropriately sited and designed for safety.

Actions for Goal 4:

Action 4.01 Update and upgrade all playground facilities and equipment to meet current safety standards. These standards are detailed further in the guidelines as set out in Chapter 6 – Facilities Standards of this document.

Action 4.02 Update and upgrade accesses, pathways, picnic and barbecue areas, restrooms, parking areas, and related amenities at parks and recreation facilities and areas to meet current ADA standards. These standards are detailed further in the guidelines as set out in Chapter 6 – Facilities Standards of this document.

Action 4.03 Implement safety lighting and the viability of solar lighting for visibility at public facilities, parks, and trails along with activity lighting appropriate for the specific recreational use.

Action 4.04 Ensure that all City parks have a perimeter pathway that is suitable for access, when necessary, by emergency vehicles and services. Access to the roads can be limited with the use of locked removable bollards.

Action 4.05 Ensure that all City parks follow cleanliness guidelines as set out in Chapter 6 – Facilities Standards of this document.

Action 4.06 Ensure that all City parks follow safety guidelines as set out in Chapter 6 – Facilities Standards of this document.

Action 4.07 Explore the feasibility of implementing emergency telephone systems in the City’s parks.

GOAL 5 – CONSERVATION & PRESERVATION

Protect the available natural recreation resources, wildlife habitat, and ecologically sensitive areas in Oroville by playing a larger role of stewardship for the land and the resources within the City.

Policy 5.01 “Maintain and enhance the quality of Oroville’s scenic and visual resources”. (GP OPS-5)

Policy 5.02 “Protect areas of significant wildlife habitat and sensitive biological resources to maintain biodiversity among plant and animal species in the City of Oroville and the surrounding area”. (GP OPS-09).

Policy 5.03 Encourage recreational activities and maintenance practices that promote resource conservation and no environmental impact.

Actions for Goal 5:

Action 5.01 Develop open space uses in an ecologically sensitive manner and where biological resources are identified - avoid or mitigate the resources, dependent upon applicable classification at local, State, and Federal levels. Ensure only appropriate utilization of oak tree mitigation areas, habitat mitigation and areas identified in the HCP/NCCP. See guidelines as set out in Chapter 6 – Facilities Standards of this document.

Action 5.02 Support the creation of preservation and habitat conservation areas within the planning area. This includes areas identified in the HCP/NCCP to be implemented in 2011. See guidelines as set out in Chapter 6 – Facilities Standards of this document.

Action 5.03 Provide for passive recreation in open areas where such low intensity uses will not damage the unique biological resources that are being protected. Create coordinated interpretive panels to engage and educate community in the conservation of these spaces. For instance, work with local wildlife experts to create self-guided walking tours of natural open spaces using informational panels.

Action 5.04 Develop appropriate standards and require the use of sustainable practices and environmentally-sound building materials in development and construction of parks and recreation facilities. Examples of sound building practices include permeable paving, recycled materials and solar powered, composting restroom facilities.

Action 5.05 Institute landscaping of City public spaces with adaptive and native plantings to promote local identity through flora and habitat. Require new development to incorporate these same themes. Employ the conversion of existing and proposed “green areas” to native gardens. These areas will become focal points to demonstrate appropriate landscaping, water efficiency and irrigation practices,

Action 5.06 Facilitate the use of recycled water for landscape irrigation, in the event of construction of a recycled water facility in the future, by requiring the provision of necessary water lines (purple piping) in the development of all new parks and facilities and, where feasible, in the renovation of existing parks and facilities.

Action 5.07 Where possible or where necessary to protect biological resources, incorporate natural habitat and other “unimproved” areas as part of the design and use of park and open space lands. During the planning phase for development of a new facility, if a sensitive resource is identified, ensure that it is not significantly impacted by the proposed development. For example, oak tree mitigation should be addressed as a component to enhance as a low impact use area.

Action 5.08 Provide or collaborate in developing programs that emphasize the importance of alternative transportation, protection of natural resources, and stewardship of the community’s attributes. For instance, in collaboration with the School District, establish a nature study program that allows students to directly experience the Feather River and riparian corridor.

Action 5.09 Require the planting of large-canopy deciduous trees in new parks in formations oriented to create shade during hot summer months.

GOAL 6 – ADMINISTRATION, MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE

Establish, maintain, and operate parks, open space, trails, facilities, and programs in a manner that is cost effective, efficient and economically sustainable.

Policy 6.01 Provide leadership to explore and engage in avenues of developing sustainable funding mechanisms for maintenance and operations of Oroville’s parks and recreation facilities.

Policy 6.02 Provide and construct quality recreation facilities with the objectives of durability, efficiency, and economy.

Policy 6.03 Engage in coordinated and cooperative efforts between local, regional and State park providers. (GP OPS-2)

Actions for Goal 6:

Action 6.01 Provide developers with facilities standards early in the park planning process.

Action 6.02 Coordinate park and trail development with other park, recreation and open space providers.

Action 6.03 Continue to support coordinated recreational programming, joint use facilities and joint use agreements with other agencies.

Action 6.04 Develop a Tree and Shrub Master Plan for the City of Oroville that includes though is not limited to, acceptable plant types, specifications for planting, layout plan examples, planting sections, and guidelines for soil, irrigation, and maintenance. The plan will also include landscaping and tree plans for existing facilities and an street tree inventory for the city limits. This plan should follow the guidelines as set out in Chapter 6 – Facilities Standards of this document.

Action 6.05 Encourage the installation of trash receptacles and pet waste disposal stations with bags and receptacles along pathways and

trails in the City's parks where pets are permitted.

Action 6.06 Require long-lasting and indestructible materials for construction of facilities and provision of amenities.

GOAL 7 – COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Establish parks, trails, facilities, and programs in a manner that maximizes community involvement and support.

Policy 7.01 Engage community members from diverse backgrounds and interests to commit their time, labor, and/or expertise for the purpose of recreational, environmental, and/or cultural enrichment.

Actions for Goal 7:

Action 7.01 Work with the Parks Commission form a set of Volunteer Action Committees (VAC's) for various community needs such as:

- public art activities (temporary exhibitions in coordination with the Oroville school system and local art groups).
- family activities & sport events (e.g. bike tours, canoe tours, movies & picnic in the park, swim and barbecue, etc.)
- park and mural clean-up days
- parks patrol / counter-vandalism
- education advocates and activists
- nature education

- open space and trail reclamation

Action 7.02 Develop a park stewardship program that encourages local businesses, corporations, and organizations to sponsor maintenance of parks and facilities. The City provides public signage in recognition of the contribution, similar to the CalTrans Adopt-A-Highway program.

Action 7.03 Develop a similar Adopt-A-Tree Program to sponsor implementing City's tree master plan. The City provides public signage in recognition of the contribution.

Action 7.04 Develop a similar Adopt-A-Trail Program to sponsor implementing City's trail system. The City provides public signage in recognition of the contribution. Signage program will be coordinated through the department of parks and trees.



SUMMARY ANALYSIS : POLICIES & ACTIONS

Tables list the action items in this chapter under the categories of Capital Improvement Project and Other Improvement Projects (IP). The Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) will be included into the Citywide CIP schedule. Phases 1, 2 and 3 represent priorities for 1, 5 and 10 years. Many actions will be on-going and occur in all phases.

Note: Items that have more than one phase checked indicate that these are ongoing requirements or programs.

TABLE 5.1 - PROPOSED CIP/IP ACTION ITEMS PHASING

Action Number	Description	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
	PARKS AND FACILITIES			
1.01	Expand recreation elements along Feather River	◆	◆	
1.02	Develop River Access Routes	◆	◆	
1.03	Develop formal canoe access points	◆	◆	
1.04	Encourage variety in neighborhood parks	◆	◆	◆
1.05	Implement thematic gardens	◆	◆	
1.06	Develop community gathering sites	◆	◆	◆
1.07	Continue to implement City Bike and Trails Plan	◆	◆	
1.08	Encourage variety in open space and regional recreation opportunities	◆	◆	◆
1.09	Promote dual-use facilities such as storm water retention			◆
1.10	Encourage the installation of trails and picnic areas in mitigation areas for low impact uses	◆	◆	
1.11	Develop Community Center	◆		
1.12	Develop swim facility with FRRPD	◆		
1.13	Implement community gardens	◆		
1.14	Develop dog parks	◆		
	CULTURAL & HISTORIC RESOURCES			
2.01	Identify historic structures and promote registration	◆		
2.02	Strengthen Arts, Cultural and Entertainment District	◆		
2.03	Increase cultural events	◆	◆	◆
2.04	Sponsor events that highlight the unique cultural and historic character of Oroville	◆		
2.05	Increase promotional materials of historic resources	◆		
2.06	Continue to develop the State Theatre as a Center for Performing Arts	◆		
2.07	Continue to develop Bedrock Park and Centennial Plaza as community cultural gathering spaces		◆	◆
2.08	Examine the feasibility of creating an annual music festival.		◆	
2.09	Document and display historic & cultural resources	◆		
2.10	Increase and update cultural venues		◆	
2.11	Create a permanent Farmer's Market space		◆	
	CIRCULATION & CONNECTIONS			
3.01	Develop recreational bicycle trails and facilities	◆	◆	
3.02	Implement conversion of rail-to-trail projects		◆	
3.03	Provide trails from neighborhoods to community destinations	◆	◆	
3.04	Work with neighboring communities to provide trail connections throughout the region	◆	◆	◆
3.05	Implement missing connections for existing bike trails	◆		
3.06	Establish a cohesive system of proposed trailheads	◆		
3.07	Institute standards to improve existing trailheads	◆		
3.08	Improve connections between trails and the Feather River consistent with the City's adopted Waterfront Plan	◆	◆	
3.09	Improve access to Feather River by creating drop in points	◆		
3.10	Institute a signage campaign	◆		

	ACCESS & SAFETY			
4.01	Update all playground facilities and equipment to meet current safety standards	♦		
4.02	Meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards	♦		
4.03	Implement safety lighting appropriate for the specific recreational use	♦		
4.04	Ensure that all City parks have a perimeter pathway/ access for emergency vehicles		♦	
4.05	Ensure City parks follow cleanliness guidelines	♦		
4.06	Ensure that all City parks follow safety guidelines	♦		
4.07	Explore implementing emergency telephones system	♦		
	CONSERVATION & PRESERVATION			
5.01	Develop open space uses in an ecologically sensitive manner	♦	♦	♦
5.02	Support the creation of habitat conservation areas	♦	♦	♦
5.03	Provide for passive recreation in open areas where low intensity uses will not damage resources	♦	♦	♦
5.04	Require sustainable practices and materials in construction of parks and recreation facilities	♦		
5.05	Institute landscaping of City public spaces with adaptive and native plantings	♦		
5.06	Facilitate the use of recycled water for irrigation for future	♦	♦	
5.07	Incorporate natural habitat as part of the design of park and open space lands	♦	♦	♦
5.08	Collaborate in developing programs of alternative transportation, protection of natural resources, and stewardship of the community's attributes	♦		
5.09	Require the planting of large-canopy deciduous trees in new parks to create shade	♦		
	ADMINISTRATION, MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE			
6.01	Provide developers with park planning standards	♦		
6.02	Coordinate park and trail development with other providers	♦		
6.03	Support coordinated recreational programming, joint use facilities and joint use agreements with other agencies.	♦		
6.04	Develop a Tree and Shrub Master Plan for the City of Oroville	♦		
6.05	Encourage the installation of trash receptacles and pet waste disposal stations along pathways	♦		
6.06	Require long-lasting materials for construction of facilities	♦		
	COMMUNITY OUTREACH			
7.01	Work with the Parks Commission form a set of Volunteer Action Committees	♦	♦	♦
7.02	Develop a park stewardship program	♦		
7.03	Develop a Adopt-A-Tree Program		♦	
7.04	Develop a similar Adopt-A-Trail Program			♦

TABLE 5.2 - PROPOSED CIP/IP: IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The table below identifies:

- in column one, the facilities suggested in the action items;
- column two, the existing acres or items in Oroville;
- column 3, the additional quantities required today to meet the current population based City’s established level of service, national standards and the needs surveys;
- column 4, the additional quantities required assuming population growth over 20 years
- column 5, the total required additional acres/ facilities combining columns 3 and 4
- column 6, the cost of construction of a single facility, excluding land acquisition costs. Land acquisition costs have been excluded due to variations in location, condition of the property and as some facilities will be built on property already owned by the City.
- column 7, the total capital cost for these facilities (quantities in column 5 times unit cost in column 6)

Facility	Existing Acres/ Quantity ¹	Suggested Additional Acres/ Items for, Current Population ²	Additional Quantity/Acres Build-Out over 20 years ³	Total Build-Out / Quantity	Rough Estimate of Cost (Based on Average Costs in 2015) ⁴	Total Capitol Cost
<u>Community Parks</u> ⁶	5.6	14.6	3.4	18 Acres	\$350,000 per acre of parkland ⁷	\$6,300,000
Expansion of Feather River Scenic Trail	3.5 miles/ 18,480 LF	5 miles/ 26400 LF		5 miles	\$500,000 per mile	\$2,500,000
River Drop In Points & Canoe Launches • Bedrock Park • Riverbend Park • (4) Additional locations tbd	0	6	19	25	\$750 each	\$18750

1 City owned facilities

2 Based on City’s Population of 18705

3 Build Out over 20 Years Based on City’s Population of 18075 & Estimate of 1% Growth Per Year

4 See guidelines as set out in Chapter 6 – Facilities Standards of this document

5 Estimate of cost does not include land acquisition

6 Based on City’s L.O.S of 1 acre per 1000 people

7 Includes design fees and construction costs

Facility	Existing Acres/Quantity ¹	Suggested Additional Acres/ Items for, Current Population ²	Additional Quantity/Acr es Build-Out over 20 years ³	Total Build-Out / Quantity	Rough Estimate of Cost (Based on Average Costs in 2015) ^{4, 5}	Total Capital Cost
Demonstration Gardens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Railroad Park (.20 acre) • Soroptomist Park (.25 acre) • Wallace Park (.20 acre) 	0	.20	.45	.65 acres	\$300,000 per acre	\$195,000
Upgrade Outdoor Amphitheatre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bedrock Park⁸ 	1	_____	_____	1	\$350,000 each	\$350,000
Neighborhood Parks ²	16.09	29.2	29.2	58.4 Acres	\$450,000 per acre of parkland ¹⁰	\$26,280,000
Open Spaces ¹¹	0	43.8	10.2	54 Acres	\$20,000 per acre of parkland ¹²	\$1,080,000
Special Use Facilities ¹³	252.62	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Public Art Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Railroad Park • Sank Park • Soroptomist Park • Centennial Plaza • Bedrock Park • Farmer's Market 	0	2	4	6	\$20,000 allowance per facility	\$120,000
Expansion of Self Guided Tour of Historic Downtown					\$20,000 allowance	\$20,000

8 Assumes upgrades to sound system, lighting, handrails and re-surfacing of bleacher seating

9 Based on City's L.O.S of 2 acres per 1000 people

10 Includes design fees and construction costs

11 See guidelines as set out in Chapter 6 – Facilities Standards of this document, note that Open Space encompasses Mitigation Areas and Trailheads

12 Based on City Standard of 3 acres per 1000 people

13 Assumes typical 50 acre site, perimeter fencing, circuit path and invasive species removal on 20% of land

13 Based on City's L.O.S for Community Parks of 1 acre per 1000 people yet Community Parks build outs do not encompass Special Use Facilities

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FACILITY STANDARDS

❖ INTRODUCTION

This chapter addresses standards for community facilities and recreation facilities, and parks. The standards outlined in this section are to serve as a guide to City officials, planners, developers, and contractors in the implementation of the goals as outlined in Chapter 5– Implementation Plan. The material presented in this section should serve as a template for the City and others wishing to develop or upgrade facilities and/or parks within City Limit and planning area.

This chapter also provides guidance and direction for newly developed parks and for making existing facilities safer and more accessible. References include the National Recreation and Park Association, the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act, the State of California, and the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Attention to the details of safety and accessibility, now and in the future, is critical for successful growth and expansion of Oroville’s park and recreation system.

The following topics are discussed in this chapter:

1. GENERAL DESIGN STANDARDS
2. REGIONAL RECREATION FACILITIES
 - Fishing
 - Canoeing, Kayaking, and River Tubing
 - Swimming
 - Hiking (Trails and Trail Heads)
 - Biking
 - Natural Open Spaces
3. COMMUNITY FACILITIES
 - Community Parks
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❖ GENERAL DESIGN STANDARDS

Location: The location of new parks or other facilities will be very dependant on the use. In general, new parks and facilities should be located in underserved areas where they will be accessible and beneficial.

Parks should be the focus of developments, not leftover residual space. They should not be used as buffers for surrounding developments, nor to separate buildings from the street. Views from surrounding streets should be considered in planning the location of the park site and the individual park features.

Natural Features: The Open Space and Conservation Element of the General Plan for the City of Oroville specifically identify the need to preserve and improve the quantity, quality, and character of open space in Oroville. The location, design, and maintenance of parks within Oroville offer a unique and important opportunity to meet the goals of the General Plan.

Parks should be designed to conserve natural features, including creeks, heritage trees, views, and significant habitats. However, parkland dedicated to active recreation should not have biological and/or ecological restrictions on parkland usage and related improvements.

Certain land uses that are highly complementary to park development include schools, natural areas, and public resource facilities such as libraries or community centers. Park sites located near such land uses could have joint-use opportunities with the City to share maintenance resources and facilities, and to develop cooperative programming.

At least fifty percent of a park’s frontage should front onto a public street. For perimeters not bound by a street, significant open space

features such as woodlands or creeks, rather than backyard fences, are desired. Where backyard fences are unavoidable, to avoid safety issues, they should be screened through the use of trees in which the bottom of the canopy reaches six feet or higher and shrubs reach a maximum height of one foot. Surrounding buildings should have windows and entries onto the park.

For community and neighborhood parks, land must have appropriate slope and drainage to support active recreation activity. There should not be biological and/or ecological restrictions on land usage in active recreation areas. The ratio of park width and length should be no less than a ratio of one to three to promote functional usages of the space.

Activity types and land uses in adjacent areas may influence site suitability. While proximity to residential development would facilitate better access and use of the park site, noise and traffic disturbance associated with park activities could have a negative impact on surrounding neighborhoods.

The function of the park could be diminished by commercial or industrial activities that create noise, emissions or traffic. Improvement of facilities adjacent or near commercial/industrial uses as park sites should therefore be limited or carefully designed to avoid or minimize such impacts.

Cleanliness: To ensure that parks are kept clean and free of debris, all levels of parks and open space areas (neighborhood, community, open spaces and trails, etc.) should be developed with trash, recycling, and composting receptacles that are easily accessible to users. Special accommodation for larger debris dumpsters should be made for facilities that will attract larger groups of people.

Safety: Safety of Oroville parks is of great concern to residents. Within parks, lighting to meet accepted minimum safety levels should be provided. Signage indicating park hours and permitted/not-permitted activities should be clearly visible to park users. Where issues of safety are of greater concern to the City and the public, improvements such as monitoring and

deterrent devices, gates, and park fencing may be desirable.

Signage: The City of Oroville should set overall design standards for signage within the City's limits and planning area. While different entities may own, lease, or manage facilities within the City's limits, it is important to set a standard that controls the look, materiality and information of the signage.

Signage will be located throughout the City's recreational and community facilities as well as its parks and trails. Coordinated sign standards should be established for community parks, neighborhood parks, kiosks, directional and interpretive signs. While the overall look and materiality of signs should be consistent, the information on the individual signs will be specific to different activities.

Circulation and Connections: Parks should be easily accessible by accessible sidewalks, pathways and bike trails. Community parks should be located on major collectors where traffic will not impact adjacent neighborhoods.

Planting Design: Planting design in parks should consider safety, water consumption and use. Planting design should consider safety in plant selection, looking at such factors as toxicity, particularly around play areas, and thorns around use areas. For visibility into and throughout the park, trees and shrubs should be below two feet or have high arching canopies starting over six feet. Plants should be chosen for their drought tolerance and adaptability to Oroville's climate. To reduce water and maintenance, turf should be limited to use areas. All groundcovers should be hardy and tolerate foot traffic.

Restroom Facilities: The provision of restroom facilities at frequently used and highly trafficked facilities will allow for a more comfortable user experience. Restroom facilities should be constructed or retrofitted to be accessible for all users.

Restrooms should be constructed to discourage loitering or activities that would compromise the safety of the park. Facilities should be designed

with automatic self closing doors. These doors may or may not be tied into a centrally controlled system or a system that works on a timer. These systems can also be used to control features such as lighting and fans. This type of control can save the City in electrical and maintenance costs over the long term.

Pre-fabricated restrooms that are customized to the needs of the site are a cost-effective way that the City can provide a necessary amenity. Restroom facilities should be designed to promote the City's vision for a low impact relationship on the environment. Environmental sustainable design may include solar power, composting toilets, non-flush urinals, recycled materials and air hand dryers.

REGIONAL RECREATION FACILITIES

Because of the City's topography, availability of open space preserves, and location on the Feather River; Oroville has the opportunity to provide a unique array of recreation possibilities.

FISHING DESIGN STANDARDS

The location of fishing areas will depend on the type of fishing as well as other active uses on the river. Fishing river access or 'put-ins' should be up-stream of any activity such as canoeing, kayaking, tubing or swimming to avoid potential conflicts. As conditions on the river will vary, flexibility must also be built into any design.

To the extent possible, the location of 'put-ins' should be coordinated with the location of trails and trail heads for other recreation activities such as canoeing, kayaking and river tubing. This will allow for the shared use of facilities and thus potentially lower construction costs.

Establish fish cleaning areas set aside for cleaning of fish. Provide receptacles for the waste and implement a composting system for the proper disposal of waste. Signage should be included to help educate on the ecological importance of proper fish cleaning

Provide recycling, trash, and composting receptacles at fishing areas. Areas for cleaning

fish should also be incorporated and located at designated 'put-ins'.

CANOEING, KAYAKING & RIVER TUBING DESIGN STANDARDS

A variety of conditions must be addressed in the planning and designing of locations for canoeing, kayaking and river tubing activities.

In selecting sites for access to the river, consideration must be given to other activities on the river. Canoeing, kayaking and river tubing 'put-ins' should be located downstream of fishing to avoid conflicts between activities.

The amount of use that is expected at a particular 'put-in' should also be taken into consideration. Depending on the anticipated uses, locations should be planned to accommodate large groups, shuttle buses, vehicle turn-arounds, and long and short term storage facilities.

Where boats and tubes are to be removed from the river, adequate parking facilities should be provided. Space should also be provided for loading and/or storage of returned boats.

Restrooms, trash, recycling, and composting receptacles should be provided in the areas that will be heavily used.

Signage should be incorporated into the design of any canoe, kayak, or river tubing facility. This includes signage at 'put-ins', trails heads leading to 'put-ins', and waterways. Signage should articulate waterway information and restrictions such as 'No Motorized Boating', 'Shallow Water', speed limit markers and depth gauges.

Canoe, kayak, and river tubing facilities should be located along existing or proposed biking and trail systems that connect different areas of the City or the region. Where possible, 'put-ins' for canoeing, kayaking, and river tubing should be coordinated with existing or proposed trail head locations to minimize costs and utilize facilities for multiple uses.

SWIMMING DESIGN STANDARDS

Swimming activities can be provided through public pools and/or at designated outdoor natural areas. Outdoor swim facilities should be provided with a minimum level of amenities. Amenities to be accommodated at proposed facilities include:

- restrooms and changing facilities
- indoor or outdoor shower facilities
- accessible access to outdoor swimming facilities
- shaded, accessible outdoor seating areas

Additional amenities can also be included as funding or resources become available to the City. These amenities include:

- concession stand
- covered picnicking areas with BBQ facilities
- connections to existing trails and access to public transportation

HIKING FACILITIES DESIGN STANDARDS

Existing trails should be maintained to accommodate the adopted Level of Service for open space of acres of developed parkland for every 1,000 residents.

Upgrade trails to be universally accessible wherever possible. Improve popular trails by including either permanent or portable restrooms.

Connect new trail systems to existing systems as much as possible. Design trails to connect to regional recreation facilities, cultural facilities and historic sites and community facilities. Coordinate trails with existing or proposed fishing, canoeing, kayaking and river tubing locations. Develop designated trails with trail heads that will accommodate anticipated volumes.

Locate consistent signage throughout the trail system. Signage at trailheads should indicate location and emergency information. Trail signage should provide distances, directions and educational information. Interpretive signage should be especially encouraged where low

impact use is established in natural mitigation areas.

Develop designated hiking areas with trail heads that will accommodate anticipated volume. Similarly trash and recycling receptacles should be provided at all trail head areas.

BIKING DESIGN STANDARDS

Goal No. 1 in the City of Oroville's Bicycle Transportation Plan is to "Provide a system of bikeways and multiuse recreational trails throughout the Oroville Urban Area to increase the utility of bicycles for recreation and transportation, and to increase bicycle access to major facilities, shopping areas, schools, work centers, and points of interest."

While the Plan is geared specifically to address transportation needs throughout the region, developing a system that incorporates connections to recreation areas, park spaces, and cultural and civic spaces is essential as well. Biking should be tied to the multi-use trail system. Trails in recreation areas should contain distance markers.

In instances where bicycle routes are intended to serve as connections between destination points, and where the route of travel will be shared with vehicle traffic, Class II and III bike lanes, designated lanes on the road surface, should be considered.

Where bike trails will be developed in parks or scenic areas, a Class I bike trail should be considered. A Class I bicycle trail allows for complete separation of bike and vehicular traffic. Incorporate measures to minimize conflicts between bikes and pedestrians into any trail design.

Looped trail systems should be the desirable layout in any recreation areas. Looped systems will provide a more interesting riding experience and have the potential to minimize conflicts on the trail.

Where bicycle trails begin/end at a trail head, trail heads should accommodate parking appropriate in number to the recreation area.

Restroom facilities should also be considered at the trail head.

NATURAL OPEN SPACE

The Open Space Natural Resources and Conservation Element of the Oroville General Plan provide guidelines for the preservation and improvement of “the quantity, quality, and character of open space in Oroville.”

It is the City’s goal to provide 3 acres of open space per 1,000 residents. For the purposes of meeting this goal, open space areas can include trails, low-impact use and mitigation areas, depending on the level/type of development.

Natural open space in Oroville should be developed in a low-impact manner for passive recreation use, with ultimate consideration for conservation and protection of biological and ecological resources. Conservation issues overlap with several other elements such as agriculture, minerals, water quality, air quality, cultural resources, and others. As outlined in the General Plan, goals relevant to the preservation and protection of recreational open space within the City include:

- Provide a comprehensive, high-quality system of recreational open space and facilities to maintain and improve the quality of life for Oroville residents.
- Engage in coordinated and cooperative planning efforts between local, regional and State parks providers.
- Expansion and creation of preservation and habitat conservation areas within the planning area.
- Create a high quality, diversified public park system that provides adequate and varied recreational opportunities conveniently accessible to all present and future residents, and that enhances Oroville’s unique attributes.
- Support the development of an extensive, interconnected multi-use trail system for Oroville.

Wherever possible, provide opportunities for users to experience access to waterfront, improved hiking trails, low-impact camping, and unique natural features such as lookouts and

wildlife watching. Pets should not be allowed off leash in designated natural open space areas.

❖ COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Community Facilities within Oroville include community parks and cultural facilities. These are places where larger groups of residents from the community can gather for City and/or community sponsored events or participate in different passive and active recreation activities.

COMMUNITY PARKS DESIGN STANDARDS

Currently the City provides 5.6 acres of developed community parkland per 1,000 residents through spaces that it owns and operates or that is within the City limits or planning area. At build-out of the currently proposed conditioned community parks will total approximately 16 acres. This will bring the level of service to 21.6 acres per 1,000 accounting for population changes.

Community parks should be located to serve as large a community area as possible. Ideally parks will be located within two miles of all Oroville residents. Community parks should be a minimum size of seven to ten acres, except for special event areas. Fifteen to twenty acres is the ideal range size for Oroville’s community parks designed for active sports facilities.

Locate community parks to facilitate easy accessibility via walking, public transportation or connection to City-wide trail network. Community parks should be located on major arterials or thoroughfare, where impacts to adjacent residents are minimized.

Where a park abuts residential areas, those uses common to neighborhood parks, such as playgrounds or open non-programmed turf areas, should act as a buffer.

Community Parks should contain features that serve the community at large and provide economies of scale. At least sixty-five percent of the land should be available for active recreation.

Appropriate features include:

- Multiple play fields for organized play (with lighting of some fields)
- Multiple play courts
- Separate play areas for both school age and pre-school children
- Special features, such as a skate park or playground with water play
- Event spaces, such as amphitheaters or festival facilities
- Group, as well as individual, picnic areas
- Municipal Code Signage
- Restrooms and concessions
- Parking
- Equipment storage

Proposed community facilities should utilize existing parks to the greatest extent possible. If needed, new community sites should be centrally located to serve as large a community area as possible. There should be a mix of civic spaces as well as community parks to meet the needs and desires of the residents.

Parking at these combined community sites should be sufficient to accommodate proposed uses. It is undesirable for parking to spill over into surrounding neighborhoods during events. Parking should not, however, dominate the design. Park space must take precedence over parking space.

CULTURAL FACILITIES & HISTORIC SITES

Cultural facilities and historic sites are areas within Oroville that the City has determined to have an intrinsic meaning either because of their history in the development and growth of the City or because they have special cultural value for the residents.

Resource Protection: Where sites will be newly developed or improved, all applicable City, State, or Federal guidelines should be followed to ensure that the integrity or physical qualities of the site are not compromised.

Promotion of Resources: Maps, guides, and other promotional material that highlight and identify similar cultural and historic resources in the Oroville area should be developed and continually updated. This material should be made available at main City buildings, Chamber of Commerce, and other major tourist destination points. Materials for the City's Historic Walking Tour should be updated to reflect continued expansion.

Signage: All Cultural and Historic sites should be developed or fitted with common signage. This signage should highlight the significance of the site as well as promote other resource locations.

Accessibility and Parking: Cultural and historic sites should be easily accessible to residents and visitors. Accessibility via public transportation or connection to a trails network should be provided. To accommodate those that may be visiting these sites by car, parking should be made available.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Neighborhood parks in Oroville should meet specific needs of the neighborhood that it serves but also have some features that may be common to all neighborhood parks. While smaller in scale than community sites, neighborhood parks can still facilitate neighborhood size gatherings and events.

Features common to all Neighborhood Parks:

- Multi-purpose lawn areas for informal play
- Separate play areas for both school age and pre-school children
- Small court game areas
- Pet waste bag stations
- Signage
- No parking facilities
- No permanent restroom facilities

Parks can also be designed in special ways to give them their own neighborhood identity. Some ways to accomplish this include:

- Temporary art exhibitions to maintain interest
- Displays highlighting specific neighborhood history
- Neighborhood event gatherings
- Community and/or demonstration garden areas

In determining the location of parks, special attention should be given to the type of park that is being planned. It is desirable that neighborhood parks are within walking distance of the users they serve. Neighborhood parks within Oroville should be a maximum of half-mile walking distance of users. A preferred size for neighborhood parks is between three and five acres. This park size allows lawn play areas for informal field sports.

GREEN SPACES

Oroville hosts several small pocket park or green spaces within its city limits. These spaces should be developed as thematic demonstration gardens. Examples include a Heritage Rose Garden, Heirloom Citrus Grove, and Native Plant Garden.

DETENTION BASIN PARKS

The Oroville General Plan states in Chapter 6, Policy Statement P1.3 of Goal OPS-1 that “Where feasible, develop dual purpose recreational facilities that can additionally serve as drainage basins. These sites should be built with a contoured or tiered design to optimize the potential for drainage.”

The following are design standards for the construction of detention basin parks as dual use park facilities:

- The relative amounts of upland area and flat area significantly influence the choice of possible recreation facilities. For example, a ball field requires a maximum cross-slope of two percent over a two hundred foot wide area. Basin side slopes in excess of 6:1 are

more difficult to mow and maintain, and will be restricted.

- Park acreage credit will be allowed only for usable parkland, excluding the slopes from top to toe.
- All areas of the basin that are use areas must be planted with either turf or no-mow fescue. Side slopes not suitable for recreation can be planted with groundcovers or natural grasses.

The following guidelines shall also be considered in the design and approval of detention basins as park sites:

- Safety considerations should include the size and location of inlets and outfalls, the presence of restricted access areas such as pump stations, and the size and placement of fencing and gates. A review of existing infrastructure to address these safety concerns is recommended.
- Detention basins are designed to use infiltration to recharge the aquifer and reduce the amount of water passing through the basin. During the dry summer months, highly permeable soils may require supplemental irrigation to support grass and other plantings associated with the park facilities.

SPECIAL USE SPACES

Special use spaces should accommodate various types of community activities. Farmer’s Markets, movies and music in the park, outdoor theatre, and holiday fairs are some of the types of activities appropriate to civic spaces in Oroville. Other types may include teen and youth activities and programs, fine and performing arts activities, and sports tournaments. Activities should be appropriate for the space where they will be held.

CITY OF OROVILLE CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS FOR PARKS & STREETSCAPES

Construction Standards establish the minimum requirements to be applied to the design and construction of new park projects within the

City. The standards should apply to City-generated projects, developer-generated “Turn-Key” projects and serve as a framework for projects located within the planning area. To enforce a level of consistency, the standards should be used by consultants, developers and contractors for all new projects within the City.

The City’s Standards should include:

1. A discussion of design guidelines, construction document preparation, and developer responsibilities for “Turn-Key” projects, including inspection requirements.

- Design guidelines
- Preferred materials list
- Preferred trees/plants list
- Construction document checklist
- Procedures for “Turn-Key” park projects
- Park Improvement Inspection Record
- Proposed funding mechanisms for construction and maintenance

2. City Standard General Conditions specification section for City construction projects.

3. City standard for technical specifications, including section numbering and formatting. These specification sections make up the “backbone” of the specification package. Additional information and specification sections specific to the project should be added by the City or Developer’s Consultant and included in the contract documents to ensure that all project parameters are covered.

4. City standard details typically used in a park/streetscape project. These details can and should be standardized. Additional details specific to the project should be prepared by the Developer’s Consultant and included in the contract documents.

✦ ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS FOR FACILITY DESIGN

GENERAL STANDARDS

Federal Law, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Title 24 of the California State Code mandate that all public facilities must be reasonably accessible to and usable by all populations. The City and others wishing to develop facilities must be in accordance with the latest version of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law in 1990 but has had periodic updates for certain areas. Title 24 includes State of California accessibility standard guidelines, which are sometimes more restrictive than those of the ADA. These laws require that people with disabilities have equal access to the same public facilities that are available to people without disabilities. Facilities that receive public funds must be accessible to and usable by people with disabilities. The more restrictive standards will apply in cases where federal, State, and/or local guidelines differ.

For state, local governments and any public accommodation (including City park facilities and programs,), the ADA requires the following:

- Newly constructed facilities must be readily accessible
- Renovation or alteration of existing facilities must make them readily accessible
- Barriers to accessibility in existing facilities must be removed when “readily achievable”.

Some minimum requirements include but are not limited to:

- Provide one accessible route from site access point, such as a parking lot, to all major activities.
- All major activities must be accessible.
- Provide access to at least one of each type of smaller activity, such as picnicking or play elements.

- If toilets are provided, then one accessible unisex toilet facility must be made available along an accessible route.
- Displays and written information should be located where they can be seen by a seated individual. Provide information accessible to the blind.

ACCESS GUIDELINES FOR PLAY AREAS

Application and adherence to the most current Access Guidelines for Play Areas is critical and mandated to the development of play areas that are inclusive and provide an equal play experience to users of physical abilities. The City and developers should be familiar with the most up to date requirements for playground accessibility design. Key provisions include:

Access Route

1. Provide a minimum of one accessible route within the boundary of the play area that connects all accessible features. In play areas over one thousand square feet, an accessible route should be a minimum of sixty inches wide. In play areas under one thousand square feet, a route should be forty-four inches wide with a sixty-inch radius turning space at a minimum.
 - Route width can decrease to thirty-six inches for a maximum sixty inches to accommodate natural features or create a play experience.
 - An elevated access route can be a minimum of thirty-six inches and can be reduced to thirty-two inches for a maximum distance of twenty-four inches (primarily intended for composite play structures).
 - One of every different type of play component on the ground plane should be accessible and on an accessible route.
2. Fifty percent of all fixed benches along the accessible route should have:
 - Clear space for a wheelchair beside the bench

- Back and arm rests

3. Ramps along the accessible route cannot exceed a 1:12 slope. Walkways may not exceed 1:20 without handrails.

Play Equipment

1. An accessible play component:
 - Has a clear space on the same level for turnaround.
 - Can be transferred for use with entry points located eleven to twenty-four inches above the clear ground space.
 - Supports manipulative features (driving wheel, game panels, etc.) within appropriate reach ranges of: two- to five-year-olds (twenty to thirty-six inches) and five- to twelve-year-olds (eighteen to forty inches).

2. Number of accessible play components:

For all play equipment:

- Fifty percent of the same type of elevated play components must also be available on the ground (unless all elevated components are accessed by a ramp).
- One of each different type of play activity on the ground must be accessible.

Fewer than twenty (20) elevated components:

- Fifty percent of all components must be accessible by either transfer platform or ramp.

Twenty (20) or more elevated components:

- Twenty-five percent of all components must be accessible either by transfer platform or ramp.
- Twenty-five percent of all components must be accessible by ramp.

PLAYGROUND SAFETY COMPLIANCE STANDARDS

California law requires that all newly installed playgrounds conform to the latest safety standards for playgrounds the playground-related standards established by the American Society for Testing and Materials and the playground-related guidelines set forth by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission. These guidelines set standards for equipment, surfacing, layout, fall heights and accessibility. All new playgrounds in Oroville should match the latest standards.

Existing and newly installed playground areas should be inspected by an independent Certified Playground Safety Inspector for compliance with current safety regulations and Americans with Disabilities Act access requirements. The inspections are aimed at the reduction of safety risks associated with slides, surfacing and climbing structures. The surface of each play component and play area must meet or exceed ASTM safety standards.

Each playground area must have an initial inspection to establish compliance or lack, thereof, with the current State regulations including ASTM safety standards and ADA access. Once the safety of an apparatus has been determined, the following steps should be taken:

- Immediately remove life-threatening features from service until they can be corrected or repaired.
- Establish and schedule a prioritized maintenance program of repairs and modifications to meet or exceed State regulations.
- Establish a standardized periodic inspection and maintenance program (daily, weekly, or monthly depending on usage) for each playground area. Train staff to perform periodic inspections and make appropriate repairs when necessary.

If any playground apparatus area receives significant modifications, new play structure or apparatus, or change in surfacing, the

playground should be re-inspected by an independent Certified Playground Safety Inspector to review the modification or new equipment for compliance with safety requirements.

ONGOING PLANNING

❖ INTRODUCTION

The City of Oroville's City of Oroville Parks, Trails and Open Spaces Master Plan is a means to guide growth and change by providing policies, standards and recommendations. Ongoing planning is required to meet the changing needs of the community. Elements of the Master Plan must be re-evaluated and updated on a regular basis. This chapter regarding Ongoing Planning should be updated as necessary.

❖ UPDATE ELEMENTS

The following is an outline of each chapter that will most likely require updates as part of the ongoing planning process.

PUBLIC INPUT (NEEDS ASSESSMENT: CHAPTER 2)

The analysis of public input provides valuable data and forms the basis for all Master Plan objectives and implementation guidelines. The goal of analysis of public demand is to confirm that the City is providing appropriate recreation facilities and programs. Assessment of needs and desires for different types and quantities of facilities and programs is recommended every three years, with the first next assessment in 2018.

RECREATION FACILITIES: INVENTORY AND REVIEW (NEEDS ASSESSMENT: CHAPTER 3)

This chapter will require updates of the existing baseline data as the City renovates existing facilities and develops new facilities. Chapter 3 should be updated annually to keep pace with changes and upgrades.

Each facility should be subject to an annual inspection and report in order to identify qualitative inadequacies or potential safety hazards. The City should perform a comprehensive analysis of facilities at least every three years.

PROGRAM RESOURCES: INVENTORY AND REVIEW (NEEDS ASSESSMENT: CHAPTER 4)

The update process for recreation programs is part of an ongoing operation. The inventory of the recreation programs should include a computer database of user information that summarizes the following:

- An annual tally of program units of service including:
 - Annual percentage of non-resident
 - Participation
 - Annual tally of waiting lists
- Cost efficiency
- Cost recovery
- Identification of trends in program participation
- An annual analysis of program user evaluations
- Annual meeting of City staff to evaluate programs and deficiencies and discuss direction
- Annual review of City policies that affect programs
- Annual review of schedule of fees and facility charges

MISSION, GOALS, POLICIES, AND ACTIONS (IMPLEMENTATION: CHAPTER 5)

The Mission Statement and Goals for the City convey the enduring ideas and direction for parks and recreation in the Oroville community, and therefore should not be expected to change frequently. Policies and actions are manifestations of a collection of ideas from the community and will require more frequent updates. This report recommends updating the goals every ten years or whenever the Oroville General Plan is amended relevant to recreation, and updating the Policies and Actions annually, as progress dictates.

FACILITY STANDARDS (IMPLEMENTATION: CHAPTER 6)

The Facility Standards chapter will need infrequent updates as it is intended to direct the City toward consistency and quality in perpetuity, through use of the suggested

guidelines. A verification of current ADA CPSC and ASTM guidelines is recommended every three years and as warranted when new information is available.

FUNDING STRATEGY (IMPLEMENTATION: CHAPTER 7)

These chapters should be adjusted each year as part of the preparation of each fiscal year budget. Other aspects of these chapters may be impacted by the updates of individual sections of the Master Plan. Updates should be based upon careful needs assessment, public commentary, and policy direction.

The Funding Strategy update should focus on the following:

- Review of existing City financing and facility development
- Future demand and capital improvement costs
- Maintenance and operations costs
- Changes or adaptations to the City’s approach to cost mitigation
- Funding alternatives
- Financing strategies
- Maintenance contracts and agreements

☒ UPDATE SCHEDULE

Table 8.1 - Update and Review Schedule for Years 2015-2025

YEAR	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
	CHAPTER 2– Public Input: Data and Analysis									
			x			x			x	
	CHAPTER 3 – Recreation Facilities: Inventory and Review									
<i>Baseline Data</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
<i>Facility Inspection</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
<i>Comprehensive Facility Analysis</i>			x			x			x	
	CHAPTER 4 – Program Resources: Inventory and Review									
<i>Program analysis</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
<i>Tally of program units of service</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	CHAPTER 6 – Facility Standards									
	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	CHAPTER 5 – Mission, Goals, Policies, and Actions									
<i>Goals Policies, Actions</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	CHAPTER 7 – Funding Strategy									
	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	CHAPTER 8 – Ongoing Planning									
			x							

Table 8.2 - Update and Review Schedule for Years 2025-2035

YEAR	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/2030	2033/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34	2034/2035
	CHAPTER 2 – Public Input: Data and Analysis									
		x			x			x		
	CHAPTER 3 – Recreation Facilities: Inventory and Review									
<i>Baseline Data</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
<i>Facility Inspection</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
<i>Comprehensive Facility Analysis</i>		x			x			x		
	CHAPTER 4 – Program Resources: Inventory and Review									
<i>Program analysis</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
<i>Tally of program units of service</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	CHAPTER 6 – Facility Standards									
	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	CHAPTER 5 – Mission, Goals, Policies, and Actions									
<i>Goals Policies, Actions</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	CHAPTER 7 – Funding Strategy									
	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	CHAPTER 8 – Ongoing Planning									
			x							

SUMMARY

The City of Oroville Recreation and Parks Master Plan 2015-2035 will require periodic updates and revisions to accurately reflect the

Community’s changing needs. Various aspects of the Master Plan require updates annually, or every three years, five years, or ten years.

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FUNDING STRATEGY

✦ INTRODUCTION

A funding strategy is necessary to implement the various action items listed in Chapter 6 of this document. As part of this process, it is necessary to identify the existing and potential funding sources and a final funding strategy.

All cost and funding elements should be evaluated and updated periodically to reflect current values and economic climate of the region. Existing funding sources should be reviewed and new funding sources should be identified.

This section is a summary of potential funding sources to provide a background and to establish a common frame of reference for the subsequent sections of this report. Almost any funding source can be considered depending on how the program is defined. For example, if a facility is strictly for local use that would have certain potential funding sources. If the project is more regional in appeal, it could possibly tap into other funding sources. If a component is added to generate jobs that would open up a whole range of alternative funds.

This report cannot list all of the potential sources for funding—there are too many and the analysis should focus on those that are most likely and realistic. Rather the focus is on key issues relevant to this particular situation.

It should be kept in mind that funding for operations and maintenance (O&M) is as critical as funding for facilities and park development. “O&M” funding includes sports equipment, program leader salaries, public safety, administration and maintenance -- such as tree

trimming, sod replacement, painting buildings, repair of roofs and irrigation systems, and sealing parking lots. In fact, limiting O&M funding may well cause greater capital costs in the future for repairs and replacement. Finally, it should be noted that much of the information in this report was obtained from the various agencies cited and discussed in the report.

✦ FUNDING PRINCIPLES

The two basic principles that should guide future decisions regarding financing mechanisms are as follows:

Costs should be equitably distributed based on benefit received. Costs for new infrastructure and public amenities should be the responsibility of developers, property owners, and where appropriate, the public.

Sources of both capital and on-going maintenance revenue should be considered as a part of any financing strategy to ensure that all improvements can be maintained without placing an undue burden on the City. See Appendix III for complete funding principles analysis.

✦ RECENT SOURCES OF FUNDING

Below is a list of park funding sources currently in use by the City of Oroville.

General Fund

Funding for the operations of the Department of Parks and Trees comes primarily from the General Fund. In FY 14/15 the total Parks and Leisure total expenses were \$725,944 and the department received \$59,283 in revenue. The \$626,261 was funded from the general fund.

**Table 7.1
FUNDING SOURCES FOR RECENT PARK PROJECTS
In Oroville**

		Funding
2015	PG&E Tree Replacement Funds	\$34,250
2015	CalRecycle – Tire-Derived Products	\$18,000

In previous years, the City had been successful in attracting various large grants for the development of parks and recreation facilities. The City continues to peruse various grants for the development of the parks and recreation facilities.

Impact Fees

The current City impact fee is:

- Single Family \$3,838
- Multi Family \$2,285

One third of the fee is to be used for neighborhood parks and two thirds for community and sports parks. As of January, 2016, the City impact fee fund had \$108,949 in fees.

The Feather River Recreation District (FRRPD) impact fee for a Single Family Detached is \$1,196, Single Family Attached \$1,160, Multiple Family is \$1,063, and Mobile Home is \$793.00. All fees are per residential unit. Fees collected in the City must be used in the City. The designated use of these fees is:

- Public facilities-6.6%
- Aquatic facilities-6.5%
- Parkland and facility development-86.9%.

The FRRPD recently raised these fees in 2009.

Landscape & Lighting Districts (LLMD)

The City currently has a Consolidated Special Maintenance District with 17 Zones, 14 of which are active. The services provided include landscaping maintenance, energy costs for lighting and related services. The annual assessment per unit in these zones ranges from \$18 to \$200.

The existing LLMDs all have a maximum assessment set. Also these zones do not have any excess land for parks. So any use of LLMDs for parks would require setting up new districts.

There are two proposed developments that will be conditioned on:

- Establishing an LLMD for landscape and lighting, and
- Dedicating neighborhood parks
- And future O&M for these neighborhood parks will be included in the LLMD.

Similar requirements could be established for future developments/parks.

 **RECOMMENDED FACILITIES & CAPITOL COSTS**

Table 7.2 presents a summary of the types of recommended facilities presented earlier in Chapter 5 of this report. This table also shows an estimate of the unit cost for construction and land acquisition for each type of facility.

**Table 7.2
UNIT COSTS FOR RECOMMENDED FACILITIES**

Facility	Unit cost		
	Construction	Land/Acre	(1) Total
Community Parks (acres)	\$250,000	\$110,000	\$360,000
Feather River Scenic Trail (miles)	\$225,000	-	(2) \$225,000
River Drop in Points (acres)	450	-	\$450
Outdoor Amphitheater-expansion	\$150,000	-	\$150,000
Neighborhood Parks (acres)	\$350,000	\$110,000	\$460,000
Demonstration Gardens (acres)	\$300,000	-	\$300,000
Open Space (acres)	\$20,000	\$20,000	(3) \$40,000
Public Arts Programs	\$20,000		\$20,000

- (1) From City Nexus report (2003) adjusted to 2009 dollars at 126%.
 (2) Public land or low cost easements are assumed.
 (3) Open space easements at 20,000 per acre.
 Note: All land costs are preliminary allowances. Actual costs will depend on specific sites acquired.

Source: Construction cost estimates from RHAA.

Table 7.3 presents the same facilities and shows the amount for each facility that is recommended. The amount of development is further separated into the facilities that are needed to meet the recommended level of service for the existing population and the projected future population in Oroville. This distinction is useful because different funding vehicles can be used for facilities for new

population. All of the facilities shown for the existing population are considered to be of equal priority. As can be seen the estimated total capital cost (in 2009 dollars) is \$21.5 million to enhance the level of service for the existing population and \$16.4 million to provide appropriate facilities for the projected new population.

Table 7.3
RECOMMENDED FACILITIES AND CAPITAL COSTS

Facility	Acres for:		Total Capital Cost (1) for:	
	Current Population	Future Population (2)	Current Population	Future Population
Community Parks (acres)	14.6	3.4	\$5,256,000	\$1,224,000
Feather River Scenic Trail (miles)	3.5	5.0	\$787,500	\$1,125,000
River Drop in Points (acres)	6.0	19	\$2,700	\$ 8,550
Outdoor Amphitheater-expansion	1.0	-	\$150,000	-
Neighborhood Parks	29.2	29.2	\$13,432,000	\$13,432,000
Demonstration Gardens (acres)	0.2	0.5	\$60,000	\$135,000
Open Space	43.8	10.2	\$1,752,000	\$408,000
Public Arts Programs	2.0	4.0	\$40,000	\$80,000
Total			\$21,480,200	\$16,412,550

- (1) Based on unit costs from Table 7.2
 (2) 3,000 people over 20 years.

Source: RHAA and City of Oroville

❖ POTENTIAL SOURCES FOR FUNDING

Potential Funding Sources for Capitol Costs

A Financing Plan is a tool to test the sensitivity of changes in assumptions and future conditions.

It includes proposals and targets for funding, not “set in concrete” requirements. The Financing Plan presented in this Chapter separates the costs associated with enhancing the service level for the current population (by Year 5) from the costs of providing appropriate facilities for the projected population (by Year 20). Financing options for 20 years in the future are generally less predictable and subject to change as circumstances change. The Financing Plan also treats capital costs separately from operating costs.

The Financing Plan also focuses on sources that seem practical in Oroville considering current fiscal constraints and conditions. Some sources of funding that are used by other cities (primarily new taxes) were not considered. For reference, there is additional information about all of these sources of funding in the Appendix to this report. Perhaps when the economic situation improves some of these sources could be revisited.

Impact Fee

Impact fees are one time fees charged to new development. These fees go into a special account, to be held until such time that they can be utilized for the acquisition or improvement of

appropriate park facilities. It should be noted that impact fees will only contribute to new park development to the extent that new residential development takes place within the City. This fee applies to all new in-fill, single family, and multi-family residential units.

As noted above the City has an existing impact fee. There have been four recent Nexus Studies done for impact fees pursuant to the AB 1600 in Oroville:

- City Nexus Study (2003)
- FRRPD Nexus Study
- FRRPD Nexus Study Supplement (2009)
- Development Impact Fee Report (2015)

It is not part of this analysis to conduct a new nexus study. However, based on the information contained in the previous studies it is possible to estimate the revenue potential from various levels of impact fees.

Table 7.4 presents calculations of the revenues that would be generated by various levels of impact fees:

- Current City fees
- Fees recommended in City Nexus Study (2003)
- Fees recommended in the City Study adjusted up for inflation.

The revenues generated range from \$900,000 to \$3.2 million. This analysis uses the midrange estimate of fees (from the 2003 City Study) which generates \$2.4 million.

**Table 7.4
ESTIMATED REVENUES FROM IMPACT FEE**

Fees Per Unit	Current Fee
Single Family	\$3,838
Multi Family	\$2,285
Population Growth 2010-2030	3,000
Population in Single Family	2,000
Population in Multi Family	\$1,000
New Single Family units (2.7 persons)	741
New Multi family Units (2.4 persons)	417
Projected Total Fees (2010-2030)	
Single Family	\$2,843,958
Multi Family	\$952,845
TOTAL	\$3,796,803

- (1) Increased to reflect the Construction Cost Index for seven years at 1.34.
- (2) At 1% per annum as estimated earlier in this report.

Quimby Fees

The Quimby Act requires developers of residential subdivisions to provide land or in-lieu fees in order to provide park and recreation facilities for new homebuyers. Revenues received in-lieu of dedicated land may be used only for the development or rehabilitation of parks and recreation facilities serving the subdivision. Fees are usually collected upon approval of the tentative map or parcel map and/or issuance of building permits.

If the Level of Service (3 acres/1,000 population) is the same for a Quimby fee as for the existing City Impact Fee, the primary reason to initiate a Quimby fee is that the Quimby revenues have fewer restrictions on their use. Quimby in-lieu fees can be used to rehab existing facilities in the subdivision; impact fees cannot. Revenues generated through the Quimby Act cannot be used for the operation and maintenance of park facilities. A city can have both types of fees, but allowance must be made to avoid double payments: any Quimby fees paid would need to be subtracted from the impact

fees that are due. A Quimby fee is not recommended in this report.

Development Agreements -Turnkey Park Dedication

Cities and counties have authority to negotiate development agreements with those who wish to obtain approval for their land development projects. Through this funding alternative, the developer dedicates the land and makes park improvements, ultimately dedicating to the City a completed park facility. However, any dedications must be given a credit against any impact fees. Operation and maintenance costs are not included in these agreements.

There are two proposed developments that will be conditioned on:

- Establishing an LLMD for landscape and lighting, and
- Dedicating pocket parks
- Future O&M for these pocket parks will be included in the LLMD.

Similar requirements could be established for future developments/parks.

LLMDs (Landscape & Lighting Assessment Districts)

Landscape & Lighting Assessment Districts are one of the most common forms of special assessment districts. They may be formed to finance landscape and lighting improvements, parks and open space and maintenance expenses. Operation and maintenance of park and recreational facilities can include, but not be limited to landscaping, planting, shrubs, trees, ground cover, irrigation systems, pathways, sidewalks, trails, lights, play areas and playground equipment, play courts and fields, public restrooms, and associated appurtenant facilities located within the public rights-of-way, public property and designated easements within assessed boundaries.

There are a number of jurisdictions in California that use benefit assessments for parks and open space. Some examples include open space acquisition and improvements to parks, playgrounds, landscaping, and related services. The annual household cost of these assessments generally ranges from about \$10 to \$200.

The City of Oroville already has 17 LLMDs established for purposes of landscaping maintenance, energy costs, and related services. However, as noted earlier in this chapter, any use of LLMDs for parks would probably require setting up new districts.

Proposition 218 requires property-related assessments, fees, and charges to be submitted either to property owners for majority approval or to voters for two-thirds majority approval. Only the direct costs attributable to the service(s) benefiting the property are assessable. Costs are to be documented in a professional engineer’s report that identifies the property to receive the special benefit and accordingly apportions annual costs to each unit of property that benefits.

For the local government, chances for success in obtaining approval for an assessment district are enhanced if the need for the expenditure is clearly communicated so as to generate understanding and acceptance on the part of those who will pay the new charges. The courts have ruled in favor of agencies imposing open space assessments, but appeals are being predicted.

Table 7.5 presents illustrative funding from an LLMD, which includes all residential units in the City. This might require several districts to be established or might be accomplished with one city-wide district. This table shows that the annual revenues from such an assessment district would be approximately \$545,000. Applying similar assessments to the projected population would generate \$120,000 per year.

**Table 7.5
ILLUSTRATIVE FUNDING FROM AN LLMD FOR ALL UNITS**

Unit Type	Approximate Population Per Unit	Assessment (1)	Approximate Number of Units	Annual Total Revenues
Existing Parcels				
Single Family	2.55	\$100	3,200	\$320,000
Multi Family	2.40	\$94	2,100	\$197,400
Mobile Homes	1.80	\$70	390	\$27,300
Total/Avg.			5,690	%544,700
New Development (yr 20)				
Single Family	2.55	\$100	700	\$70,000
Multi Family	2.40	\$94	500	\$47,000
Mobile Homes	1.80	\$70	50	\$3,500
Total/Avg.			1,250	\$120,500

(1) Allocated in proportion to average population.

Assumes that each parcel is assessed for the total number of units of each type on the property.

General Fund-CIP

The General Fund is an unrestricted funding source and critical component of the Oroville Department of Parks and Trees' operations and maintenance budget. Revenue in the General Fund comes from a variety of sources including sales tax, property tax, vehicle license fees, licenses and permits, fines and forfeits, intergovernmental revenue, interest, charges for services, and other miscellaneous sources.

Currently the City CIP is severely restricted. However, as the economy improves it is anticipated that there will be an opportunity to reinstate the CIP including capital funds for some Parks and Trees projects. This analysis assumes an average of \$200,000 for each of the next five years

Supplemental Benefit Funds (SBF)

SBF funds are regional and not committed to any specific municipality or agency. At each Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) posting all are invited to apply based on the established parameters.

To date \$7.3 million has been encumbered as follows:

- \$5.2 million Riverbend Park
- \$1 million multiuse fields at Riverbend Park
- \$500,000 other projects
- \$331,000-administration

Upon execution of the final licensing agreement (expected in October 2016), the Fund will receive an additional \$3.71 million and up to \$1,000,000 annually thereafter based on the license maturity.

Regional Fund Strategic Plan

The Regional Fund Strategic Plan (RFSP) was a requirement of "Appendix B of the Settlement Agreement for licensing of the

Oroville Facilities FERC Project No. 2100.ⁱⁱ "At the direction of the Steering Committee, the Fund Administrator shall develop a Regional Fund Strategic Plan to guide the Steering Committee in selecting and funding proposed projects in a manner that optimizes the overall benefits to the local region consistent with the availability of funds". After eighteen months of research, public meetings and committee meetings the SBF Steering Committee on April 22, 2010 adopted the RFSP as a living document which is intended to have periodic reviews and updates. The SBF Steering Committee formed an ad Hoc RFSP review committee in 2015 to update the RFSP based on five years of experience of using it. The "updated final report" provides the information in a logical flow for the public to understand the concepts and funding of the Supplemental Benefits Fund as well as the parameters of funding categories and grant releases. It also provides information for the SBF Steering Committees' reference and use.

Thus it is not possible to predict the amount of grant funding that Oroville Parks and Trees Department might receive over the life of the SBF, but for planning purposes this analysis targets approximately \$200,000 per year over the next five years.

Mission Statement:

To assure creation and implementation of the Strategic Plan remain in sync with the intent of the SBF, the Steering Committee identified the following mission statement for the SBF:

"Investing in recreational and related projects with a nexus to the Feather River to improve the quality of life and stimulate economic development in the Oroville region"

Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG)

Community Development Block Grant Funds are federal funds authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. These funds are available for projects and improvements that aid in the prevention of blight and provide benefit to low and moderate-income persons. Projects must be located within Target Zones designated by HUD to be low and moderate-income areas. As an example, the Stockton DeCarli Plaza came in part from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. While there are many demands for CDBG funds within any city, this analysis estimates that approximately \$200,000 of CDBG funds could be available annually for parks over the next five years.

Grants

Almost any funding source can be considered depending on how the program is defined. For example, if a facility is strictly for local use that would have certain potential funding sources. If the project is more regional in appeal, it could possibly tap into other funding sources. If a component is added to generate jobs that would open up a whole range of alternative funds.

As shown above, in the past 5 years the city has received approximately \$1.0 million per year in grant funds for parks and recreation capital projects. It is difficult to predict the level of grants received in the future. However, for planning purposes, this analysis sets a target at this same rate.

The Appendix presents a detailed discussion of the many potential grant sources available to the City of Oroville for parks and recreation purposes. Keeping track of potential funding sources is a full time job. Many cities retain a full time staff person for this function. There are literally thousands of potential sources. There are hundreds of publications and web sites for this purpose, but in the end it takes time and perseverance. Each source has different requirements for the activity, matching funds, application procedures, qualifying criteria and so forth. Many of these funding programs are

undergoing constant changes in their rules and guidelines. As noted at the beginning of this section of the report, Oroville has been successful in attracting some grants for park development. However the City should review whether more resources are needed to support this vital function.

Public-Private Partnerships

Public private Partnerships can take many forms:

- Concessions-food service, events or activities
- Leases
- Sponsorships
- Joint Development Agreements

While the public agency may have to give up certain responsibilities or control, it is one way of obtaining public facilities at a lower cost. These agreements normally involve a project that will generate substantial revenues such as a recreation or sports complex, cafe, gardens, events center or attractions. The private partner can be a non-profit organization or a corporation. The key is to partner with an entity that can provide capital investment and expertise. This analysis targets for Oroville to obtain \$2.0 million from private partners over the next five years.

Other Sources

Several funding sources that are frequently used in other cities to fund parks were left out of this discussion because of the current fiscal constraints on the City and feedback from the City staff and the community. Examples of the funding sources include:

- G.O. Bonds
- JPA with schools
- Construction and conveyance tax
- Sales and use tax.

These sources could be considered in the future if the economic situation or community preferences change.

SUMMARY ANALYSIS: POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES FOR CAPITAL COSTS

Table 7.6 presents a summary of target revenues from various sources that could fund future capital cost needs for park, open space and trail development in Oroville. As shown, there is a separate plan for the enhancement of facilities for the current population and for future population needs. In each case, two options are

shown. The primary difference in Option B for the current population is a reduction in the amount targeted from the LLMD. The primary difference for option B for the future population is a reduction in the targeted funds from dedications.

Table 7.6
TARGET REVENUES FROM VARIOUS FUNDING SOURCES
FOR CAPITAL COSTS

Source	For Current Population (By Year 5)		For Future Population (By Yr. 20)	
	Option A	Option B	Option A (3)	Option B (4)
Available Impact Fees				
Impact Fees (1)	\$163,000	\$163,000	\$2,369,583	\$2,369,583
Dedications	-	-	\$10,745,600	\$6,716,000
LLMD (2)	\$10,894,000	\$6,536,400	\$2,410,000	\$2,410,000
Redevelopment	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000		\$1,000,000
General Fund-CIP	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
SBF	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
CDBG	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000		
Grants	\$5,000,000	\$7,000,000		\$1,000,000
Public-Private Partners	\$2,000,000	\$3,000,000		\$1,000,000
Other (5)				
TOTAL	\$22,057,000	\$21,699,400	\$16,525,183	\$16,495,583
Preliminary CIP	\$21,480,200	\$21,480,200	\$16,412,550	\$16,412,550

(1) Assumes all future impact fees are used for parks in the area of the new population.

(2) Revenues from Table 7.5 times 20 years for current population and 20 years for future population.

In Option B for the current population, the assessment is reduced by 40%.

(3) Assumes 80 % of all neighborhood parks for future population are provided as dedicated turnkey parks.

(4) Assumes 50 % of all neighborhood parks for future population are provided as dedicated turnkey parks.

(5) Various taxes that are used by other cities to fund parks.

In all cases the targeted funds cover the projected capital costs for the recommended facilities. This is very unusual. In many cases a Park and Recreation Plan does not identify sufficient potential funding sources to cover the projected capital costs. This is so because the process of Needs Assessment identifies facility

preferences in isolation from the fiscal realities in the community.

As noted at earlier in this chapter, a Financing Plan is a tool to test the sensitivity of changes in assumptions and future conditions. It includes proposals and targets for funding not “set in concrete” requirements. The final plan will

depend upon political considerations and changing circumstances. It will be important to monitor any financing plan and adjust as circumstances change. Obviously, as funding becomes available it should be used for top priority projects first.

Finally, it is important to keep in mind that utilizing many of the financing vehicles for local funding would require work setting up the financing vehicle. In most cases additional planning would be required to establish assessment district boundaries or conduct a nexus analysis to impose fees.

✦ POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES FOR OPERATIONS

Current Operating Budgets

The Department of Parks and Trees provides ongoing maintenance for 10 parks and museums with a total of approximately 27 acres. They maintain 44 different spaces throughout the City including parks, green areas, museums, subdivision landscape, and parking lot landscaping. In each one of these areas there is turf, shrubs, and trees, or a combination of them. Each one has their own irrigation systems that they routinely check and adjust with weather conditions.

They provide maintenance for approximately 15,000 trees throughout the City both in and outside of the parks. They remove 30 to 50 trees a year and plant 50 to 150 a year. In the new subdivisions in our landscaping and lighting

districts contractors plant the trees and the department maintains them.

The Department’s other duties include:

- Tree care, planting, watering, trimming, removing, stump grinding.
- Irrigation, all aspects of installation, programming, repairs.
- Working weddings. (20 – 30 events at the Lott home each year.) This includes cleaning of the kitchen dressing room area and bathrooms.
- Museums- they open and close museums for the docents as well as clean them- dusting, mopping, vacuuming, etc.
- Light equipment maintenance – they have mechanics but we do the routine maintenance on small equipment
- Spraying herbicide

The City Building Department does most building maintenance. The Parks and Trees Department has two Certified Arborists so they do all tree work in house. Staff all have a QAC for spraying. They sometimes share work and staff with Public Works. They have a seasonal employee that does the street tree watering. It is a 40 hour a week job about 5 months out of the year.

Table 7.7 presents a summary of the operating budget for the Parks and Trees Department for FY 2007/2008.

**Table 7.7
PARKS AND TREES BUDGET
FY 2014-15**

Expenses	Parks & Trees	Operations	Pioneer Museum	Bolt Museum	Lott Home	Chinese Temple	Total
Salaries/Benefits	\$505	\$355,095	\$6,054	\$2,658	\$31,861	\$19,541	\$415,714
Services/Supplies	\$87,628	\$138,703	\$5,250	\$9,909	\$17,233	\$12,705	\$ 271,428
Total	\$88,133	\$493,798	\$11,304	\$12,567	\$40,094	\$32,246	\$678,142
Revenues	\$1943	\$35,604	\$1823	\$4643	\$8976	\$6294	\$59,283
Net Expenses	86,190	\$458,194	\$9,481	\$7,924	\$31,118	\$25,952	\$618,859

Source: City of Oroville

The Budgets for FY 2014/2015 are similar. Approximately 11% of department’s total budget is attributable to maintenance of trees outside of parks. These figures represent significant recent cutbacks in the department including:

- Outside contractor discontinued-no replacement staff provided
- The Director and Manager positions are vacant -not filled

One new area for maintenance has been added in the recent past for Bedrock Park but no staff or budget has been added for this area.

The staff at the department indicated that the current equipment (trucks and mowers) are adequate for the current level of parks. There are several items that Parks and trees has requested from the CIP: primarily relating to new irrigation systems.

Table 7.8 presents a comparison of the budgets per acre for Oroville compared to typical cities.

**Table 7.8
BUDGETS PER ACRE OF PARKS**

	<u>Oroville</u>
Operations budget (1)	\$725,944
Acres of parks	41
Operations budget/acre	\$17,706
Typical Operations Budget/Ac. (2)	\$ 10,000-16,000

- (1) Excludes Administration.
- (2) Includes 25% for administration.

As can be seen, the operating cost per acre is high for Oroville. However, this is understandable considering:

- The number of acres maintained is relatively small, which limits economies of scale and increases administration as a percent of the total.
- Many of the areas of maintenance are small areas.
- A good portion of the work is for clean up of buildings, which raises the costs.
- The Parks and Trees Department also provides maintenance for trees outside of the parks.
- There is sharing of staff with other departments which makes it difficult to

judge the true cost of the Parks and Trees operations.

Projected Operating Budgets

This section of the report is not intended as a detailed management study of the Parks and Trees Department. Rather it seeks to establish a general range of projected budgets as a benchmark for considering possible funding sources for operations. Table 7.9 presents a projected budget for the Parks and Trees Department based typical operating costs for parks and on the addition of the recommended facilities.

**Table 7.9
PROJECTED PARKS AND TREES BUDGET**

	Existing Facilities	Total Facilities		Cost Per Unit	Projected Budget	
		Yr 5	Yr 20		Yr 5	Yr20
Parks (ac.)	41	84.9	117.5	\$12,000	\$1,018,800	\$1,292,500 (1)
Open Space (ac.)	0	43.8	54.0	\$2,000	87,600	\$108,000
Trails (miles)	0	3.5	8.5	\$ 5,000	\$17,500	\$42,500
Total					\$1,123,900	\$1,443,000
Current Budget					\$905,902	\$905,902
Increase over current					\$217,998	\$537,098
Increase over Yr 5						\$319,100

(1) Cost per acre is reduced to 11,000 due to economies of scale with larger inventory of parks.

This table presents the projected budget for Year 5 (based on enhancing the LOS for the current population) and for Year 20 (based on the added facilities for the projected population).

The cost per acre used is \$12,000 in Year 5, declining to 11,000 per acre by Year 20, due to economies of scale as the inventory of acres increases. Furthermore, the new parks are generally neighborhood parks without expansive regional facilities and no program activities are provided. Additional costs are included for the maintenance and operation trails and open space.

By Year 5, the budget is projected to increase to \$1.12 million, an increase of \$217,000. This increase is relatively small due to the fact that the inventory of parks is being increased significantly over this period. By Year 20, the budget will increase another \$319,000 for a total budget of approximately \$1.4 million.

Potential Funding Sources for Operations

Funding for park operations is always difficult because there are not as many funding vehicles available. In most cities operating costs are covered out of general funds, with a large contribution also coming from facility rental ad

user fees for programs. Unfortunately, because the City Parks and trees Department does not provide many facilities that generate rents and few program activities that generate user fees, these sources represent a smaller potential source of funds.

As noted above, there are few major sources of revenues for operating parks and thus smaller contributions from a variety of sources must be utilized. Some of these sources are not currently used in Oroville and thus are difficult to predict. By Year 20, the operating budget will increase by \$537,000. This is the result of increasing the level of service for the existing population as follows:

New Facilities

- Parks (acres) 43.9
- Open Space (acres) 43.8
- Trails (miles) 3.5

Table 7.10 presents target revenues from various sources to cover the projected increases in operating budgets.

Table 7.10
TARGET REVENUES FROM VARIOUS FUNDING SOURCES
FOR INCREMENTAL ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGETS

Source	Increment For Current Population (Yr. 5)	Additional Increment For Projected Population (Yr. 20)	Total
General Fund	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$50,000
LLMD (1)	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
Schools (savings)	\$20,000	-	\$20,000
Rental Income	\$40,000	\$30,000	\$70,000
User Fees	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$15,000
Grants	\$20,000	\$40,000	\$60,000
Friends/Sponsors (2)	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
Other (3)			-
TOTAL FUNDING	\$220,000	\$195,000	\$415,000
Projected Incremental Budget (4)	\$217,998	\$319,100	\$537,098
Shortfall	-	-\$124,100	\$124,100

(1) Requires increasing the assessment.

(2) Annual contribution or income from an endowment.

(3) Includes taxes and fees used by other cities.

(4) From Table 7.9. Note the increment for Yr 5 is smaller because there will be significant savings by increasing the inventory of parks from current level.

The targeted revenues for Year 5 cover the projected increase in the budget. The specific funding targets for Year 5 are described below:

General Fund

As was noted earlier in this chapter, the General Fund currently provides \$627,000 to cover operating expenses for the Parks and Trees Department. The funding target shows an increase of \$30,000 for the enhanced level of service for the existing population.

LLMDs

The LLMDs proposed assessments for capital costs actually generate more annually than the capital plans needs. A slight increase of 3-4% in fees would provide the level of operating support shown in Table 7.10 for Year 5.

School District

One park includes land owned by the School District. The City maintains this area and provides water. The Scout House is located on the Chinese Temple land. The building is maintained by the School District. The City maintains the land around the building. If the school district would take over the City's costs of maintenance in these two areas this would reduce the City's costs.

Rental Income

There are some limited areas where the Parks and Trees Department might increase rental income:

- Expand the use of Bolt Museum and Sank Park for conferences, private meetings and weddings.
- Charge a nearby business for training and team-building sessions at City

operated facilities-meeting room and park.

- Permit vendors to hold farmers' markets, arts and crafts shows or antiques fairs in underutilized sections of the park or in a parking lot.
- Review and update user fees as appropriate.

Increase User Fees

This source of funding is based on increasing the level revenues generated from use of park facilities. In general, this means either increasing the level of use or increasing the fees for use. User fees for recreation programming provide a significant funding source for the many park departments. For most activities, revenue to the department is designated for operations and maintenance associated with that activity. Similarly, facility rental revenue is designated for maintenance of the facilities for which fees are charged. In the case of Oroville the potential in this area is limited by the fact that FRRPD provides most of the recreation events and activity programs in the City.

Grants

Numerous grants are discussed in detail in the appendix to this report. Because grant programs are constantly changing and vary dramatically depending on the specifics of the project, it is not possible to identify the specific grant programs that will apply in the future. In the past City staff has done a good job of monitoring grant programs for parks.

Adopt-A-Park-Friends

Community groups, schools, private entities and others may "adopt" a specific park and contribute labor and/or funds to its development and maintenance.

Non Profit Foundations & Corporations

Non-profit foundations and Non-profit corporations are tax-exempt organizations which accept and disburse donations, gifts, and bequests to fund government projects or promote a special interest in the community.

For more information on each of these sources of support see the Appendix to this report.

SUMMARY ANALYSIS: OPERATIONS FUNDING

As can be seen in Table 7.10, a combination of funding from a variety of sources could provide sufficient support to cover the projected increase in operation budget for the Year enhanced level of service for the existing population (Year 5).

This table also shows that by Year 20, there could be a shortfall in operating budgets unless new sources are introduced. This is so because the level of new facilities provided by Year 20 is substantial and, as noted above, funding operations is always difficult. This is particularly so in Oroville where the City does not provide many facilities that generate rents and few program activities that generate user fees.



APPENDICES

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☒ CITY OF OROVILLE / FRRPD INTERCEPT SURVEY ANALYSIS MAY 2009

The following data represents the answers to questionnaires handed out to members of the city of Oroville on May 4, 2009.

Individual Question Results

A total of 151 community members participated in the individual survey.

1. Where is your favorite place to . . . ?

Out of 148 responses, the majority of respondents chose Riverbend Park as their favorite place.

	Bedrock Park	Centennial Plaza	Chinese Temple	Feather River Nature Center	Hammon Park	Hewitt Park	Railroad Park	Riverbend Park	Rotary Park	Lott Home at Sank Park	Soroptimist Park	Wallace Park	Martin Luther King, Jr. Park	Nelson Sports Complex	Gary Nolan Sports Complex	Playtown Park	Feather River Parkway	Trails
Park Activities																		
Picnic	34	5	10	17	14	9	5	68	7	12			9	3	3	27	6	2
Take children to play at playground	13	2	1	6	13	5	4	55	9	1		1	10	1	1	25	4	4
Take children to spray/water park	14	1		3	2	2		64	8	1		1	4			3	2	
Have a barbeque	17	4	3	2	14	5	2	61	5	5			9			8	6	3
Go walking or jogging	35	11	6	24	4	5	3	59	3	4	1	2	3		3	5	14	24
Walk your dog	19	5	2	12	4	6	3	46	1	1		2	3	1		4	10	10
Relax on lawn	22	3	6	9	6	4	3	47	3	8			9	1		6	4	1
Attend a community event	22	5	5	11	7	5	1	48		17	1	1	9	1	1	4	2	
Play outdoor basketball	1			1	2	3		4	1			1	6	3		1		
Play indoor basketball	2			1	1	1	1	5	1				1	2				
Swim in a lake or river	38			2				36									1	1
Play disc golf	2			1	1	1		22	1				1					
Play soccer	3	1	1	2	5	2	2	11	4	3			8	4	3	2		1
Play baseball or softball	3				3	1		6	2				1	10	6	1	1	
Play tennis	11	1			1	1		5						1	1		1	
Play football	4	1			3	1		5	3				2	3	1			
Play golf course/use driving range								4						1				
Play volleyball	3				1			6	1				1	2				
Go skateboarding	10	1		1				6						1				
Go BMX biking	10	1		2	1			9						1				2
Go fishing	29			5	1			25	1								4	3
Go rafting/kayaking/floating	14			5			1	36	2								4	2

☐ First Place ☐ Second Place

2. What are the TOP FIVE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES you would MOST like to see added to meet the recreation needs of your household?

Out of 141 responses, the following are the five most popular activities:

1. Swimming in lakes, ponds, rivers or streams
2. Bike/walking/jogging paths and Fitness & wellness activities
3. Fishing and Dog walking/park
4. Spray park/ water play and Rafting/kayaking and Picnic and Botanical garden
5. Amphitheater and Multi-use trails

Choices	Percentage
Spray park/ water play	5.5%
Playgrounds/tot lots	4.0%
Bike/walking/jogging paths	7.8%
Outdoor basketball courts	0.8%
Soccer fields	2.4%
Baseball/softball fields	1.1%
Football fields	0.7%
Volleyball courts	1.0%
Tennis courts	1.3%
Rafting/kayaking	5.8%
Roller hockey	1.1%
Golf course/driving range	1.4%
Amphitheater	5.4%
Skatepark	1.1%
BMX- Bicycle motocross	1.1%
Road biking	1.8%
Multi-use trails	5.2%
Fishing	6.8%
Fitness and wellness activities	7.9%
Exercise spaces (Yoga, Tai Chi, etc.)	2.8%
Swimming in lakes, ponds, rivers or streams)	8.9%
Picnic/group facilities	5.5%
Native low water use plant garden	3.0%
Healing garden/sensory garden	2.3%
Botanical garden/interpretive garden	5.5%
Dog walking/park	7.1%
Other	
Equestrian park.	0.7%
Horse Riding Trails	0.7%
Beach Volley Ball	0.1%
Water Park	0.1%
Bocce	0.1%
Trails from Hewitt & Railroad Park to downtown	0.1%
Mountain Bike Trails	0.1%
Hunting	0.1%
Skeet Shooting	0.1%
Downhill Skateboarding	0.1%

3. What are the TOP THREE INDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES you would MOST like to see added in order to meet the recreation needs of your household?

Out of 126 responses, the following are the top three indoor recreation facilities:

1. Performing arts center
2. Fitness & wellness activities and Teen & youth club facilities & programs
3. Community center for classes and Fine arts center

Choices	Percentage
Gymnasium	6.4%
Fitness center	7.6%
Climbing wall	8.2%
Therapeutic pool	5.6%
Indoor basketball courts	2.0%
Fitness and wellness activities	10.8%
Teen and youth club facilities & programs	10.8%
Meeting facilities	3.5%
Community center for classes	9.6%
Senior activities and programs	9.9%
Fine arts center	9.1%
Performing arts center	13.5%
Other	
Equestrian Park	1.5%
Garden Club	0.3%
Indoor Skatepark	0.3%
Indoor Soccer Arena	0.6%
Line Dancing	0.3%

4. What are the TOP FIVE COMMUNITY EVENTS your household would MOST like to see added in order to meet the needs of your household?

Out of 131 responses, the following are the top five community events:

1. Farmer’s Market
2. Music in the Park
3. Holiday/seasonal celebrations or fairs
4. Outdoor theater
5. Movies in the park

Choices	Percentage
Outdoor theater	14.5%
Farmer's market	19.5%
Cultural activities	10.4%
Music in the park	18.5%
Movies in the park	4.8%
Religious activities	0.0%
Movies in the park	12.9%
Holiday/seasonal celebrations or fairs	17.6%
Other	

Amusement rides	0.2%
dog events	0.2%
Free events	0.2%
horse events	0.2%
horse riding trails	0.2%
Play dates	0.2%
Rodeo	0.2%
Skating	0.2%
year round farmers market	0.2%

5. As you know the city uses your tax dollars to operate and maintain parks. If an additional funding source was created specifically for parks how much would you be willing to contribute to parks each year?

Out of 117 responses, \$20 was the number one amount people were willing to contribute.

Choices	Percentage
\$0	9%
\$20	47%
\$40	15%
\$60	13%
\$80	2%
\$100	9%
more than \$100	6%

What types of improvement would you like to see in return for this contribution?

- A clean place to be.
- Amphitheater
- Any that would appeal to a broad age range
- Better control of graffiti, homeless, & destruction in Bedrock Park.
- better parks and trash cans to try to stop global warming
- (3) clean restrooms
- Cleaner parks.
- cleaning area up
- Community center/water park
- Cooler skateparks.
- Crime/alcohol, drugs, and graffiti.
- evidence of construction
- For youth
- Get the city father our of the picture and leave the money alone
- (2) Good Maintenance
- Guided tours of trails and lake.
- horse arena
- I think a canopy over the spray park/sandbox at Riverbend is really needed.
- Ice hockey and keep the area as natural as possible.
- Improve downtown area- add art, improve look of downtown buildings (not so rundown) more restroom facilities (public).
- Increased horse trails- not multipurpose
- It would be nice to see the trash on the trails picked up more.
- just keep the park safe and clean

- Just up keep as work progress
- Keep things clean.
- Maintenance
- Make sure park equipment is maintained.
- more bathrooms
- More climbing walls, volleyball court.
- More community events.
- more community resource centers
- more dog trails
- More events for children.
- More events.
- More fishing access.
- (2) More flowers.
- More free fishing areas , movies in the park
- more free walking paths
- More places to ride horses and have fun horse activities.
- More places to take horses to ride and have fun.
- More Playgrounds
- More pre-school programs
- more relaxation
- more shade, more fish
- No trash, less landscaping, more wildlife conservation.
- None, I love it.
- outdoor event facility (outdoor theater)
- Playground equipment.
- Safer, eliminate the criminal elements, such as Bedrock Park & Trail.
- Safety
- Toys/equipment for older kids.
- Updated bathrooms
- water sports
- Well manicured lawns- native plants only.

6. Do you feel safe in our Oroville parks? What are some of the safety issues that you would like to see addressed in our Oroville parks? Please reference specific parks as appropriate.

- Always feel safe - Was asked to leave at sundown!
- Bedrock not good place to go at night.
- Create a park watch program- more police.
- Crime, homeless camp sites.
- Don't feel safe when sun goes down. May be more rangers patrolling
- Drinking alcohol.
- Driving speed. Riverbend Park
- feel safe in the daytimes
- Gang issue- Hammon Park. Drug use- Playtown/Rotary Park
- I don't really use the parks but when I have safety was a non-issue.
- (4) I feel safe.
- I feel safe but I think all the parks could use some sort of security.
- improve security
- In all parks but MLK drugs.
- Loitering- children need something to do.
- More patrolling.

- More patrols
- More visual law presence.
- most of the time
- Most of them. Safety these days is an issue anywhere you go.
- mostly just maybe more round about in downtown park for security and more lights for evenings
- Night watchmen.
- no
- No, lots of hobo's and scary people. More police officers checking in.
- Not after dark at Bedrock or Playtown USA. Have been approached by people. Have seen gangs.
- (2) Not at night
- Not Bedrock
- Only go to certain parks
- patrols regularly
- Rivebend only
- Riverbend
- Safe
- safe daytime only
- Safe during the day, avoid parks at night.
- Security at night, evenings
- Sitting alone in the museum or nature center.
- Some- no
- Some of them during the day.
- somewhat
- somewhat yes during the day
- Somewhat, more lights needed.
- stop bikes on horse trails at Lake Oroville.
- sure
- The trail along Bedrock Park doesn't not feel safe due to the cars parked in the parking lot with single
- males sitting and staring.
- Vagabonds on feather river walk. Foul language and & druggies at Playtown Park.
- (46) Yes
- yes - during daylight
- yes - more police patrols
- Yes and no. I'd like to see more security checks in the parks, particularly Bedrock Park.
- Yes at River Bend
- Yes day light
- Yes I do, I would lie to see less tramps sleeping around the River Trails.
- yes very good, except for black widows in bathrooms during warmer weather
- Yes, but I always have my dogs with me.
- Yes, dogs on leash.
- Yes, I feel safe. Less harassment from the police.
- Yes, I have no problems using any of the facilities.
- Yes, less vandalism.
- Yes, lock gate at nature center at night
- Yes, none.
- Yes, Riverbend
- Yes, safe. Enforce non-smoking at music in park.
- Yes, very safe.
- Yes, very.
- yes. Maybe a cop
- yes. Unleashed dogs

- Yes-except homeless in parks.
- young girl can not walk or jog with out men trying to pick them up (Bedrock)

7. How would you rate the maintenance of our Oroville parks? Are there specific maintenance issues you would like to see addressed in our parks? Please reference specific parks as appropriate.

- Alright
- Bedrock needs help. This park should be a town jewel.
- Bedrock park needs more fencing off.
- below average, ok at best, centennial park rates poor for maintenance.
- City needs to do maintenance.
- clean restroom
- Excellent
- Excellent.
- Fair water fountains.
- Feather River Bend
- Generally good but there is room for improvement.
- (38) Good
- good - maybe at high user areas cleaner with TP + floors and sinks
- good lighting to keep open after dark
- Good more bathrooms.
- Good. Keeping restrooms well stocked with soap, paper towels, and toilet paper.
- Good/bathrooms need help.
- good/clean
- good/clean
- (6) Great
- Great very clean. Riverbend
- Great, everything looks wonderful.
- Great. Check bathrooms for toilet paper.
- Honestly don't use often, but lighting is always important. Possibly enhanced patrol by 11 after dark.
- I have seen improvement greatly on Feather river Park
- I think all the parks are well maintained except Playtown Park.
- I would like to see the city maintain its own parks.
- Keep restrooms clean.
- Low to poor
- Maintenance seems to be good
- More gardens.
- More landscaping, activities.
- more trash cans
- Most seem adequate
- Nature center is always being kept up - know of people who volunteer picking up trash or help with repainting
- Need more restrooms.
- (2) No
- not after dark
- ok
- out of 10. 8, no, 0
- Parks are wonderfully maintained. MLK Jr. park could use some attention.
- pretty well maintained
- Riverbend - restrooms average
- So far the park are pleasantly clean

- Sprinkler system seems to have some water waste at Riverbend Park.
- the few that we go to are great
- The parks all seem to be well maintained.
- They are beautiful.
- They do the best they can.
- (7) Very good
- (2) Very well maintained.
- Water grass at grassy areas (Riverbend Park)
- We need more trash cans in parks.

8. What trails do you use most? What trail improvements and/or future connections would you like to see?

- (2) All
- Along Feather River
- (2) Bedrock
- (2) Bedrock trail.
- Bedrock-Riverbend
- bike trails
- Bike trails. The trails should be extended to the lake.
- by nature center
- by the river
- Connection from Gran/Nelson to feather river park walk. Can't walk or ride bike across bridge.
- Dan bebe trail (horses)
- Dan Beebe: trail around whole lake, trail to paradise connection.
- don't use trails
- Equestrian trails @ the lake.
- Feather River
- Feather River park
- Feather River walkway/nature walks
- Fishing trails are what we use the most. They are fine.
- Flume, Riverbend Park.
- From River Bend to Bedrock
- (2) From Riverbend to downtown.
- good
- Horse trails. Need water tank for horses at trail heads.
- I don't
- I don't know the name sorry
- I like the trails at Riverbend Park and Bedrock Park.
- I use the Riverbend park most.
- I use the trails near the observatory in Kelley Ridge. I ran across the damn due to an open area
- and many people.
- Lake area trails and river
- Lake Oroville trails
- Levee walk and nature center.
- Multi-use mountain bikes- dogs.
- Not sure where all trails are.
- Oroville dam to the hatchery, parking
- Oroville to table top.
- Pacific Crest
- Paved trail along river

- (2) River
- River & visitor center @ Lake Falls.
- River bend
- River bend bike trails.
- River Front Park.
- (2) River Trail
- River trail extension should be made
- River Trail Riverbend
- River Trail, Nature Center, Beebe.
- River trails.
- River walk
- (4) Riverbend
- Riverbend bike trail.
- Riverbend down to park.
- Riverbend F.R. parkway
- Riverbend park
- Riverbend park only so far.
- Riverbend ponds
- Riverbend trails around lake.
- Riverbend, Bidwell, Trails around dam.
- Riverbend, nature Center
- Riverbend.
- Saddle dam.
- thermalito
- Trails along river.
- Walking along river.

9. Is there anything else you would like to share with the community?

- Being from paradise I would love to explore the Feather River nature center. Need better signs to direct you into the center.
- Better access to the river for swimming and picnics.
- Better community use of trash receptacles
- Car shows
- Dogs
- Finish the veteran's park.
- Hippie stuff.
- I like the historical and small town events. Need things to cool down during summer. Town needs to be more pet friendly.
- I really enjoyed the fiddlers festival
- I want facilities for homeless persons to shower as need and open showers in parks
- I'd like to see a women's soccer team created with a league. Oroville is so behind the times.
- We need higher quality community activities wit more cultural events.
- Is there equipment for the bocce courts?
- It would be great to have more for handicapped individuals to be able to enjoy being outside with a walker, wheelchair, etc.
- It's wonderful.
- Keep improving the image of Oroville.
- Keep up on improving bare areas
- Lots of great (all around) type recreation
- More children activities.

- More info on bocce courts and info on leagues.
- More skateboarding events.
- Nature walks/herbal identification
- (5) No
- Not sure
- Overall you do a great job.
- Riverbend
- Soccer
- Thank you for the progress that is being done in the community.
- The river and lakes are beautiful. Let's get everyone working to keep them clean, accessible, and family friendly.
- We love Riverbend a lot.
- We need a good bluegill pond for kids.
- We need more involvement in community events like information booths for community upcoming events.
- Why are horses not included on this questionnaire?
- Would like to see the whitewater park.

10. What is your age?

Out of 126 responses, a small majority of respondents were between the ages of 56-70 years old.

Choices	Percentage
under 18	5%
18-25	6%
26-40	20%
41-55	28%
56-70	30%
70+	11%

11. Which of the following categories most closely identifies your ethnicity?

Out of 119 responses, the majority of respondents were white.

Choices	Percentage
White	89%
Hispanic	3%
Black or African American	4%
Hmong/Mong	0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	2%
Other	
Cuban	1%
California Indian	1%

12. Are you a resident of the City or County?

Out of 119 responses, the number of respondents was basically split even between city and county.

Choices	Percentage
City	47%
County	50%
Other	
Alameda	1%
Paradise	1%
Shasta County	1%
Glenn City	1%

Group Question Results

A total of 19 community members participated in the group survey. Groups interviewed included (insert groups)

1. Where is your favorite place to . . . ?

Out of 148 responses, the majority of respondents chose Riverbend Park as their favorite place.

	Bedrock Park	Centennial Plaza	Chinese Temple	Feather River Nature Center	Hammon Park	Hewitt Park	Railroad Park	Riverbend Park	Rotary Park	Lott Home at Sank Park	Soroptimist Park	Wallace Park	Martin Luther King, Jr. Park	Nelson Sports Complex	Gary Nolan Sports Complex	Playtown Park	Feather River Parkway	Trails	
Park Activities																			
Picnic	4			3				11					1				1		2
Take children to play at playground	1						1	8								1			
Take children to spray/water park	1						1	9											
Have a barbeque	4	1						9					1					4	
Go walking or jogging	4	1						6									2	3	
Walk your dog	4			1				6					1					2	
Relax on lawn	6							2										2	
Attend a community event	3							8		1									
Play outdoor basketball					1				1				2			1			
Play indoor basketball					1								2			1			
Swim in a lake or river	1		1					3									2		
Play disc golf								1					1						
Play soccer							1	1					1						
Play baseball or softball													1	1					
Play tennis	2												1	1					
Play football		1											1	1					
Play golf course/use driving range													1	1	1				
Play volleyball								1					2						
Go skateboarding	1												2						
Go BMX biking													1				1	1	
Go fishing	2			1			2	2					1				3		
Go rafting/kayaking/floating	2			1				2					1				2		

First Place
 Second Place

2. What are the TOP FIVE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES you would MOST like to see added to meet the recreation needs of your household?

Out of 19 responses, the following are the five most popular activities:

1. Picnic/group facilities
2. Dog walking/park and Fishing
3. Spray park/water play and Multi-use trails
4. Bike/walking/jogging paths and Swimming in lakes, ponds, rivers or streams
5. Amphitheater and Exercise spaces and Healing/sensory garden and Botanical/interpretive garden

Choices	Percentage
Spray park/ water play	7.3%
Playgrounds/tot lots	1.2%
Bike/walking/jogging paths	6.1%
Outdoor basketball courts	0.0%
Soccer fields	1.2%
Baseball/softball fields	1.2%
Football fields	0.0%
Volleyball courts	2.4%
Tennis courts	0.0%
Rafting/kayaking	1.2%

Roller hockey	0.0%
Golf course/driving range	2.4%
Amphitheater	3.7%
Skatepark	1.2%
BMX- Bicycle motocross	1.2%
Road biking	1.2%
Multi-use trails	7.3%
Fishing	9.8%
Fitness and wellness activities	7.3%
Exercise spaces (Yoga, Tai Chi, etc.)	3.7%
Swimming in lakes, ponds, rivers or streams)	6.1%
Picnic/group facilities	11.0%
Native low water use plant garden	1.2%
Healing garden/sensory garden	3.7%
Botanical garden/interpretive garden	3.7%
Dog walking/park	9.8%
Other	
equestrian activities	1.2%
handicapped accessible with things to do	1.2%
horse trail at lake Oroville	1.2%
(2) horse trails	1.2%
more handicap ramps	1.2%

3. What are the TOP THREE INDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES you would MOST like to see added in order to meet the recreation needs of your household?

Out of 15 responses, the following are the top three indoor recreation facilities:

1. Senior activities and programs
2. Fitness center
3. Therapeutic pool and Fitness & wellness activities and Teen & youth club facilities & programs and Meeting facilities and Community center for classes and Fine arts center and Performing arts center

Choices	Percentage
Gymnasium	2.2%
Fitness center	10.9%
Climbing wall	2.2%
Therapeutic pool	8.7%
Indoor basketball courts	4.3%
Fitness and wellness activities	8.7%
Teen and youth club facilities & programs	8.7%
Meeting facilities	8.7%
Community center for classes	8.7%
Senior activities and programs	19.6%
Fine arts center	8.7%
Performing arts center	8.7%

4. What are the TOP FIVE COMMUNITY EVENTS your household would MOST like to see added in order to meet the needs of your household?

Out of 17 responses, the following are the top five community events:

1. Farmer’s market
2. Music in the park
3. Movies in the park
4. Holiday/seasonal celebrations or fairs
5. Cultural activities

Choices	Percentage
Outdoor theater	13.6%
Farmer's market	19.7%
Cultural activities	9.1%
Music in the park	18.2%
Movies in the park	6.1%
Religious activities	0.0%
Movies in the park	16.7%
Holiday/seasonal celebrations or fairs	13.6%
Other	
Horse events	1.5%
Horse trails	1.5%

5. As you know the city uses your tax dollars to operate and maintain parks. If an additional funding source was created specifically for parks how much would you be willing to contribute to parks each year?

Out of 13 responses, \$20 was the number one amount people were willing to contribute.

Choices	Percentage
\$0	27%
\$20	55%
\$40	9%
\$60	9%
\$80	0%
\$100	0%
more than \$100	0%

What types of improvement would you like to see in return for this contribution?

- bike path under bridge
- clean parks
- money?
- more outlying spots with hitching posts and picnic tables. Also an open trail way up side of dam
- smoother horse trails
- unable very limited income

6. Do you feel safe in our Oroville parks? What are some of the safety issues that you would like to see addressed in our Oroville parks? Please reference specific parks as appropriate.

- basically safe, especially if other are near
- been attacked by a dog at Hewitt (unleashed) many homeless and intoxicated at Bedrock
- for the most park - some concern of drug users at certain times of the day
- Horse only trails
- I feel safe + I would like more work done to the parks
- no - to much drugs and homeless
- teens + loiterers in bedrock
- The bathrooms are always locked at the far end of the Riverbend park
- (3) yes
- yes, couldn't think of any

7. How would you rate the maintenance of our Oroville parks? Are there specific maintenance issues you would like to see addressed in our parks? Please reference specific parks as appropriate.

- 4 or 5
- (3) good
- Good but at ponds bathrooms at Riverbend
- good Riverbend and Bedrock
- great
- Hewitt bocce ball court is a weed bed already
- I think they are all great
- No problems
- Very nice

8. What trails do you use most? What trail improvements and/or future connections would you like to see?

- (2) Bedrock
- Bike trails path our of Riverbend to Oroville dam
- Dan Bebee, Railroad grade, Long Bar Pond, Lakeland, Glenn pond area
- Horse trails - Saddle dam
- Horse trails, Horse parks
- I use any trail that I know around Oroville
- level walking surface on levee rather than misc patchwork. Tables needed at centennial graffiti removal at Hewitt
- more disability ramps
- Potters ravine - Lakeland
- this is my first time here
- trails in bedrock, Riverbend Parks
- walking along the river back of Oroville

9. Is there anything else you would like to share with the community?

- Horse arena - Riverbend Park
- (3) no
- we need bike lanes and locate on service streets

10. What is your age?

Out of 16 responses, a majority of respondents were 70+ years old.

Choices	Percentage
under 18	0%
18-25	6%
26-40	6%
41-55	25%
56-70	25%
70+	38%

11. Which of the following categories most closely identifies your ethnicity?

Out of 13 responses, the majority of respondents were white.

Choices	Percentage
White	92%
Hispanic	8%
Black or African American	0%
Hmong/Mong	0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	0%

12. Are you a resident of the City or County?

Out of 15 responses, the majority of respondents were from the city.

Choices	Percentage
City	60%
County	33%
Other	
Yuba	7%

CITY OF OROVILLE STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS

STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS: CITY HALL, MAY 3, 2009

The project consultant team conducted interviews with community associates and affiliates to gather perspectives, ideas and perceptions regarding recreation in the City of Oroville. Invitations were extended to City Staff, State Parks Staff, City Parks Commissioners, and City Council members. Participants were asked to complete a survey as well as participate in interviews to discuss their responses. Eight interviews were held and nine surveys collected, resulting in candid responses that shared a variety of responses and vision. In an effort to maintain the anonymity of respondents, identities are not linked to responses.

Question: How would you describe your level of satisfaction with existing facilities and parks within the City?

Not at all Satisfied
Somewhat Satisfied
Satisfied
Not Sure / Don't Know
N/A

The majority of responses were equally divided between "somewhat satisfied" and "satisfied". One response was "not sure".

Question: What are the City's greatest strengths as an administrator of parks and recreation facilities in the community?

- *Current parks are well maintained*
- *Attention and vision to resources and improvements*
- *Universal accessibility*
- *Willingness for cooperative efforts*

Question: If you could make improvements to existing parks and recreation facilities in the community, what would those be?

- *Parks and open spaces need to be connected by trails*
- *Parks and open spaces need to be more spread out*
- *Security cameras at every facility*
- *New restroom at Centennial Plaza*
- *Have one managing authority*
- *More attention to clean up of trash*

Question: Are there public facilities you would like to see added?

- *Swimming facility*
- *Low cost meeting facilities – indoor and outdoor*
- *Hall for Functions / Community Facility*

Question: Are there programs you would like to see added?

- *Teen and Youth programs*
- *Canoe rentals*
- *River use*
- *White Water Park*
- *Bike trails – classed to attract destination enthusiasts and events*

Question: Given your current affiliation with the City, how would you change or modify that relationship to better serve the parks and recreation facility needs of the people you serve?

- *Continue to explore ideas for cooperatively using facilities with State Parks and FRRPD*
- *Schedule regular meetings of stakeholders to discuss recreation impacts on the community*
- *Allow opportunities for neighborhoods to create and expand parks*
- *Realize the potential of SBF Funding for applications to other resources beyond recreation*

Question: What are other ideas or observations about parks, recreation facilities, and recreation programming you would like to share with the City?

- *Competitive Events – bike races (road and trail), cross country, boating*
- *Historic stewardship*
- *Enhance use of current facilities*
- *Continue to explore ideas for cooperatively using facilities with State Parks and FRRPD*
- *Take cooperative role to focus on enhancing funding for all stakeholders*
- *Co-sponsorship of community events with State Parks and FRRPD*

COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT:

WILDFLOWER FESTIVAL - MAY 4, 2009

This community outreach event was conducted at the annual Wildflower Festival at Riverbend Park. Representatives of the City Planning Department, the consultant team and the FRRPD set up a station at the entrance to the festival, where members of the community were asked to fill out an anonymous informational survey on recreation in the City of Oroville. In exchange for their participation, people were given a free bottle of water courtesy of the City of Oroville. A total of 151 community members participated in the individual survey. See Appendix XX for complete survey analysis.

Question: Out of 148 responses, the majority of respondents chose Riverbend Park as their overall favorite place. Bedrock Park was the obvious second place choice. The top two locations to enjoy the following specific recreational activities are listed below:

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- Attend a community event
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 2. Bedrock Park
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 2. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park
- Play indoor basketball
 1. Riverbend Park
 2. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park/Bedrock Park
- Swim in a lake or river
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 2. Riverbend Park
- Play disc golf
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 2. Nelson Sports Complex/Gary Nolan Sports Complex
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- Play golf course/use driving range
 1. Riverbend Park
 2. Nelson Sports Complex
- Play volleyball
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- Go BMX biking
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 2. Riverbend Park
- Go fishing

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- Go rafting/kayaking/floating
 1. Riverbend Park
 2. Bedrock Park

Question: The top five outdoor recreation activities respondents to the survey would most like to see added to meet the recreation needs of their household are listed below. Out of 141 responses, the following are the five most popular activities, listed in order of most frequent to less frequent:

1. Swimming in lakes, ponds, rivers or streams
2. Bike/walking/jogging paths and Fitness & wellness activities
3. Fishing and Dog walking/park
4. Spray park/ water play and Rafting/kayaking and Picnic and Botanical garden
5. Amphitheater and Multi-use trails

Question: The top three indoor recreation activities respondents to the survey would most like to see added to meet the recreation needs of their household are listed below. Out of 126 responses, the following are the top three indoor recreation facilities, listed in order of most frequent to less frequent:

1. Performing arts center
2. Fitness & wellness activities and Teen & youth club facilities & programs
3. Community center for classes and Fine arts center

Question: The top five community events respondents to the survey would most like to see added to meet the recreation needs of their household are listed below. Out of 131 responses, the following are the top five

community events, listed in order of most frequent to less frequent:

1. Farmer's Market
2. Music in the Park
3. Holiday/seasonal celebrations or fairs
4. Outdoor theater
5. Movies in the park

Question: Percentage of most frequent response to the question of how much people would be willing to contribute to parks each year if an additional funding source was created specifically for parks are listed below. Out of 117 responses, \$20 was the number one amount people were willing to contribute.

- \$0 = 9%
- \$20 = 47%
- \$40 = 15%
- \$60 = 13%
- \$80 = 2%
- \$100 = 9%
- More than \$100 = 6%
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Question: Respondents answers to what individuals would like to see in return for this contribution are listed below:

- A clean place to be
- Amphitheater
- Any that would appeal to a broad age range
- Better control of graffiti, homeless, & destruction in Bedrock Park.
- Better parks and trash cans to try to stop global warming
- (3) Clean restrooms
- Cleaner parks
- Cleaning area up
- Community center/water park

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- Cooler skateparks
 - Crime/alcohol, drugs, and graffiti.
 - Evidence of construction
 - For youth
 - Get the city father our of the picture and leave the money alone
 - (2) Good Maintenance
 - Guided tours of trails and lake.
 - horse arena
 - I think a canopy over the spray park/sandbox at Riverbend is really needed.
 - Ice hockey and keep the area as natural as possible.
 - Improve downtown area- add art, improve look of downtown buildings (not so rundown) more restroom facilities (public).
 - Increased horse trails- not multipurpose
 - It would be nice to see the trash on the trails picked up more.
 - just keep the park safe and clean
 - Just up keep as work progress
 - Keep things clean.
 - Maintenance
 - Make sure park equipment is maintained.
 - more bathrooms
 - More climbing walls, volleyball court.
 - More community events.
 - more community resource centers
 - more dog trails
 - More events for children.
 - More events.
 - More fishing access.
 - (2) More flowers.
 - More free fishing areas , movies in the park
 - more free walking paths
 - More places to ride horses and have fun horse activities
 - More places to take horses to ride and have fun
 - More Playgrounds
 - More pre-school programs
 - More relaxation
 - More shade, more fish
 - No trash, less landscaping, more wildlife conservation.
 - None, I love it
 - outdoor event facility (outdoor theater)
 - Playground equipment.
 - Safer, eliminate the criminal elements, such as Bedrock Park & Trail.
 - Safety
 - Toys/equipment for older kids.
 - Updated bathrooms
 - Water sports
 - Well manicured lawns, native plants only
- Question:* Respondents answers to whether they feel safe in Oroville parks and what are some of the safety issues that you would like to see addressed in our Oroville Parks are listed below:
- Always feel safe - was asked to leave at sundown
 - Bedrock not good place to go at night.
 - Create a park watch program- more police
 - Crime, homeless camp sites
 - Don't feel safe when sun goes down - may be more rangers patrolling
 - Drinking alcohol

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- Driving speed at Riverbend Park
 - feel safe in the daytimes
 - Gang issue- Hammon Park. Drug use- Playtown/Rotary Park
 - I don't really use the parks but when I have safety was a non-issue.
 - (4) I feel safe.
 - I feel safe but I think all the parks could use some sort of security.
 - improve security
 - In all parks but MLK drugs.
 - Loitering- children need something to do.
 - More patrolling.
 - More patrols
 - More visual law presence.
 - most of the time
 - Most of them. Safety these days is an issue anywhere you go.
 - mostly just maybe more round about in downtown park for security and more lights for evenings
 - Night watchmen.
 - no
 - No, lots of hobo's and scary people. More police officers checking in.
 - Not after dark at Bedrock or Playtown USA. Have been approached by people. Have seen gangs.
 - (2) Not at night
 - Not Bedrock
 - Only go to certain parks
 - patrols regularly
 - Rivebend only
 - Riverbend
 - Safe
 - Safe daytime only
 - Safe during the day, avoid parks at night
 - Security at night, evenings
 - Sitting alone in the museum or nature center
 - Some- no
 - Some of them during the day
 - Somewhat
 - Somewhat yes during the day
 - Somewhat, more lights needed
 - Stop bikes on horse trails at Lake Oroville.
 - Sure
 - The trail along Bedrock Park doesn't not feel safe due to the cars parked in the parking lot with single
 - Males sitting and staring.
 - Vagabonds on Feather River Walk, foul language and & druggies at Playtown Park
 - (46) Yes
 - Yes - during daylight
 - Yes - more police patrols
 - Yes and no. - like to see more security checks in the parks, particularly Bedrock Park
 - Yes at Riverbend
 - Yes day light
 - Yes, like to see less tramps sleeping around the River Trails
 - Yes very good, except for black windows in bathrooms during warmer weather
 - Yes, but I always have my dogs with me
 - Yes, dogs on leash
 - Yes, I feel safe. Less harassment from the police
 - Yes, I have no problems using any of the facilities

- Yes, less vandalism
- Yes, lock gate at nature center at night
- Yes, none
- Yes, Riverbend Park
- Enforce non-smoking at music in park
- Yes, very safe
- Yes, very
- Yes, maybe a cop
- Yes, unleashed dogs
- Yes, except homeless in parks.
- Young girl can not walk or jog with out men trying to pick them up (at Bedrock Park)
- Good, keeping restrooms well stocked with soap, paper towels, and toilet paper.
- Good/bathrooms need help.
- Good/clean
- Good/clean
- (6) Great
- Great very clean at Riverbend Park
- Great, everything looks wonderful
- Great, check bathrooms for toilet paper.
- Honestly don't use often, but lighting is always important - possibly enhanced patrol by 11 after dark

Question: Respondents answers to how they rate the maintenance of Oroville Parks and if there are there specific maintenance issues would like to see addressed in our parks are listed below:

- Alright
- Bedrock Park needs help - this park should be a town jewel
- Bedrock Park needs more fencing off
- Below average, ok at best, Centennial Park rates poor for maintenance
- City needs to do maintenance
- Clean restroom
- (2) Excellent
- Fair water fountains
- Generally good but there is room for improvement
- (38) Good
- Good - maybe at high user areas cleaner with TP + floors and sinks
- Good lighting to keep open after dark
- Good, more bathrooms
- I have seen improvement greatly on Feather River Park
- I think all the parks are well maintained except Pla town Park.
- I would like to see the city maintain its own parks
- Keep restrooms clean
- Low to poor
- Maintenance seems to be good
- More gardens
- More landscaping, activities
- More trash cans
- Most seem adequate
- Nature center is always being kept up - know of people who volunteer picking up trash or help with repainting
- Need more restrooms
- (2) No
- Not after dark
- Parks are wonderfully maintained, MLK Jr. Park could use some attention.
- Pretty well maintained
- Riverbend Park - restrooms average
- So far the park are pleasantly clean

- Sprinkler system seems to have some water waste at Riverbend Park.
- The few that we go to are great
- The parks all seem to be well maintained
- They are beautiful
- They do the best they can
- (7) Very good
- (2) Very well maintained
- Water grass at grassy areas at Riverbend Park
- We need more trash cans in parks
- Fishing trails are what we use the most. They are fine.
- Flume, Riverbend Park
- From River Bend to Bedrock
- (2) From Riverbend to downtown.
- Good
- Horse trails. Need water tank for horses at trail heads.
- I don't
- I don't know the name sorry
- I like the trails at Riverbend Park and Bedrock Park

Question: Respondents answers to what trails do used most and what trail improvements and/or future connections would you like to see are listed below:

- (2) All
- Along Feather River
- (2) Bedrock
- (2) Bedrock trail.
- Bedrock, Riverbend
- Bike trails
- Bike trails. The trails should be extended to the lake.
- By nature center
- By the river
- Connection from Gran/Nelson to feather river park walk. Can't walk or ride bike across bridge
- Dan Bebe Trail (horses)
- Dan Beebe: trail around whole lake, trail to paradise connection.
- don't use trails
- Equestrian trails @ the lake.
- Feather River
- Feather River park
- Feather River walkway/nature walks
- I use the Riverbend park most
- I use the trails near the observatory in Kelley Ridge. I ran across the dam due to an open area and many people.
- Lake area trails and river
- Lake Oroville trails
- Levee walk and nature center.
- Multi-use mountain bikes- dogs.
- Not sure where all trails are.
- Oroville dam to the hatchery, parking
- Oroville to table top.
- Pacific Crest
- Paved trail along river
- (2) River
- River & visitor center at Lake Falls

Riverbend bike trails.

- River Front Park.
- (2) River Trail
- River trail extension should be made
- River Trail Riverbend
- River Trail, Nature Center, Beebe Trail
- River trails
- River walk

- (7) Riverbend
- Riverbend bike trail
- Riverbend down to park
- Riverbend F.R. parkway
- Riverbend park only so far.
- Riverbend ponds
- Riverbend trails around lake
- Riverbend, Bidwell, Trails around dam
- Riverbend, nature Center
- Saddle dam
- Thermalito
- Trails along river
- Walking along river
- We need higher quality community activities wit more cultural events
- Is there equipment for the bocce courts?
- It would be great to have more for handicapped individuals to be able to enjoy being outside with a walker, wheelchair, etc.
- It's wonderful
- Keep improving the image of Oroville
- Keep up on improving bare areas
- Lots of great (all around) type recreation
- More children activities
- More info on bocce courts and info on leagues
- More skateboarding events
- Nature walks/herbal identification
- (5) No
- Not sure
- Overall you do a great job
- Riverbend
- Soccer
- Thank you for the progress that is being done in the community
- The river and lakes are beautiful. Let's get everyone working to keep them clean, accessible, and family friendly
- We love Riverbend a lot
- We need a good Bluegill pond for kids
- We need more involvement in community events like information booths for community
- Upcoming events
- Why are horses not included on this questionnaire?
- Would like to see the whitewater park

Question: Respondents answers to additional information they would like to share with the community are listed below:

- I would love to explore the Feather River nature center. Need better signs to direct
- Better access to the river for swimming and picnics
- Better community use of trash receptacles
- Car shows
- Dogs
- Finish the Veterans Park
- Hippie stuff
- I like the historical and small town events. Need things to cool down during summer. Town needs to be more pet friendly
- I really enjoyed the Fiddlers Festival
- I want facilities for homeless persons to shower as need and open showers in parks
- I'd like to see a women's soccer team created with a league. Oroville is so behind the times.

Question: Out of 148 responses, the majority of respondents were between the ages of 56-70

years old. Percentage of respondents ranging in ages:

- Under 18 = 5%
- 18-25 = 6%
- 26-40 = 20%
- 41-55 = 28%
- 56-70 = 30%
- Over 70 = 11%

Question: Out of 119 responses, the majority of respondents were white. Percentage of respondents ranging in ethnicity:

- White = 89%
- Hispanic = 3%
- Black or African American = 4%
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- Asian or Pacific Islander = 2%
- Cuban = 1%
- California Indian = 1%

Question: Out of 119 responses, the number of respondents was basically split between city and county. Percentage of respondents who were citizens of:

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- County = 50%

COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT: COMMUNITY GROUPS - MAY 4, 2009

A similar survey was distributed to several community organizations. In an effort to maintain the anonymity of respondents, identities are not linked to responses. Many of these surveys were only partially completed. See Appendix XX for complete survey analysis. These groups include:

- Feather River Senior Citizens Center
- YMCA
- Equestrians
- Artists of Riverton

Question: The majority of group respondents chose Riverbend Park as their overall favorite place. Bedrock Park was the typical second

place choice. The top two locations to enjoy the following specific recreational activities are listed below:

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- Bike path under bridge

- Clean parks
- Money?
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- Smoother horse trails
- Unable (to contribute) , very limited income

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☒ SUMMARY ANALYSIS: PUBLIC OUTREACH

The results of public outreach revealed a general approval of the status of existing parks in Oroville. It was generally agreed that Oroville has a reservoir of resources.

Public outreach showed that there is heavy use at certain facilities and under-use of others, particularly the City owned neighborhood parks. There is some apparent confusion to where these parks are located and activities they offer.

The top interests for the residents of Oroville are in expansion of access to river and trail related activities. There is also interest in event spaces and development of more passive recreation opportunities. Overall concerns are focused on safety and cleanliness.

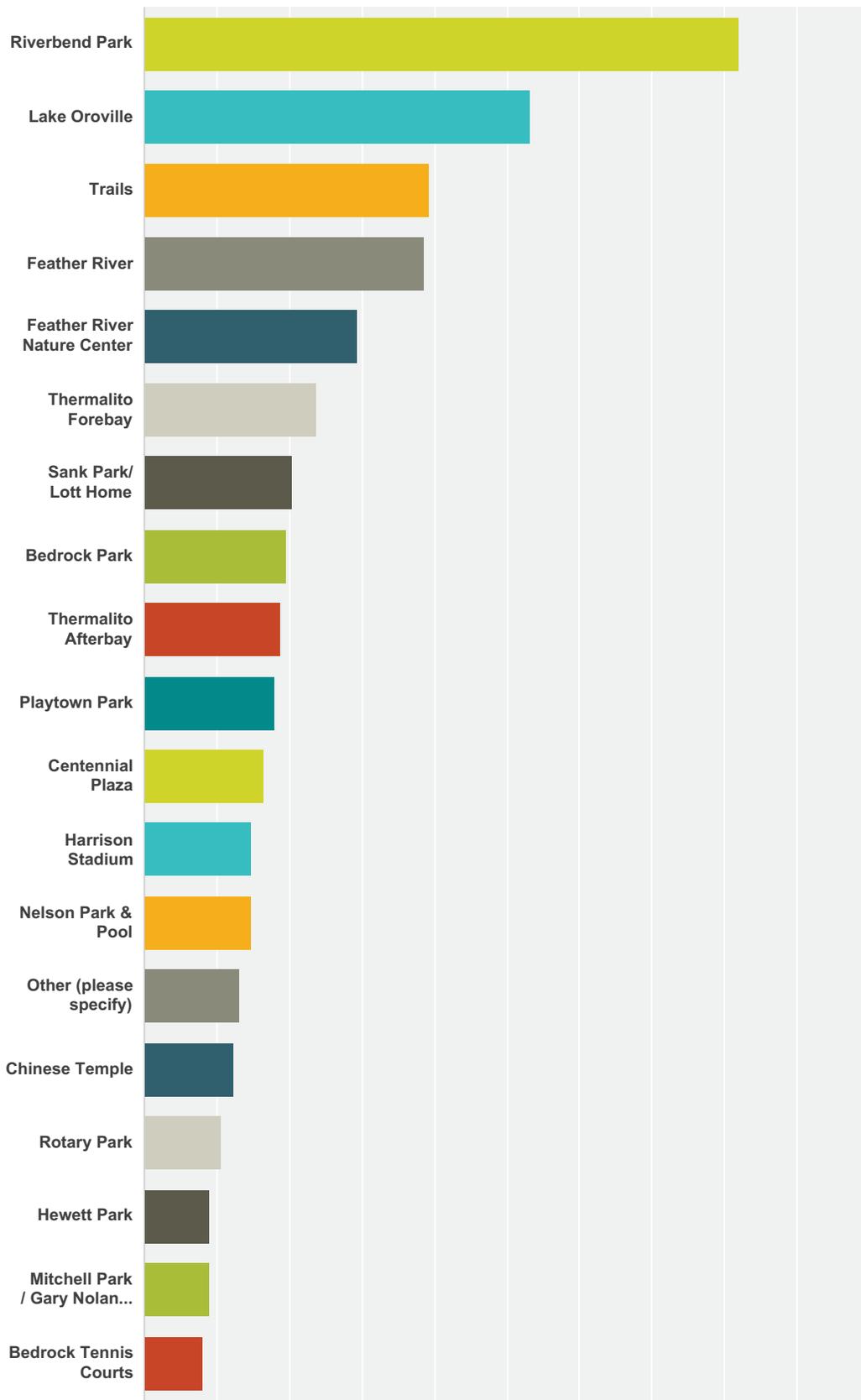
Looking ahead, the Stakeholder interviews exposed the apparent need that the City's development of parks and recreation requires "out of the box" approaches.

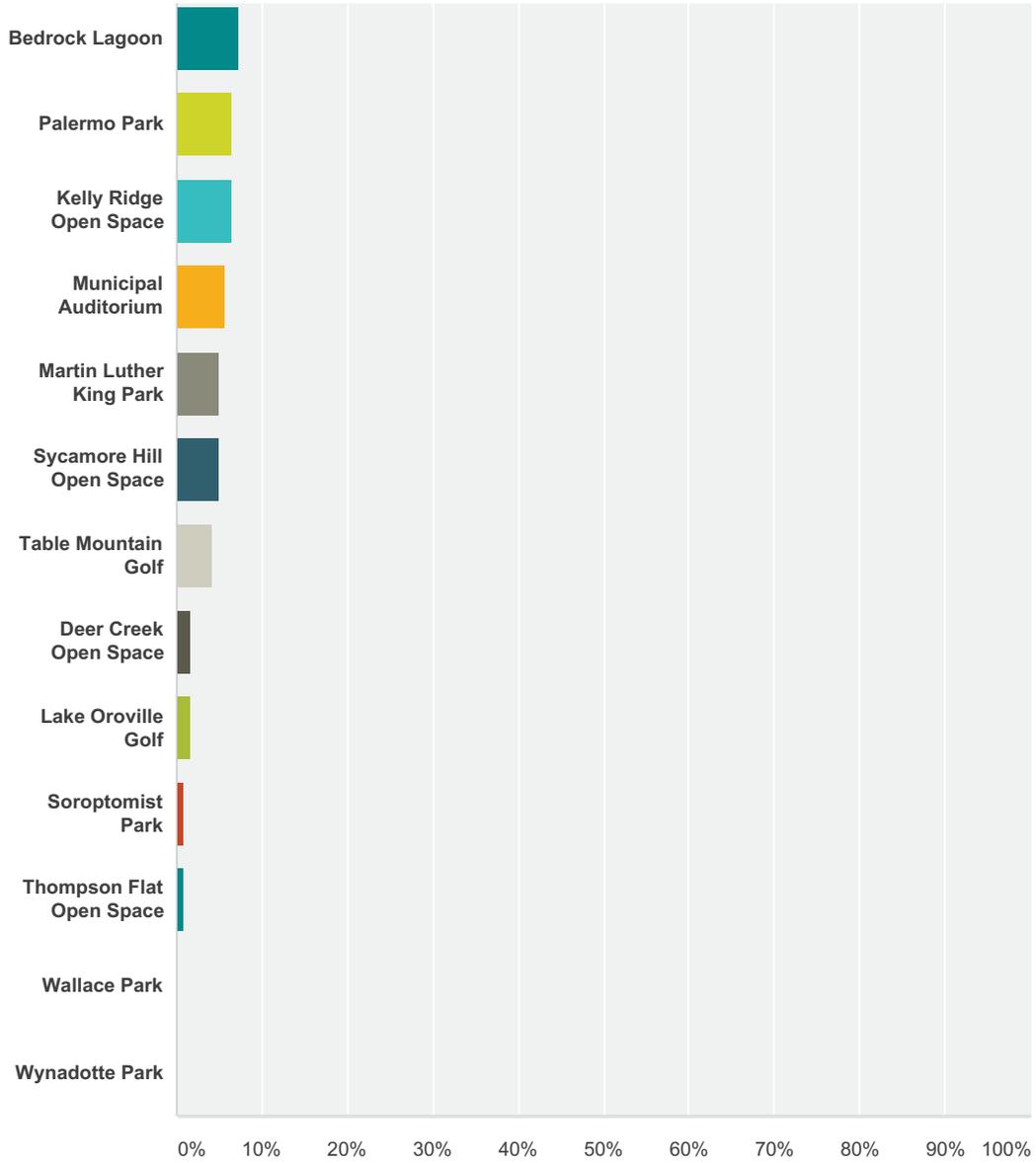
There was significant discussion on the potential roles that the City might foster in developing the future of Oroville's parks, recreation and open

spaces. It was generally agreed that the many facets of the existing stakeholder organizations, including the Feather River Recreation and park District and State Parks, should work together as complimentary functions of a whole. Currently, the City focuses on passive recreation and historic landmarks while the FRRPD runs the active recreational programs and facilities, and the State pioneers open space management. Within this established system, there is clear potential for the City to expand its current roles as well as generate new functions.

Q1 What are your top five favorite parks/ recreation spaces in general?

Answered: 122 Skipped: 0





Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Riverbend Park	81.97%	100
Lake Oroville	53.28%	65
Trails	39.34%	48
Feather River	38.52%	47
Feather River Nature Center	29.51%	36
Thermalito Forebay	23.77%	29
Sank Park/ Lott Home	20.49%	25
Bedrock Park	19.67%	24
Thermalito Afterbay	18.85%	23

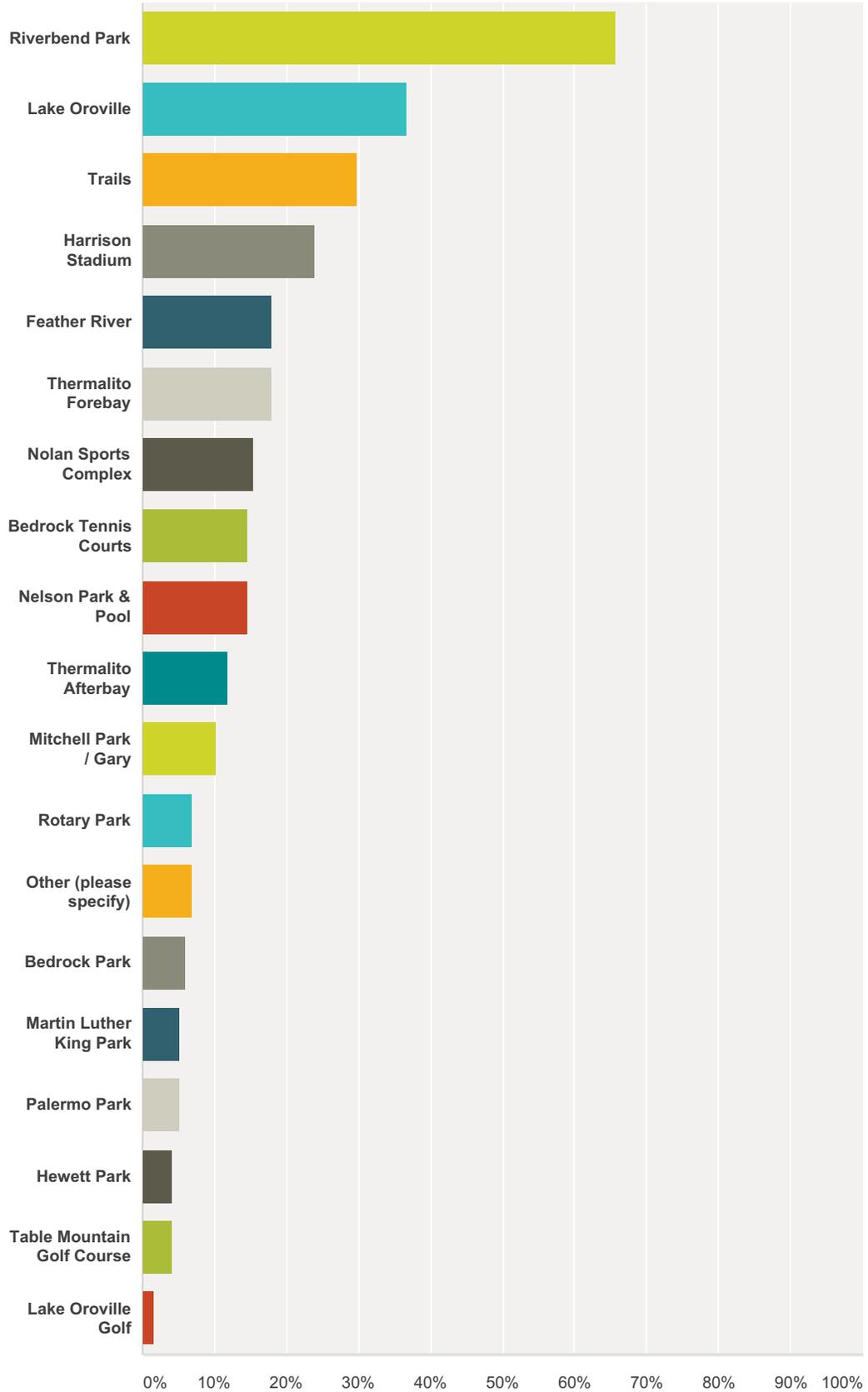
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Playtown Park	18.03%	22
Centennial Plaza	16.39%	20
Harrison Stadium	14.75%	18
Nelson Park & Pool	14.75%	18
Other (please specify)	13.11%	16
Chinese Temple	12.30%	15
Rotary Park	10.66%	13
Hewett Park	9.02%	11
Mitchell Park / Gary Nolan Sports Complex	9.02%	11
Bedrock Tennis Courts	8.20%	10
Bedrock Lagoon	7.38%	9
Palermo Park	6.56%	8
Kelly Ridge Open Space	6.56%	8
Municipal Auditorium	5.74%	7
Martin Luther King Park	4.92%	6
Sycamore Hill Open Space	4.92%	6
Table Mountain Golf	4.10%	5
Deer Creek Open Space	1.64%	2
Lake Oroville Golf	1.64%	2
Soroptomist Park	0.82%	1
Thompson Flat Open Space	0.82%	1
Wallace Park	0.00%	0
Wynadotte Park	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 122		

Q2 Where are your top three places for active sports?

Answered: 117 Skipped: 5



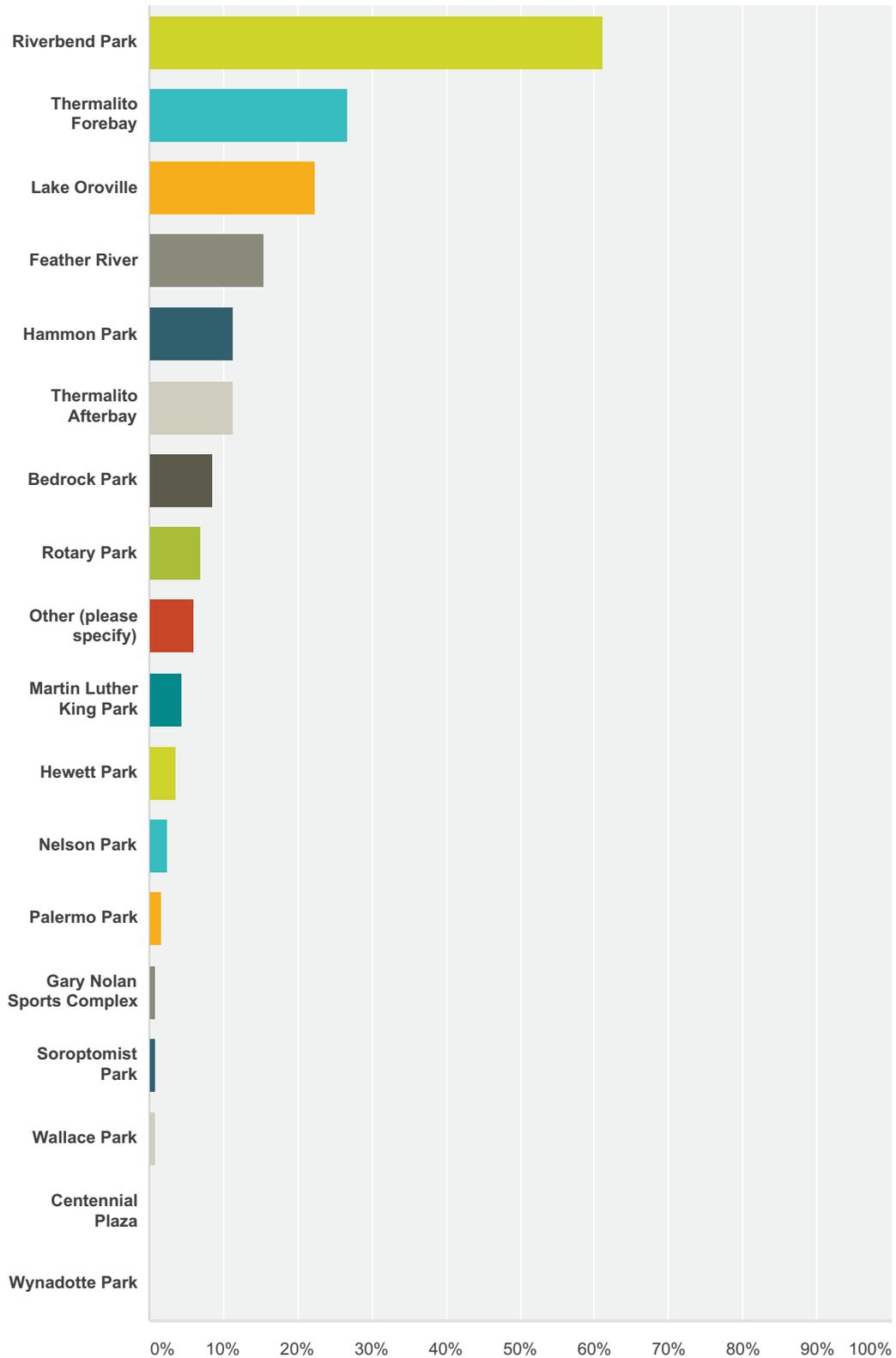
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Answer Choices	Responses
Riverbend Park	65.81% 77
Lake Oroville	36.75% 43
Trails	29.91% 35
Harrison Stadium	23.93% 28
Feather River	17.95% 21
Thermalito Forebay	17.95% 21
Nolan Sports Complex	15.38% 18
Bedrock Tennis Courts	14.53% 17
Nelson Park & Pool	14.53% 17
Thermalito Afterbay	11.97% 14
Mitchell Park / Gary	10.26% 12
Rotary Park	6.84% 8
Other (please specify)	6.84% 8
Bedrock Park	5.98% 7
Martin Luther King Park	5.13% 6
Palermo Park	5.13% 6
Hewett Park	4.27% 5
Table Mountain Golf Course	4.27% 5
Lake Oroville Golf	1.71% 2
Total Respondents: 117	

Q3 Where is your favorite place to picnic/ have a barbeque?

Answered: 116 Skipped: 6

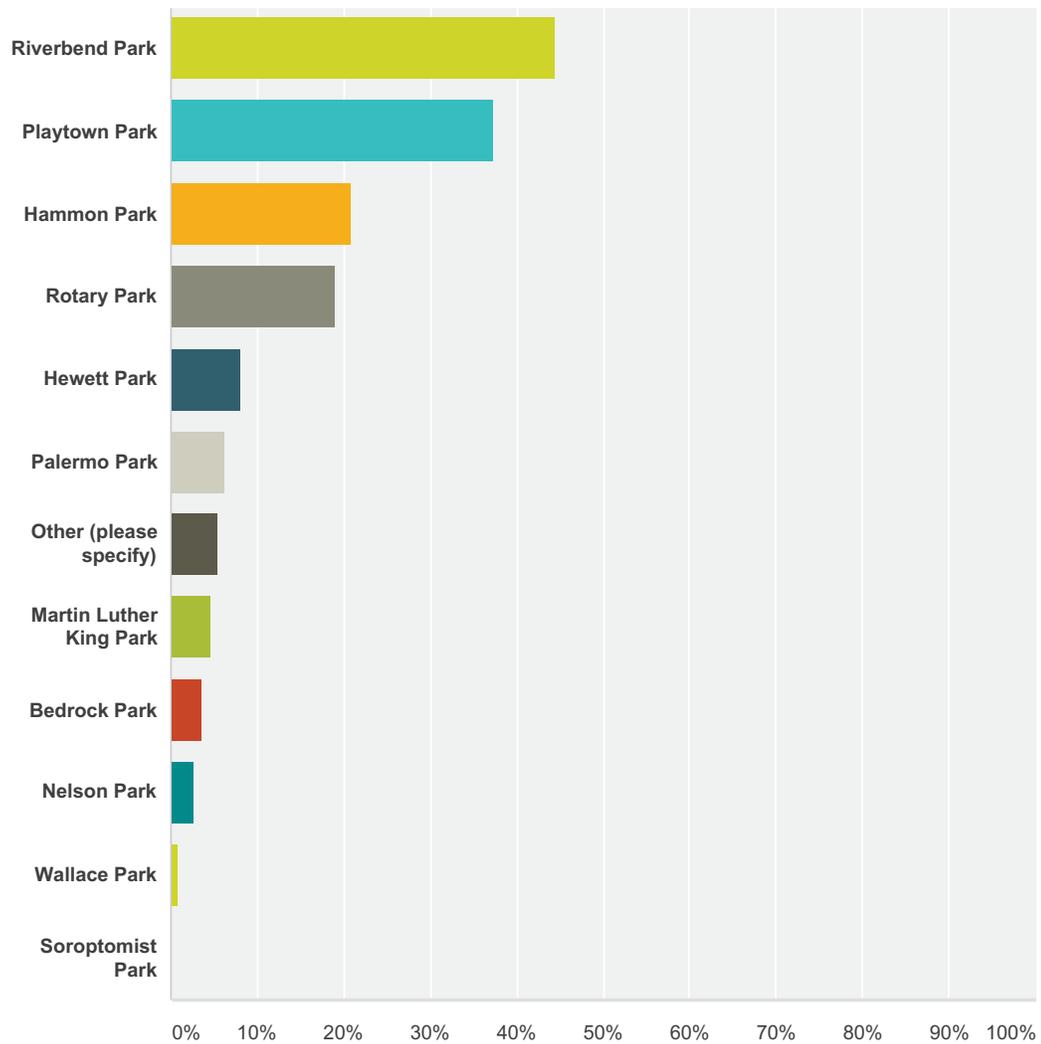


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Answer Choices	Responses
Riverbend Park	61.21% 71
Thermalito Forebay	26.72% 31
Lake Oroville	22.41% 26
Feather River	15.52% 18
Hammon Park	11.21% 13
Thermalito Afterbay	11.21% 13
Bedrock Park	8.62% 10
Rotary Park	6.90% 8
Other (please specify)	6.03% 7
Martin Luther King Park	4.31% 5
Hewett Park	3.45% 4
Nelson Park	2.59% 3
Palermo Park	1.72% 2
Gary Nolan Sports Complex	0.86% 1
Soroptomist Park	0.86% 1
Wallace Park	0.86% 1
Centennial Plaza	0.00% 0
Wynadotte Park	0.00% 0
Total Respondents: 116	

Q4 Where is your favorite place to take children to a playground?

Answered: 110 Skipped: 12



Answer Choices	Responses
Riverbend Park	44.55% 49
Playtown Park	37.27% 41
Hammon Park	20.91% 23
Rotary Park	19.09% 21
Hewett Park	8.18% 9
Palermo Park	6.36% 7
Other (please specify)	5.45% 6
Martin Luther King Park	4.55% 5

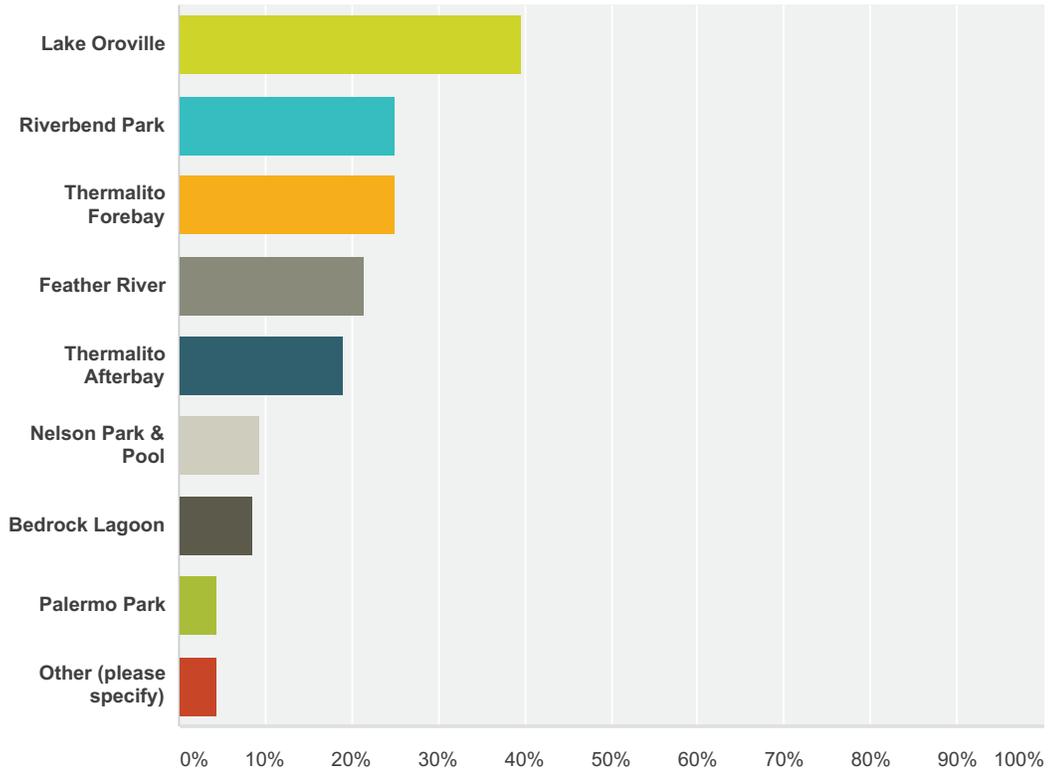
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Bedrock Park	3.64%	4
Nelson Park	2.73%	3
Wallace Park	0.91%	1
Soroptomist Park	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 110		

Q5 Where is your favorite place to swim?

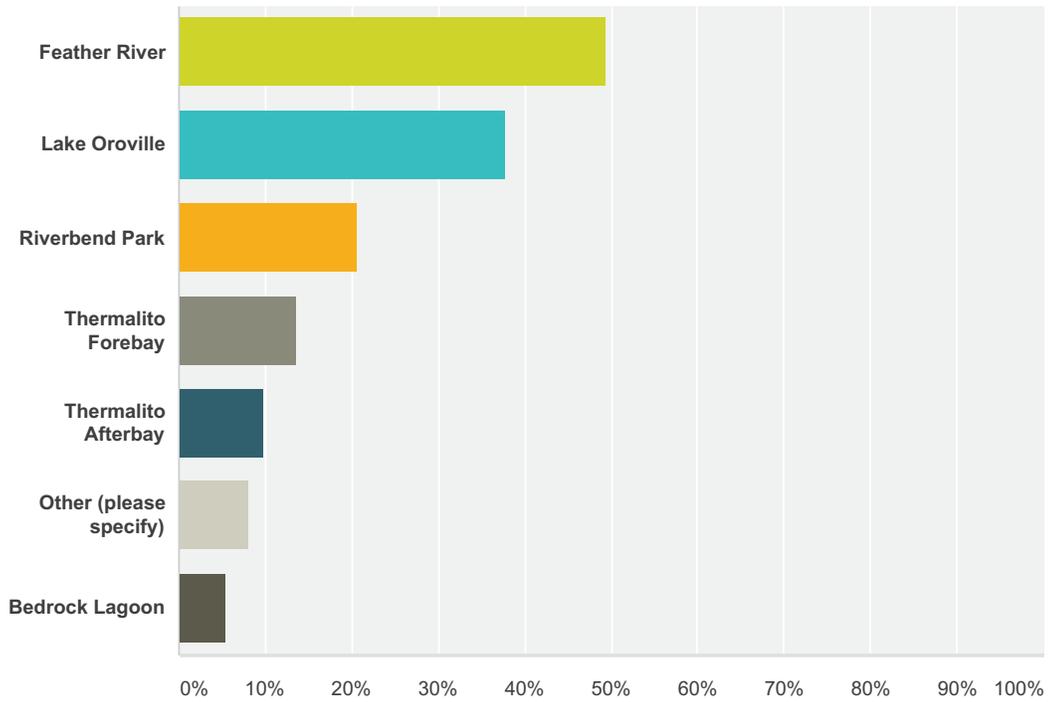
Answered: 116 Skipped: 6



Answer Choices	Responses
Lake Oroville	39.66% 46
Riverbend Park	25.00% 29
Thermalito Forebay	25.00% 29
Feather River	21.55% 25
Thermalito Afterbay	18.97% 22
Nelson Park & Pool	9.48% 11
Bedrock Lagoon	8.62% 10
Palermo Park	4.31% 5
Other (please specify)	4.31% 5
Total Respondents: 116	

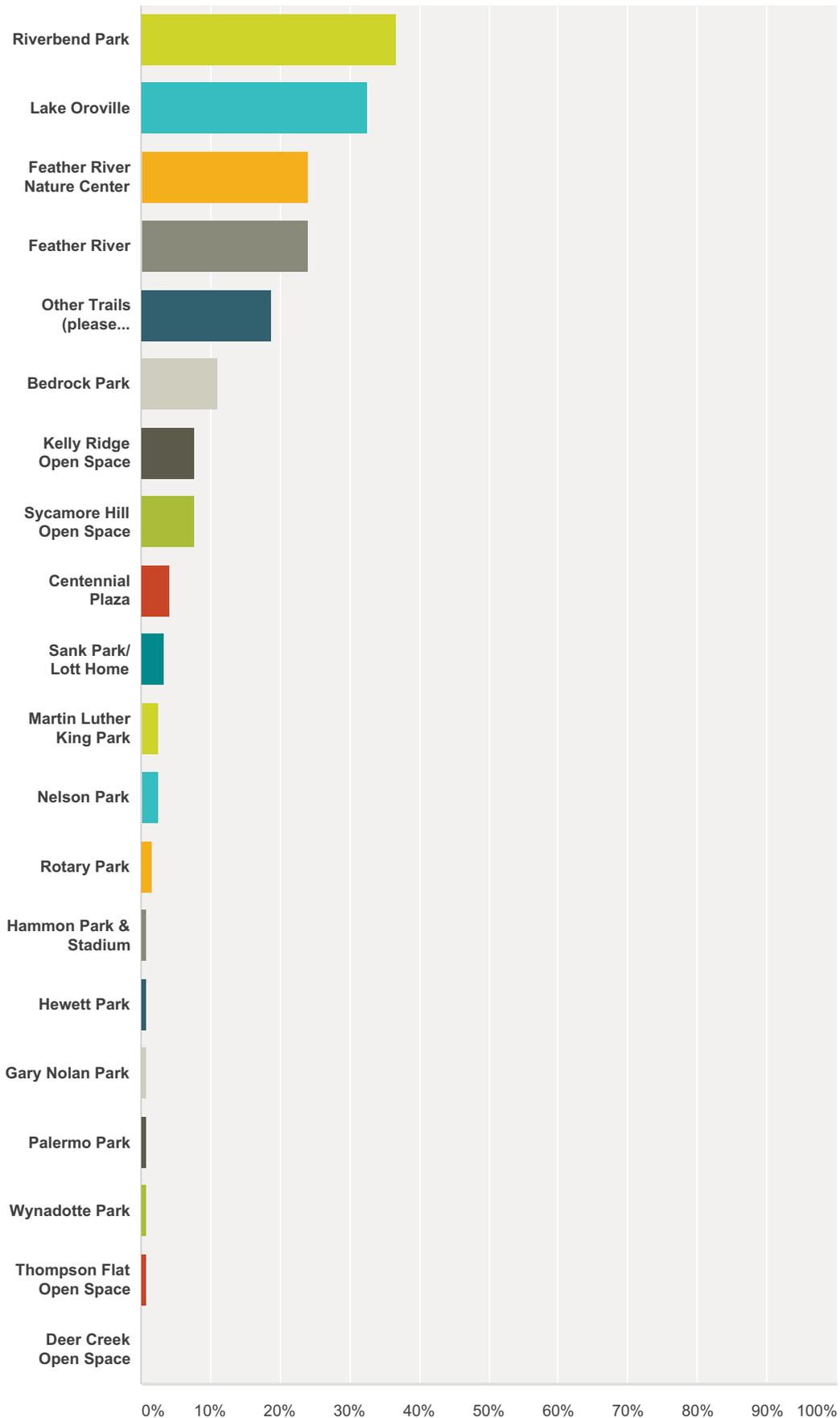
Q6 Where is your favorite place to fish/kayak/float?

Answered: 111 Skipped: 11



Answer Choices	Responses
Feather River	49.55% 55
Lake Oroville	37.84% 42
Riverbend Park	20.72% 23
Thermalito Forebay	13.51% 15
Thermalito Afterbay	9.91% 11
Other (please specify)	8.11% 9
Bedrock Lagoon	5.41% 6
Total Respondents: 111	

Q7 Where is your favorite place to walk/ hike/ bike?



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Answer Choices	Responses	
Riverbend Park	36.75%	43
Lake Oroville	32.48%	38
Feather River Nature Center	23.93%	28
Feather River	23.93%	28
Other Trails (please specify)	18.80%	22
Bedrock Park	11.11%	13
Kelly Ridge Open Space	7.69%	9
Sycamore Hill Open Space	7.69%	9
Centennial Plaza	4.27%	5
Sank Park/ Lott Home	3.42%	4
Martin Luther King Park	2.56%	3
Nelson Park	2.56%	3
Rotary Park	1.71%	2
Hammon Park & Stadium	0.85%	1
Hewett Park	0.85%	1
Gary Nolan Park	0.85%	1
Palermo Park	0.85%	1
Wynadotte Park	0.85%	1
Thompson Flat Open Space	0.85%	1
Deer Creek Open Space	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 117		

Q8 Where is your favorite trail?

Answered: 73 Skipped: 49

#	Responses	Date
1	Beyond the Diversion Dam	7/30/2015 4:43 PM
2	Potters ravine	7/30/2015 3:20 PM
3	Nature Center to Bedrock	7/30/2015 1:11 PM
4	Along the diversion canal	7/30/2015 11:36 AM
5	Feather River, especially by Diversion pond	7/30/2015 9:37 AM
6	Potter's Ravine	7/29/2015 9:32 PM
7	saddle dam, rivrrbrnd	7/29/2015 2:52 PM
8	Laurie's Trail	7/29/2015 2:28 PM
9	nature center	7/29/2015 1:58 PM
10	Brad Freeman Trail	7/29/2015 1:22 PM
11	The bike trail near the boat launch just past the spillway.	7/29/2015 12:04 PM
12	Dan Bebee for bicycles	7/29/2015 11:32 AM
13	Along the river	7/29/2015 10:30 AM
14	path from Riverbend to Nature center	7/29/2015 7:30 AM
15	Brad freeman	7/28/2015 8:43 PM
16	Riverbend	7/28/2015 6:05 PM
17	Sycamore Hill	7/28/2015 5:16 PM
18	Forebay	7/28/2015 5:02 PM
19	Brad Freeman Trail	7/28/2015 4:05 PM
20	along Feather River	7/28/2015 3:47 PM
21	Horse trails accessed through saddle dam.	7/28/2015 12:43 PM
22	Brad B Freeman	7/28/2015 12:34 PM
23	Kelly ridge point	7/28/2015 11:28 AM
24	All the biking/equestrian trails around lake.	7/28/2015 10:27 AM
25	Off Wilbur Road	7/28/2015 10:18 AM
26	diversion damn	7/28/2015 9:09 AM
27	the one that runs thru bedrock & river bend	7/28/2015 8:16 AM
28	Along the feather river below the dam or in the state park or the wildlife park	7/28/2015 8:13 AM
29	Riverbend park	7/28/2015 7:23 AM
30	Loafer Creek	7/28/2015 7:11 AM
31	Bidwell Canyon Trail, Kelly Ridge	7/28/2015 6:57 AM
32	Nature center	7/28/2015 5:08 AM
33	Along feather river, end of long bar rd	7/27/2015 9:47 PM

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34	Bike trails around the lake	7/27/2015 9:44 PM
35	Visitor center loafer creek trail	7/27/2015 8:52 PM
36	trails around bottom of spillway...we need more trails that are on outskirts of town...preferably by water	7/27/2015 8:50 PM
37	River trail by the levee	7/27/2015 8:41 PM
38	above saddle dam	7/27/2015 8:11 PM
39	Kelley ridge nature center	7/27/2015 5:19 PM
40	along the Feather River	7/27/2015 3:53 PM
41	Brad Freeman trail	7/27/2015 3:39 PM
42	Riverbend to the Bridge over by the Boss Burger	7/23/2015 5:33 PM
43	Saddle Dam	7/8/2015 4:38 PM
44	Starts at Dam launch ramp, winds along edge of Lake Oroville	7/3/2015 10:38 PM
45	5 mile	7/2/2015 10:44 AM
46	riverbend	7/2/2015 10:00 AM
47	Bidwell Canyon Trail	7/2/2015 8:21 AM
48	Potter's Ravine and along Feather River between Table Mtn. Blvd. & Riverbend Park	7/2/2015 8:01 AM
49	Brad Freeman	7/2/2015 7:54 AM
50	The one behind the catwalk/train tunnel at the Nature Center	7/2/2015 5:00 AM
51	the bike trail at riverbend	7/2/2015 12:49 AM
52	Dan Bebee Trail	7/1/2015 10:15 PM
53	Table mountian	7/1/2015 10:04 PM
54	saddle back	7/1/2015 8:55 PM
55	none	7/1/2015 6:32 PM
56	It used to be the trail along the levee. We no longer use it due to filth, graffiti, homeless and others who have no respect for the area	7/1/2015 2:17 PM
57	Bald Rock	7/1/2015 2:14 PM
58	Bidwell Canyon Trail	7/1/2015 12:41 PM
59	The train tunnel along the river, behind the nature center.	7/1/2015 12:32 PM
60	Oroville dam	7/1/2015 11:38 AM
61	Old train tunnel	7/1/2015 11:32 AM
62	Riverbend	7/1/2015 11:26 AM
63	along river	7/1/2015 11:23 AM
64	The bike trails that begin from the bridge and go out to the dog park.	7/1/2015 11:14 AM
65	feather falls trails	7/1/2015 11:09 AM
66	stumps field	7/1/2015 11:08 AM
67	fish hatchery along the river past the railroad tracks	7/1/2015 11:06 AM
68	brad freeman	7/1/2015 11:03 AM
69	Loafer Creek Campground/Boat launch	7/1/2015 10:49 AM
70	feather Falls walk	7/1/2015 10:40 AM

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71	Bebe trail	7/1/2015 10:31 AM
72	Old ferry road trail	7/1/2015 10:30 AM
73	roy rogers	7/1/2015 10:25 AM

Q9 Where is your favorite place for community events?

Answered: 81 Skipped: 41

#	Responses	Date
1	Riverbend Park	7/31/2015 10:30 PM
2	River bend park	7/30/2015 3:20 PM
3	Salmon Hatchery	7/30/2015 1:11 PM
4	Riverbend Park	7/30/2015 11:36 AM
5	Rlverbend Park	7/30/2015 9:37 AM
6	State Theatre	7/29/2015 9:32 PM
7	riverbend, rotary, lake oroville	7/29/2015 2:52 PM
8	Riverbend park	7/29/2015 2:28 PM
9	sank park	7/29/2015 1:58 PM
10	Downtown	7/29/2015 1:22 PM
11	In a park.	7/29/2015 12:04 PM
12	riverbend	7/29/2015 11:32 AM
13	Monday club	7/29/2015 10:30 AM
14	Riverbend or Nature Center	7/29/2015 7:30 AM
15	Downtown	7/28/2015 8:43 PM
16	Downtown Oroville	7/28/2015 6:05 PM
17	Riverbend.	7/28/2015 5:16 PM
18	Forebay	7/28/2015 5:02 PM
19	Downtown or Riverbend park	7/28/2015 4:05 PM
20	Sank and Riverbend	7/28/2015 3:47 PM
21	Riverbend Park	7/28/2015 12:34 PM
22	Sank Park, Downtown	7/28/2015 11:50 AM
23	Riverbend	7/28/2015 11:28 AM
24	Riverbend	7/28/2015 10:27 AM
25	Downtown	7/28/2015 10:18 AM
26	Riverbend when there aren't so many homeless	7/28/2015 9:09 AM
27	Downtown	7/28/2015 8:31 AM
28	Riverbend	7/28/2015 8:24 AM
29	state theater	7/28/2015 8:15 AM
30	downtown	7/28/2015 7:23 AM
31	downtown, bedrock, river bend depending on what the event is.	7/28/2015 7:11 AM
32	Riverbend	7/28/2015 6:57 AM

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33	Hewitt Park	7/28/2015 5:13 AM
34	Riverbend	7/28/2015 5:08 AM
35	Riverbend	7/27/2015 9:47 PM
36	Harrison	7/27/2015 9:44 PM
37	Riverbend	7/27/2015 8:52 PM
38	Riverbend	7/27/2015 8:41 PM
39	theatre	7/27/2015 8:11 PM
40	Riverbend park	7/27/2015 5:19 PM
41	Riverbend park	7/27/2015 4:32 PM
42	Historic Downtown	7/27/2015 3:53 PM
43	River Bend	7/27/2015 3:39 PM
44	The Riverfront business district and Riverbend park.	7/23/2015 5:33 PM
45	riverbend park	7/17/2015 10:23 AM
46	Riverbend	7/6/2015 10:33 AM
47	Forebay and afterbay	7/4/2015 6:35 PM
48	State Theater	7/3/2015 10:38 PM
49	Downtown	7/2/2015 9:50 PM
50	river bend /concerts in the park	7/2/2015 10:44 AM
51	southside center	7/2/2015 10:00 AM
52	Riverbend	7/2/2015 8:21 AM
53	Riverbend Park	7/2/2015 8:01 AM
54	Historic Downtown Oroville	7/2/2015 7:54 AM
55	Oroville Dam	7/2/2015 5:00 AM
56	Downtown Oroville	7/2/2015 2:37 AM
57	the fountains at riverbend	7/2/2015 12:49 AM
58	Riverbend	7/1/2015 10:15 PM
59	Riverbend park	7/1/2015 10:04 PM
60	Riverbend	7/1/2015 9:56 PM
61	visitors center	7/1/2015 8:55 PM
62	Riverbend	7/1/2015 8:31 PM
63	State Theater, local businesses, Sank Park	7/1/2015 2:17 PM
64	Downtown Oroville	7/1/2015 1:30 PM
65	Riverbend	7/1/2015 12:41 PM
66	Mitchell St	7/1/2015 12:32 PM
67	Afterbay	7/1/2015 11:38 AM
68	Riverbend	7/1/2015 11:32 AM
69	Forebay	7/1/2015 11:26 AM
70	downtown Oroville	7/1/2015 11:23 AM

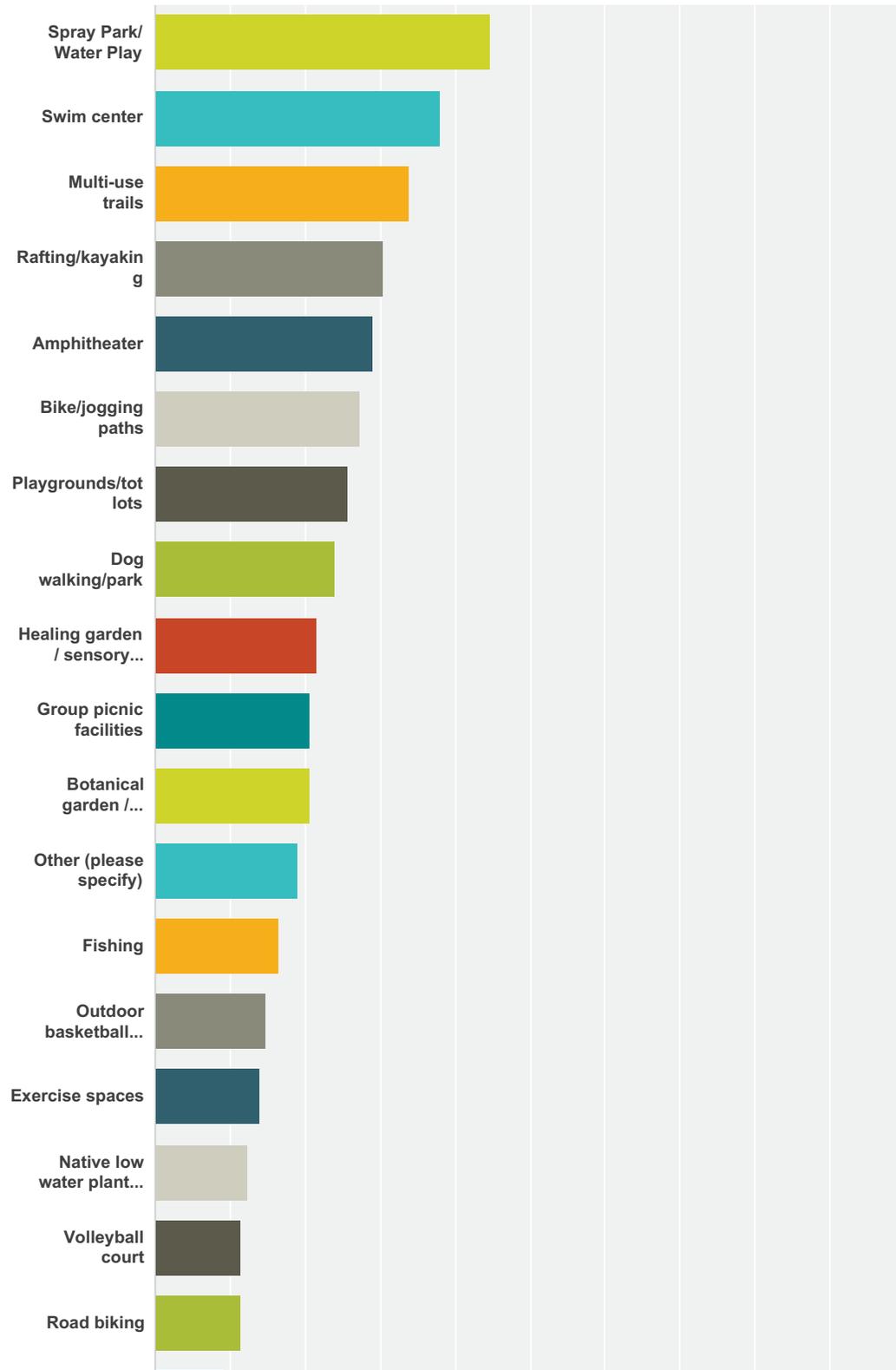
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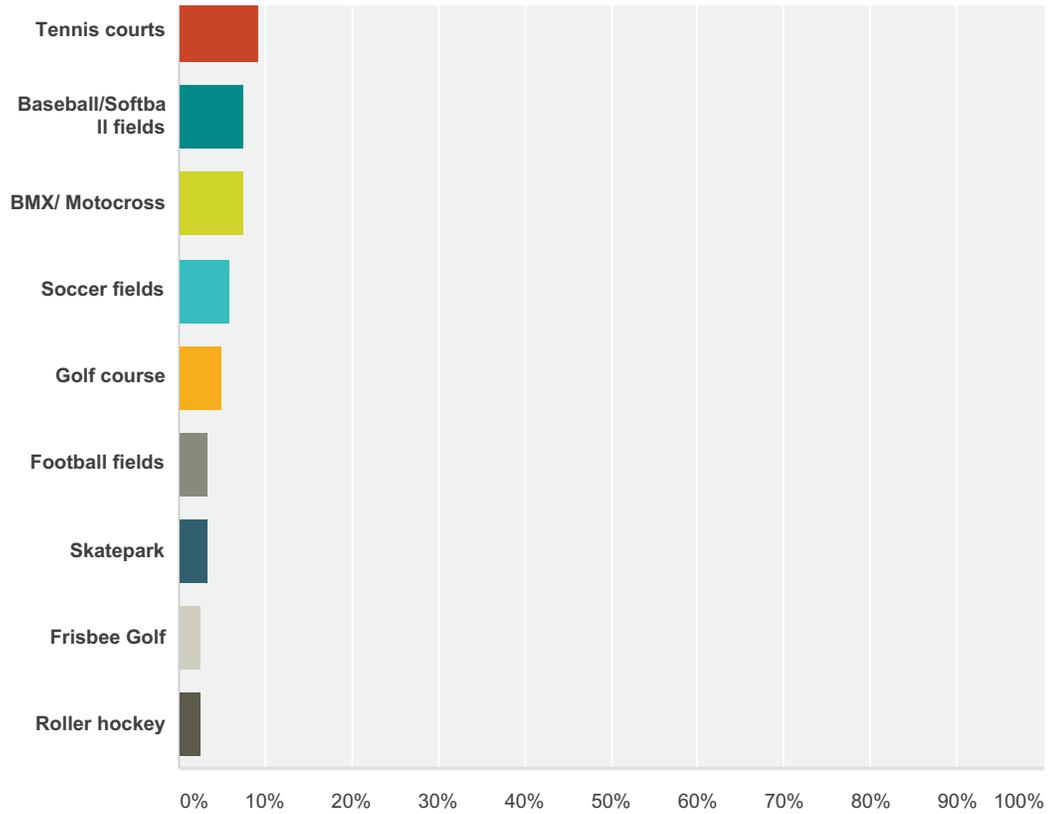
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71	Downtown Oroville.	7/1/2015 11:14 AM
72	river bend	7/1/2015 11:09 AM
73	riverbend park	7/1/2015 11:08 AM
74	riverbend park	7/1/2015 11:06 AM
75	downtown	7/1/2015 11:03 AM
76	Southside Comunity Center	7/1/2015 11:02 AM
77	Playtown	7/1/2015 10:49 AM
78	MLK park , AAFCC	7/1/2015 10:46 AM
79	montgomery st.	7/1/2015 10:40 AM
80	Harrison stadium	7/1/2015 10:40 AM
81	Riverbend	7/1/2015 10:30 AM

Q10 What are the TOP FIVE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES you would MOST like to see added to meet the recreation needs of your household?

Answered: 121 Skipped: 1





Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Spray Park/ Water Play	44.63%	54
Swim center	38.02%	46
Multi-use trails	33.88%	41
Rafting/kayaking	30.58%	37
Amphitheater	28.93%	35
Bike/jogging paths	27.27%	33
Playgrounds/tot lots	25.62%	31
Dog walking/park	23.97%	29
Healing garden / sensory garden	21.49%	26
Group picnic facilities	20.66%	25
Botanical garden / interpretive Garden	20.66%	25
Other (please specify)	19.01%	23
Fishing	16.53%	20
Outdoor basketball courts	14.88%	18
Exercise spaces	14.05%	17
Native low water plant garden	12.40%	15

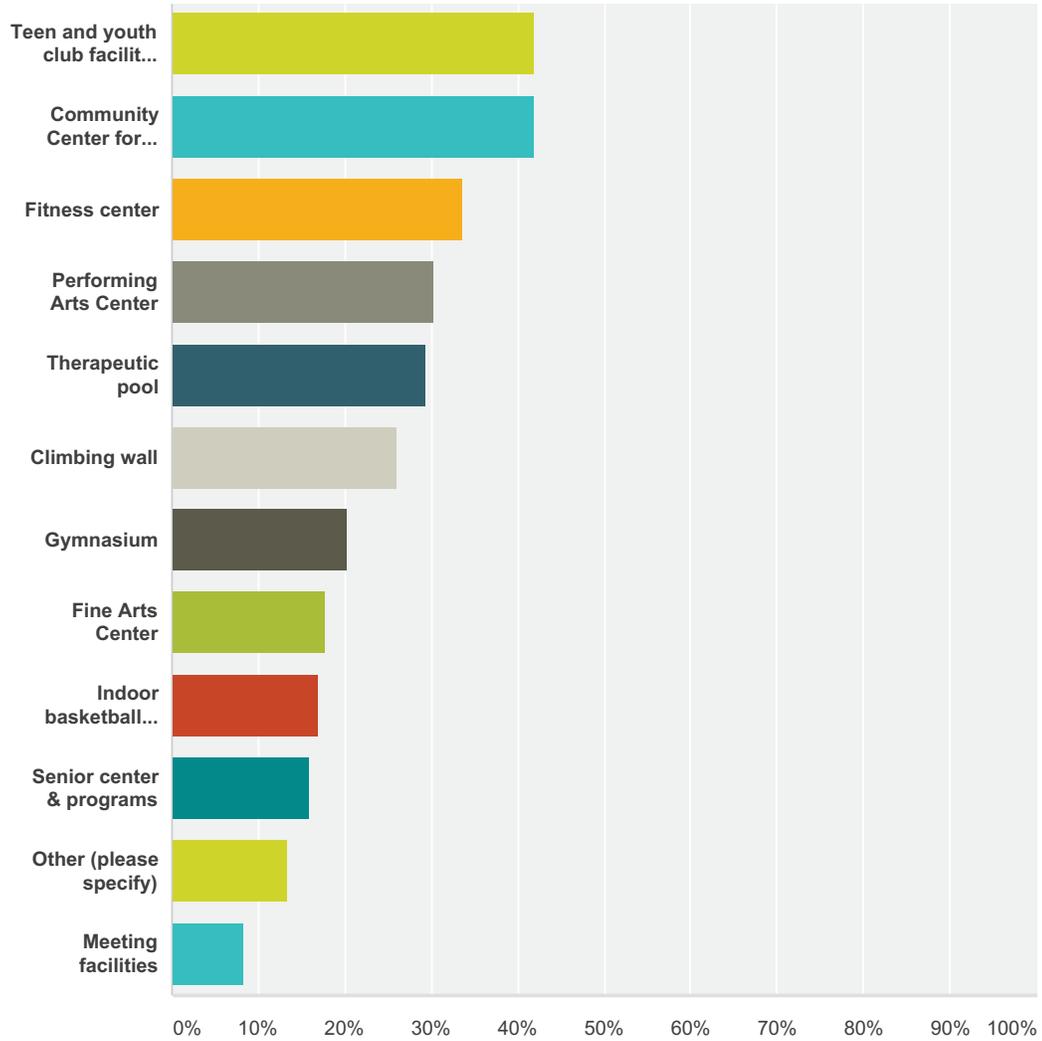
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Volleyball court	11.57%	14
Road biking	11.57%	14
Tennis courts	9.09%	11
Baseball/Softball fields	7.44%	9
BMX/ Motocross	7.44%	9
Soccer fields	5.79%	7
Golf course	4.96%	6
Football fields	3.31%	4
Skatepark	3.31%	4
Frisbee Golf	2.48%	3
Roller hockey	2.48%	3
Total Respondents: 121		

Q11 What are the TOP THREE INDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES you would MOST like to see added in order to meet the recreation needs of your household?

Answered: 119 Skipped: 3



Answer Choices	Responses
Teen and youth club facilities and programs.	42.02% 50
Community Center for classes (dance, crafts, etc.)	42.02% 50
Fitness center	33.61% 40
Performing Arts Center	30.25% 36
Therapeutic pool	29.41% 35
Climbing wall	26.05% 31

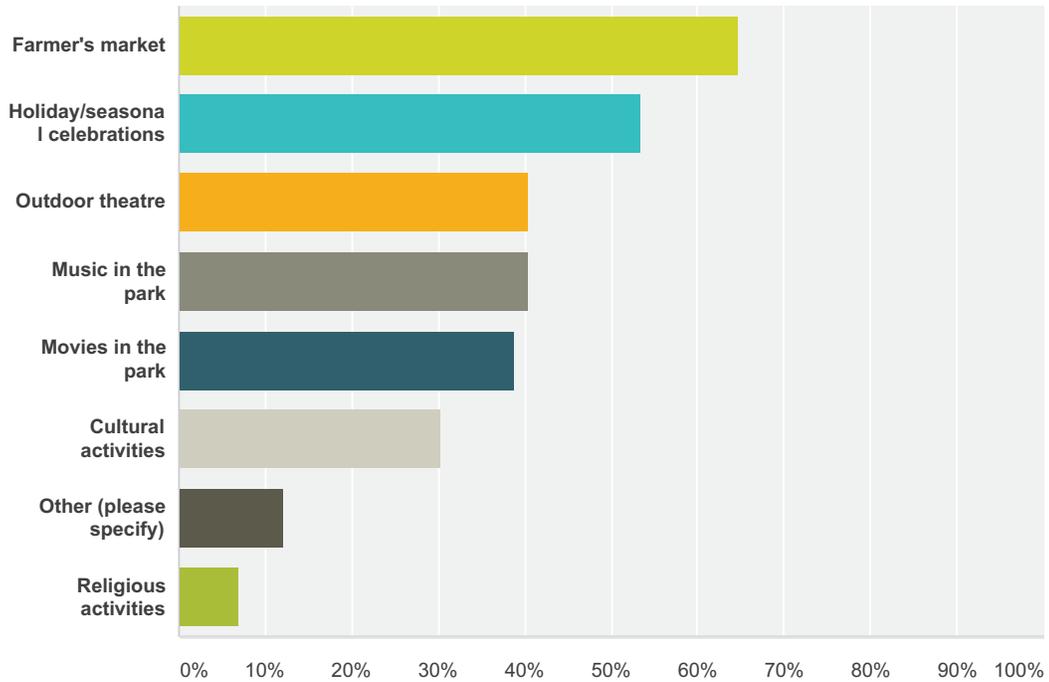
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Gymnasium	20.17%	24
Fine Arts Center	17.65%	21
Indoor basketball courts	16.81%	20
Senior center & programs	15.97%	19
Other (please specify)	13.45%	16
Meeting facilities	8.40%	10
Total Respondents: 119		

Q12 What are the TOP THREE COMMUNITY EVENTS your household would MOST like to see added in order to meet the needs of your household?

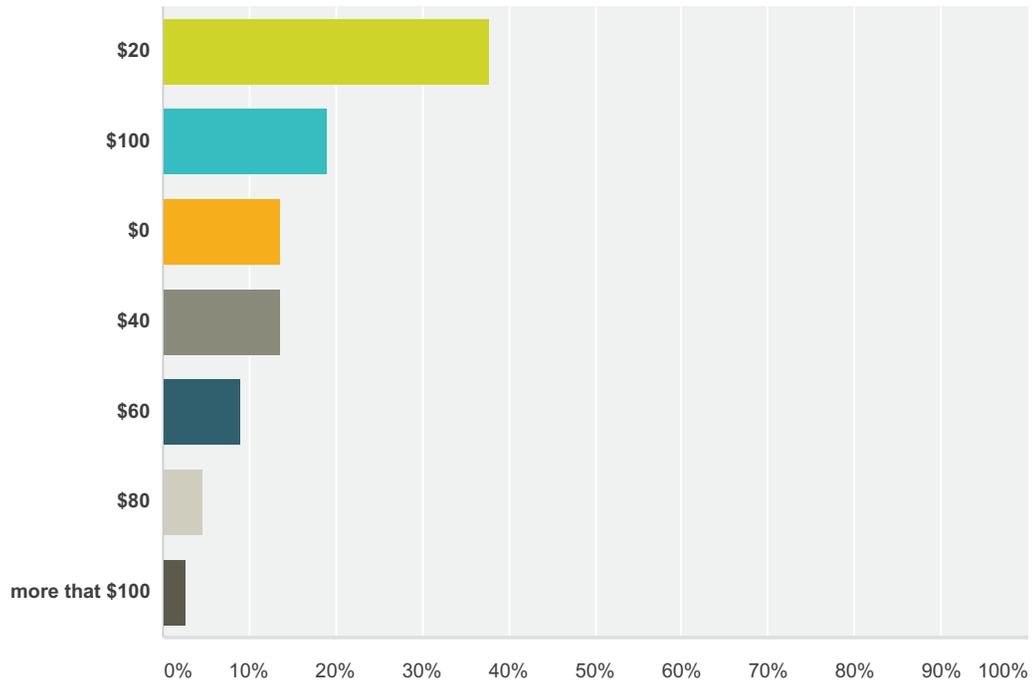
Answered: 116 Skipped: 6



Answer Choices	Responses
Farmer's market	64.66% 75
Holiday/seasonal celebrations	53.45% 62
Outdoor theatre	40.52% 47
Music in the park	40.52% 47
Movies in the park	38.79% 45
Cultural activities	30.17% 35
Other (please specify)	12.07% 14
Religious activities	6.90% 8
Total Respondents: 116	

Q13 As you know the city uses your tax dollars to operate and maintain parks. If an additional funding source was created specifically for parks how much would you be willing to contribute to parks each year?

Answered: 111 Skipped: 11



Answer Choices	Responses
\$20	37.84% 42
\$100	18.92% 21
\$0	13.51% 15
\$40	13.51% 15
\$60	9.01% 10
\$80	4.50% 5
more than \$100	2.70% 3
Total	111

Q14 What types of improvement would you like to see in return for this contribution?

Answered: 94 Skipped: 28

#	Responses	Date
1	Commit to keeping parks free of trash and threatening people. No one takes any action now and they always say to call someone else!	7/30/2015 4:43 PM
2	Equestrian trails	7/30/2015 3:20 PM
3	Patrols to keep hiking trails safe and free of dirt bikes.	7/30/2015 1:11 PM
4	Access to Riverbend Park trails from Highway 162 bridge/Oro Dam Blvd/Randy Jennings Bridge. Additional staff for maintenance, cleaning, and security.	7/30/2015 11:36 AM
5	As noted in above survey	7/30/2015 9:37 AM
6	All of Butte County could use a water park! Charge admission to maintain it, bonds to build it paid back through property tax assessment. I hope we could pass it!	7/29/2015 10:38 PM
7	Maintenance of existing facilities	7/29/2015 9:32 PM
8	bathrooms cleaned more often,	7/29/2015 2:52 PM
9	More physical activities to keep Oroville fit and healthy	7/29/2015 2:28 PM
10	trall expansion/maintence	7/29/2015 1:58 PM
11	Places I can take and exercise my dogs.	7/29/2015 1:22 PM
12	improve on what is already there.	7/29/2015 12:04 PM
13	cameras and personel to prevent vandalisim and theft so we can be proud of our parks.	7/29/2015 11:32 AM
14	Fewer druggies around the downtown areas such as the tennis courts/Bedrock area, Riverbend, etc...but of course that's probably out of your control. I once played tennis for only 30 minutes and left because I saw two people shake hands (probably pass drugs) and within seconds a woman on a bike came looking for the passer and the passer booked it. I wished people actually used the tennis courts for playing tennis. There are some who set up and play volleyball. Others play a small game of soccer. This is happening on tennis courts.	7/29/2015 8:16 AM
15	better maintenance , more regular cleaning, open restrooms	7/29/2015 7:30 AM
16	Expanding attractions in oroville	7/28/2015 8:43 PM
17	More patrols to lessen graffiti	7/28/2015 6:05 PM
18	Volunteer patrols	7/28/2015 5:31 PM
19	More wheelchair trails.	7/28/2015 5:16 PM
20	i would contribute, but I am very low income, and struggling to meet my monthly expenses now!	7/28/2015 4:05 PM
21	free classes for golf, tennis ...	7/28/2015 3:47 PM
22	better bathroom facilities	7/28/2015 3:18 PM
23	Better maintenance	7/28/2015 12:34 PM
24	already member of STAGE / good lighting	7/28/2015 11:50 AM
25	Cleaner parks, family events	7/28/2015 11:28 AM
26	more clean (!!!) family friendly areas (like an aquatic center and trampoline center)	7/28/2015 11:17 AM
27	Maintain biking/equestrian trails. Keep Riverbend clean.	7/28/2015 10:27 AM
28	Running the bums/homeless/drug dealers off	7/28/2015 10:18 AM

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29	Tourist attractions to boost Oroville's economy	7/28/2015 9:11 AM
30	I would like to see a community center with activities for all age groups	7/28/2015 8:31 AM
31	family fun locations	7/28/2015 8:16 AM
32	improvement to run down palerm park, play area for small kids at soccer fields	7/28/2015 8:15 AM
33	Something to make Oroville attractive to visitors plus care for the Theatre and the Temple	7/28/2015 8:13 AM
34	cleaner parks someone please take care of them all the money spent to put them in and than they will not keep them up	7/28/2015 7:59 AM
35	maintenance	7/28/2015 7:11 AM
36	A playground park in Kelly Ridge & Clean/well Maintained Parks	7/28/2015 6:57 AM
37	Better maintained and more dedicated bike paths	7/28/2015 6:02 AM
38	safe clean enviroments	7/28/2015 5:13 AM
39	Cleaner facilities	7/28/2015 5:08 AM
40	better quality	7/27/2015 10:04 PM
41	Training for board and council members to ensure financial accountability for program implementation	7/27/2015 9:47 PM
42	Better management of funds- less money for outrageous salaries of oroville management and more towards the purpose of the tax dollar	7/27/2015 9:44 PM
43	Cleanliness and unsupervised children patrolled	7/27/2015 8:52 PM
44	more trails. move homeless out of many of the areas along river. in the wildlife area, it would be great to have areas cleared to make more river access points	7/27/2015 8:50 PM
45	Park personnel taking pride in their jobs	7/27/2015 8:41 PM
46	Clean up the river and get homeless moved out	7/27/2015 8:40 PM
47	Increase sales tax so everyone pays	7/27/2015 8:11 PM
48	clean up	7/27/2015 7:40 PM
49	Cleanliness, rules and policy enforcement, more police patrol in populated recreational areas	7/27/2015 5:19 PM
50	Cleaner restrooms, baby swings, playground / splash park in foothills area	7/27/2015 4:32 PM
51	better maintenance	7/27/2015 3:53 PM
52	Less losers, cleaner parks, perhaps police or citizen bike patrol	7/27/2015 3:39 PM
53	Clean facilities and newer or better maintained play equipment. I would also like to see 3 levels of age appropriate equipment as smaller children are limited in our parks.	7/23/2015 5:33 PM
54	added security at riverbend park	7/17/2015 10:23 AM
55	Playground equip at Riverbend	7/6/2015 10:33 AM
56	City beautification along w more water sport events	7/4/2015 6:35 PM
57	Safety--more security personnel	7/3/2015 10:38 PM
58	Over seeing the contractors who do the work. I walked daily & saw the poor work done @ Riverbend	7/2/2015 9:50 PM
59	less trash and park rules being adhered to.	7/2/2015 8:58 PM
60	turn on the drinking fountins	7/2/2015 10:44 AM
61	indoor public swimming pool	7/2/2015 10:00 AM
62	Facilities in East-Oroville Area (in the Ophir School/Wyanndotte Grange area)	7/2/2015 8:21 AM
63	Trail along Feather River maintained & cleaned	7/2/2015 8:01 AM
64	current \$ are already unusually high	7/2/2015 7:54 AM

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65	Please remove that horrid "art" from the nature center. Kind of defeats the purpose of a "nature" center. It's also attracting the homeless.	7/2/2015 5:00 AM
66	somehow improve the bathrooms to keep people from destroying them	7/2/2015 12:49 AM
67	skate park back fence replaced with stone or brick	7/1/2015 10:15 PM
68	Safer area for kids	7/1/2015 10:04 PM
69	More family activities	7/1/2015 9:56 PM
70	just maintain them	7/1/2015 8:55 PM
71	Cleaner parks where we feel safe with the kids. More aquatic facilities like an indoor swimming facility that is large enough to host large swimmeet. The local high schools could also host competitions with other local teams. It is time for Oroville to get comparable with neighboring towns with a world class swimming facility. It is embarrassing to have our swim meets at Nelson Pool. There is no shade, no adequate seating, at Nelson Pool. I think that it's a shame when you drive to Paradise or Gridley and there facilities while much older than Nelson Pool are much cleaner and nicely appointed with shade, seating and facilities that work and are clean. Please consider building a world class facility that will entice people to come win with the Orcas.	7/1/2015 8:31 PM
72	more for seniors and teens	7/1/2015 6:32 PM
73	Cleaner bathrooms and more things for families to do together.	7/1/2015 3:03 PM
74	More swimming holes/beaches. More hiking and biking trails.	7/1/2015 2:42 PM
75	The money for the parks should go to police to get rid of the transients. The parks are trash right now and you aren't doing anything with what you already have.	7/1/2015 2:14 PM
76	More patrolling of police to alleviate drug use at parks especially where children play	7/1/2015 1:30 PM
77	maintenance on field and bathroom	7/1/2015 1:11 PM
78	Arena	7/1/2015 1:02 PM
79	Keep the parks well maintained	7/1/2015 12:41 PM
80	More care in the smaller parks. E.t. Rotary and Martin Luther	7/1/2015 12:32 PM
81	More parks created, more events planned	7/1/2015 11:38 AM
82	Clean the parks. Graffiti cleaned. Patrol the public areas and enforce the laws.	7/1/2015 11:32 AM
83	cleaner parks, bathrooms. more security or cameras. also more toddler friendly playgrounds. something like durham park.	7/1/2015 11:28 AM
84	More parks built around oroville	7/1/2015 11:26 AM
85	More stations that carry dog waste bags.	7/1/2015 11:14 AM
86	just people enjoying them self with new things in oroville	7/1/2015 11:09 AM
87	most public spaces are unusable due to excessive drugs/alcohol. more patrols are needed regardless of donations.	7/1/2015 11:06 AM
88	Better clean up! Our parks are nasty and covered in graffiti. I REFUSE to take my kid playtown	7/1/2015 11:03 AM
89	Additional Safety precautions, and update play equipment	7/1/2015 10:49 AM
90	Cleanliness	7/1/2015 10:46 AM
91	basketball courts open to all kids	7/1/2015 10:40 AM
92	Increased security/rangers at parks. Places I can walk my dogs. I'm not sure where I am allowed to swim. Signs indicating places OK to swim would be helpful.	7/1/2015 10:31 AM
93	Safe parks city wide especially nearest the river	7/1/2015 10:30 AM
94	more things for kids	7/1/2015 10:25 AM

Q15 Do you feel safe in our Oroville parks? What are some of the safety issues that you would like to see addressed in our Oroville Parks? Please reference specific parks as appropriate.

Answered: 108 Skipped: 14

#	Responses	Date
1	Trash, broken glass at Hewitt Park. Seems unsafe.	7/31/2015 10:30 PM
2	No. Too many homeless. Too much vandalism.	7/30/2015 4:43 PM
3	Lakeland trail head has riff raff	7/30/2015 3:20 PM
4	No. I don't want my kids or dogs get run over by dirt bikes. And I don't want us to get our eardrums blown out by them, either.	7/30/2015 1:11 PM
5	I feel safe in Oroville Parks. However, I am disturbed by the vandalism in some of them. For example, the stealing of the hardware for the children's spray/water area at Riverbend Park . Perhaps more frequent monitoring would help.	7/30/2015 11:36 AM
6	Not at night, especially by Feather River	7/30/2015 9:37 AM
7	You do a pretty good job removing graffiti. Keepit up!	7/29/2015 10:38 PM
8	Safety is not an issue for me during my usage (day time)	7/29/2015 9:32 PM
9	dealing, homeless camping, play equipment examined each day	7/29/2015 2:52 PM
10	More police patrol. Too much gang violence and drugs in parks	7/29/2015 2:28 PM
11	yes	7/29/2015 1:58 PM
12	I see dogs off leash and people on drugs especially in bedrock park. Each park needs more security.	7/29/2015 1:22 PM
13	Not especially.	7/29/2015 12:04 PM
14	No, there is evidence of transient camps everywhere.	7/29/2015 11:32 AM
15	No, I sometimes don't feel safe. Some dog owners do not put their dogs on leashes, even when there are signs saying to do so. Teenagers and young adults behave very risky and there's always a fear of having to walk pass them as even just that might trigger them to act out on you for no apparent reason. At Palermo park I have seen groups of probably middle schoolers hangout there and even fight, as if it was a planned meet up. They walk in the middle of the road and holler rude things as you cautiously drive pass. Sometimes they even shout, or say on a side to their friends, clearly heard threats about throwing their basketball/football at your vehicle or you, as if betting with their friend the outcome or predicting how the victim will respond.	7/29/2015 8:16 AM
16	I do feel safe	7/29/2015 7:30 AM
17	Homeless and drug users	7/28/2015 8:43 PM
18	More foot patrols through parks	7/28/2015 6:05 PM
19	No, as the homeless have taken over	7/28/2015 5:31 PM
20	Yes. We've never had any problem.	7/28/2015 5:16 PM
21	Bedrock park serious homeless and drug problems!	7/28/2015 5:02 PM
22	not really safe. maybe a couple of officers on bike patrol along the river trail and in the parks as much as possible.	7/28/2015 4:05 PM
23	fencing Playtown & Mitchell, gates to lock, community police officer	7/28/2015 3:47 PM
24	sometimes	7/28/2015 3:18 PM

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25	Yes	7/28/2015 12:43 PM
26	Appropriate play structures for very young or disabled children.	7/28/2015 12:34 PM
27	in the daytime. Plant Park needs paroling daily	7/28/2015 11:50 AM
28	Sometimes, homeless people loiter and ask for handouts, drug paraphelia has been found before at downtown area parks	7/28/2015 11:28 AM
29	Cleanliness (a lot of the places are dirty...gross) and no vagrants	7/28/2015 11:17 AM
30	No, homeless people hanging around to much. Poor lighting and no security patrols	7/28/2015 10:49 AM
31	Yes, I feel safe. Bedrock Park has a drug/transient problem	7/28/2015 10:27 AM
32	Too many homeless in/around Bedrock Park and nearby trails. Drug dealing at Playtown USA. I avoid those parks for that reason, even though they are close to me.	7/28/2015 10:18 AM
33	Too many homeless and drug users and dealers	7/28/2015 9:11 AM
34	The homeless camps along the river. They are all over leaving garbage and whatever else. It's dirty and unsafe for our children.	7/28/2015 9:09 AM
35	No. Riverbend, Bedrock and tennis courts are scary due to the homeless people that hang out there all hours of day and night.	7/28/2015 8:31 AM
36	No. Homeless people are sometimes unpredictable. Bedrock park is nice but I would not take my family there.	7/28/2015 8:24 AM
37	keep the homeless away!!!	7/28/2015 8:16 AM
38	only place I don't always feel safe is at dog park. Have been approached by homeless there at times when alone with small kids.	7/28/2015 8:15 AM
39	I feel very safe in Oroville.	7/28/2015 8:13 AM
40	get rid of homeless	7/28/2015 7:59 AM
41	Homeless camps make it uncomfortaqble to walk in certain areas by the river	7/28/2015 7:57 AM
42	I have not felt threatened in one of our parks as yet	7/28/2015 7:23 AM
43	for the most part - pretty safe everywhere; just broken playground equipment/bathrooms etc.	7/28/2015 7:11 AM
44	No, it is not safe. I like Riverbend for its natural beauty and ply town for its playground, but there are vandalis, drug, and public nuisance problems. I have called the police while at the park with my kids due to a woman screaming obscenities and inappropriate sexual language into her phone for over an hour in play town within the playground fence. Also while running in Riverbend I have felt unsafe when I come across homeless camps and people obviously under the influence. I would like to see graffiti, vandalism, and the presence of criminal or "loser" people who are up to no good targeted and combated.	7/28/2015 6:57 AM
45	No, there are usually transients and occasionally people who look like they are up to no good there.	7/28/2015 6:02 AM
46	not after dusk	7/28/2015 5:13 AM
47	Cleaner facilities	7/28/2015 5:08 AM
48	no i dont feel safe. homeless,graffiti. bedrock park	7/27/2015 10:48 PM
49	homeless aggresivesness. unattended children/youth. bullying	7/27/2015 10:04 PM
50	In general I do, but homeless residents can make others feel unsafe	7/27/2015 9:47 PM
51	Absolutely not. Police are not doing enough. Loose pit bulls in parks. Open use of drugs in parks. Da, police chief and city council need to prioritize the quality of life for its citizens	7/27/2015 9:44 PM
52	Payton park has great shade and playground but it gets over ran with Rudy children teens and have had to kick someone sleep in the tube.	7/27/2015 8:52 PM
53	no, lots of times I find homeless lurking in bushes....mostly along river near downtown	7/27/2015 8:50 PM
54	I feel safe. Litter and garbage pick up at all parks	7/27/2015 8:41 PM
55	I don't feel safe when walking alone. Police need to remove homeless from river and river end park	7/27/2015 8:40 PM

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56	all parks are dirty and full of transients. All!	7/27/2015 8:11 PM
57	Somewhat safe	7/27/2015 5:19 PM
58	There are a lot of homeless people especially in the downtown area like Riverbend Park and bedrock .. I try not to go there alone .	7/27/2015 4:32 PM
59	yes in the daytime	7/27/2015 3:53 PM
60	Day time, yes, evenings, no. We ran into a tweaker in the bathroom at Mitchell Fields during baseball season on a Saturday morning. I am not comfortable sending my boys into the boys room alone at any Oroville park	7/27/2015 3:39 PM
61	I worry about the homeless population at Hewitt Park and the people who frequent Playtown park. The language and violence that I witness from people has been enough to discourage me from going. I feel safe on most walking trails, but I walk in groups.	7/23/2015 5:33 PM
62	please see above, homeless are taking over	7/17/2015 10:23 AM
63	No too many transients at Riverbend park	7/8/2015 4:38 PM
64	Hewitt Park homeless, transients, etc	7/6/2015 10:33 AM
65	Not well lit, increased community youth volunteer presence	7/4/2015 6:35 PM
66	Homeless people and "shady" people. I would never go to Bedrock Park or MLK Park alone.	7/3/2015 10:38 PM
67	Bedrock is no longer safe. Nor will I walk the bike path any more.	7/2/2015 9:50 PM
68	not so much so, alcohol use, pot use, kids language, not abiding the park rules.	7/2/2015 8:58 PM
69	bedrock/abbusive cops. no I don't feel safe	7/2/2015 10:44 AM
70	get the drug users out of the parks	7/2/2015 10:00 AM
71	Sometimes. Alot of vagrancy and riparian overgrowth near some facilities.	7/2/2015 8:21 AM
72	Playtown USA & Marthin Luther King Park both have a reputation for drug sales / use	7/2/2015 8:01 AM
73	figuring out homeless issues needed for safety	7/2/2015 7:54 AM
74	Yes, i do feel safe sometimes, however, at Bedrock Park to Rivebend park, I am concerned about the safety due to the lack of park staff to report problems to.	7/2/2015 2:37 AM
75	not at bedrock .too many drunks and tweakers	7/2/2015 12:49 AM
76	homeless encampments in or too close to parks	7/1/2015 10:15 PM
77	No- too many drugies are at parks I don't feel safe there	7/1/2015 10:04 PM
78	I was recently at the nature center with my daughter and was very fun comfortable with all of the homeless gathered in thevrea by the crest rooms. We also came across a few while walking up towards the spillway. Another place I won't go snymorevis bedrock park for the same reasons.	7/1/2015 9:56 PM
79	yes I feel safe	7/1/2015 8:55 PM
80	Sometimes we feel safe. We just leave if inappropriate people show up. It is a disappointment that it usually leads to that.	7/1/2015 8:31 PM
81	NO, vandalism, drug paraphelia	7/1/2015 6:32 PM
82	Our parks are great until a certain time in the evening when not so friendly people come out.	7/1/2015 3:03 PM
83	Yes.	7/1/2015 2:42 PM
84	No. Riverbend, Bedrock Park and the entire river cooridor are overrun with transients and questionable individuals. Night lightning, tamper proof trash cans, additional police officers to patrol the parks and an enforceable ordinance to prevent loitering and camping in these areas would be a good start. Please don't add anymore parks until you get a workable management plan in place that allows and encourages citizens to,use these facilities without having to contend with those who detract from them.	7/1/2015 2:17 PM
85	No. Transients, parolees, and drugs/drug paraphernalia are everywhere in the parks, especially Bedrock, Riverbend and Playtown. Bedrock is the trashiest looking park in town right now.	7/1/2015 2:14 PM

86	No I do not. which is why as a homemaker I tend to not take my children there to play. I feel unfortable with going with just myself and my 2 young children. The drug use and needles/syringes laying around on the ground like at Bedrock Park. Always feeling like I'm being asked for money, food, a ride, to borrow my cell phone from homeless and others hanging around the park.	7/1/2015 1:30 PM
87	I feel cultural acceptance at Martin Luther King Park	7/1/2015 1:25 PM
88	Sort of	7/1/2015 1:11 PM
89	Not really in most of the in town parks. Homeless, dogs off leash, break ins to cars left in parking lots.	7/1/2015 1:02 PM
90	homeless/drug use-riverbend park, drug use-playtown	7/1/2015 12:41 PM
91	Martin Luther is a popular park, for families, kids, and transients. I've seen some awful things happen there.. And I have felt unsafe there before.	7/1/2015 12:32 PM
92	Increased facility lighting and maintenance	7/1/2015 11:38 AM
93	No. Need to be patrolled more. Broken equipment needs to be fixed. Clean up the drug and vandalism problem	7/1/2015 11:32 AM
94	i think all parks need more security. or cameras. maybe 'safety phones'.	7/1/2015 11:28 AM
95	Yes, it would be nice to see more of them in town.	7/1/2015 11:26 AM
96	No. Homeless, gangs	7/1/2015 11:23 AM
97	in most park but bed rock park a lot of drug users and alcohol users go there and not really OK for kids to be around that	7/1/2015 11:09 AM
98	yes	7/1/2015 11:08 AM
99	wildlife area, riverbend park, bedrock park. excessive drug use in all areas.	7/1/2015 11:06 AM
100	Not most of the Hewitt and Playtown are covered with trash and homeless	7/1/2015 11:03 AM
101	Homeless ay Playtown	7/1/2015 11:02 AM
102	Playtown has a lot of graffiti and multiple loiterers, and Riverbend has a large homeless population that makes it difficult to enjoy.	7/1/2015 10:49 AM
103	yes before dark. After dark: MLK and Riverbend can be scary	7/1/2015 10:46 AM
104	no, they need to get rid of the drug addicts and bums to make it safe	7/1/2015 10:40 AM
105	yes	7/1/2015 10:40 AM
106	Bedrock park often has people on drugs congregating. They are often homeless, as well. I can't go there by myself because I don't feel safe.	7/1/2015 10:31 AM
107	Riverbend homeless population	7/1/2015 10:30 AM
108	no to many dogs off leashes in parks	7/1/2015 10:25 AM

Q16 How would you rate the maintenance of our Oroville Parks? Are there specific maintenance issues you would like to see addressed in our parks? Please reference specific parks as appropriate.

Answered: 102 Skipped: 20

#	Responses	Date
1	There needs to be better upkeep and watering. Centennial Plaza has benefited from volunteers from Save Oroville Trees.	7/31/2015 10:30 PM
2	Fair. too much trash. Parks needs to maintain BROKEN SPRINKLER SYSTEM items which wastewater everywhere and are often left unrepaired.	7/30/2015 4:43 PM
3	Litter, feral cats (need spat and release program), homeless (need a shelter)	7/30/2015 3:20 PM
4	Fair.	7/30/2015 1:11 PM
5	Maintenance seems pretty good, given the reduction in staff.	7/30/2015 11:36 AM
6	Good-great	7/30/2015 9:37 AM
7	Facilities like playgrounds could use more maintenance to repair andreplace broken equipment instead of removing it.	7/29/2015 10:38 PM
8	Better maintenance of plantings, specifically trees, and better tree choices in new locations.	7/29/2015 9:32 PM
9	said it above	7/29/2015 2:52 PM
10	good	7/29/2015 2:28 PM
11	needs improvement	7/29/2015 1:58 PM
12	Just needs more security/park rangers or officials	7/29/2015 1:22 PM
13	moderate to poor.	7/29/2015 12:04 PM
14	Bedrock bathrooms, skate park fencing	7/29/2015 11:32 AM
15	The restrooms at the dam are pretty clean. I do worry about the maintenance of Palermo Park, as I frequently go there with family and have noticed that a un-marked pick-up truck has been coming to clean the restrooms. Has the FRRPD outsourced the maintenance? It was a bit uncomfortable to see peoplenot in uniform and an un-marked vehicle, but now it's just the norm. Bathroom stalls don't always lock or have locks, such as Hammon Park.	7/29/2015 8:16 AM
16	needs improvement on trash collection along trail	7/29/2015 7:30 AM
17	N/a	7/28/2015 8:43 PM
18	If there were more park employees there may be less vandalism	7/28/2015 6:05 PM
19	Low	7/28/2015 5:31 PM
20	Don't have any.	7/28/2015 5:16 PM
21	Good	7/28/2015 4:05 PM
22	hire additional seasonal staff	7/28/2015 3:47 PM
23	not very good.	7/28/2015 3:18 PM
24	goid	7/28/2015 12:43 PM
25	graffiti	7/28/2015 12:34 PM

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26	good. Plant Park / Nat Ctr volunteers appreciate help	7/28/2015 11:50 AM
27	Good	7/28/2015 11:28 AM
28	Fair	7/28/2015 11:17 AM
29	fine	7/28/2015 10:49 AM
30	Graffiti covered quickly, trash picked up.	7/28/2015 10:27 AM
31	Maintenance is adequate.	7/28/2015 10:18 AM
32	Clear brush and garbage by the river to detour homeless from living in those places	7/28/2015 9:11 AM
33	4 out of 10. When you rent a space or facility and its dirty and not maintained, it's a huge disappointment.	7/28/2015 9:09 AM
34	All of the parks need to be be cleaned on a regular basis	7/28/2015 8:31 AM
35	the restrooms are locked alot of the times.	7/28/2015 8:16 AM
36	Palermo park needs update-rusty and missing parts.	7/28/2015 8:15 AM
37	Considering the financial constraints - Good	7/28/2015 8:13 AM
38	start a program to fine people that do not pick up dog poop or put in a dog park and keep all others off limit	7/28/2015 7:59 AM
39	Appropriate with funding level. Would like to see grass mowed more often	7/28/2015 7:57 AM
40	The parks I have been to have been well maintained	7/28/2015 7:23 AM
41	drinking fountains-eliminate! repair bathrooms - rotary, playtown usa.. not sure about MLK	7/28/2015 7:11 AM
42	Monitor with security forces, more parol, cameras and have a trash removal plan. People are not caring for our natural areas. I would rate the maintenance a 5 out of 10.	7/28/2015 6:57 AM
43	fair	7/28/2015 5:13 AM
44	Cleaner facilities	7/28/2015 5:08 AM
45	good, cleanup of graffit & put op cameras to catch people especially since graffiti is from gangs. bedrock park	7/27/2015 10:48 PM
46	Pretty good. Let park district handle maintenance without city council micromanagement	7/27/2015 9:47 PM
47	Workers care, you can see it- managemt not equipped to use the right materials and methods for the job- sank park fence recent example	7/27/2015 9:44 PM
48	4 definitely needs to be cleaner and patrolled.	7/27/2015 8:52 PM
49	Centenial and Riverbend care for irrigation systems. IE Irrigation heads mowed off at Riverbend	7/27/2015 8:41 PM
50	All need flowers, need painted regularly. Police should show up.	7/27/2015 8:11 PM
51	security and keeping out riff raff	7/27/2015 7:40 PM
52	I would give a 6 out of 10 maintenance rating. Riverbend has become a Hotspot for unsupervised juveniles who sometimes wreak havoc and drive away families with children who are there to enjoy the amenities.	7/27/2015 5:19 PM
53	The restrooms are awful ..sorry.. I don't think it is anywhere near acceptable	7/27/2015 4:32 PM
54	ok, but needs improvement	7/27/2015 3:53 PM
55	Mitchell Field and the soccer fields, these should be better maintained, the young families in our community have expectations and baseball and soccer are the largest youth sports programs, these parks should have special attention, specifically to the grounds when these sports are "in season"	7/27/2015 3:39 PM
56	I would say it is good, but I would like to see Hewitt park receive some repairs. One of the steps on the play structure is either missing or the ground covering has decreased leaving a gap. My kids have fallen off from the step many times (No injuries).	7/23/2015 5:33 PM
57	need more dog waist bag stations, WITH BAGS	7/17/2015 10:23 AM
58	Better general maintenance Hewitt Park, cleanliness of beach areas at Riverbend	7/6/2015 10:33 AM
59	Less homeless as well as general garbage	7/4/2015 6:35 PM

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60	Most are maintained well.	7/3/2015 10:38 PM
61	Leveling of picnic tables, emptying trash cans.	7/2/2015 9:50 PM
62	doin the best they can, people wreck stuff faster than they can fix it!!! real shame!!	7/2/2015 8:58 PM
63	fair open the restrooms when there to be opened	7/2/2015 10:44 AM
64	keep the walking areas free from trash	7/2/2015 10:00 AM
65	I think it is ok. I am sure that having some more money to be able to address some locations would benefit.	7/2/2015 8:21 AM
66	For the most part, good. Trail along Feather River maintained & cleaned	7/2/2015 8:01 AM
67	pretty good, except homelessness issues	7/2/2015 7:54 AM
68	Quit cutting down trees	7/2/2015 5:00 AM
69	I would give it 4/5 rating.	7/2/2015 2:37 AM
70	the parks are beautiful and well maintainad.	7/2/2015 12:49 AM
71	bedrock bathrooms need more attention	7/1/2015 10:15 PM
72	Better maintenance on restrooms	7/1/2015 10:04 PM
73	Maintenance seems mediocre.	7/1/2015 9:56 PM
74	they are all very well maintained	7/1/2015 8:55 PM
75	The parks that are maintained by the City are cleaner. For example Rotary is much cleaner than playtownusa. We don't even go to playtownusa	7/1/2015 8:31 PM
76	okay but could improve	7/1/2015 6:32 PM
77	cleaner bathrooms	7/1/2015 3:03 PM
78	8/good	7/1/2015 2:42 PM
79	Poor to fair. Focus on moving homeless and troublemakers out of the parks and along the river. Add lighting along the levee and tamper proof trash receptacles to prevent the removal of trash.	7/1/2015 2:17 PM
80	3 out of 10. Bedrock, Riverbend, Playtown, Hewitt Park	7/1/2015 2:14 PM
81	The Maintanace of Parks around Oroville is great. The trash cans are always empty the grounds always looked kept up the bathrooms are clean enough for what you expect at park. I don't have any real conerns for equipment safety I feel that is also very well kept up.	7/1/2015 1:30 PM
82	More bathroom maintenance	7/1/2015 1:25 PM
83	7 out of 10	7/1/2015 1:11 PM
84	They could use a power wash every now and again. there is so much grime.	7/1/2015 12:41 PM
85	Martn Luther's stage is nast and the bathrooms are worse.. As well as Rotary Park's bathrooms.	7/1/2015 12:32 PM
86	Trash and continued crime abatement	7/1/2015 11:38 AM
87	Clean up the vandalism and graffiti.	7/1/2015 11:32 AM
88	all parks need more cleaned more. bathrooms included. have found used condoms in playground of Hammond Park and rotary park. several times.	7/1/2015 11:28 AM
89	8	7/1/2015 11:26 AM
90	fair	7/1/2015 11:23 AM
91	Riverbend used to have stations for dog waste bags. I haven't seen any for a long time.	7/1/2015 11:14 AM
92	mostly very clean	7/1/2015 11:09 AM
93	good to fair	7/1/2015 11:08 AM
94	wildlife areas could use a bit of minimal renovation to make them more 'usable'.	7/1/2015 11:06 AM

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95	See questions 14 and 15	7/1/2015 11:03 AM
96	Pretty clean	7/1/2015 11:02 AM
97	The maintenance is poor. The playground equipment of Playtown has not been updated or revitalized in years, and most of the equipment in Riverbend is broken or vandalized, including the fountains.	7/1/2015 10:49 AM
98	better access to the diversion pool	7/1/2015 10:40 AM
99	great maintenance except for bathrooms in all parks	7/1/2015 10:40 AM
100	Some paths and roads need to be maintained.	7/1/2015 10:31 AM
101	Below minimum standards for cleanliness	7/1/2015 10:30 AM
102	poor riverbend has a messed up bathroom door still not fixed	7/1/2015 10:25 AM

Q17 What trail improvements and/or future connections would you like to see?

Answered: 78 Skipped: 44

#	Responses	Date
1	Cutting down dead trees along pathways.	7/31/2015 10:30 PM
2	More equestrian trails, a mountain trail or trial trial course, a public arena like Chico has	7/30/2015 3:20 PM
3	Safety. Quiet so people can relax.	7/30/2015 1:11 PM
4	Highway 162/ Randy Jennings Bridge access to Riverbend Park trails.	7/30/2015 11:36 AM
5	Better bike paths	7/29/2015 9:32 PM
6	security or police patrols	7/29/2015 2:52 PM
7	I would like the trail to go farther up towards the dam	7/29/2015 2:28 PM
8	nature trail	7/29/2015 1:58 PM
9	Trails I can take my dogs	7/29/2015 1:22 PM
10	Open trails to wider use. Add additional trails.	7/29/2015 12:04 PM
11	finish Freeman trail connection at 162 and Feather River , finish trail under Table Mt Bridge	7/29/2015 11:32 AM
12	Too many cats on the river trail	7/29/2015 10:30 AM
13	needs improvement on trash collection along trail	7/29/2015 7:30 AM
14	Expand trails/ downhill course	7/28/2015 8:43 PM
15	Keep current trails in good shape	7/28/2015 6:05 PM
16	I don't know where they are	7/28/2015 5:31 PM
17	I would like to be able to take a wheelchair from the Nature Center to Bedrock.	7/28/2015 5:16 PM
18	The Brad Freeman trail is a bike trail, but parts of it are covered with gotaheads making it impossible to ride on. They need new gravel	7/28/2015 4:05 PM
19	Burma Road access from Cherokee to dam.	7/28/2015 3:47 PM
20	ok right now	7/28/2015 3:18 PM
21	more stroller friendly trails for young families	7/28/2015 12:34 PM
22	Please, finish the final connect Vets Bldg to Nat. Ctr	7/28/2015 11:50 AM
23	Trails look great	7/28/2015 11:28 AM
24	weeds cut along edges of paths to keep pets from getting stickers or foxtails	7/28/2015 10:49 AM
25	Would like horse trail to diversion pool. Safe bike lanes on roadways.	7/28/2015 10:27 AM
26	Can't wait for the rain to start, so the parks lawns can be restored.	7/28/2015 10:18 AM
27	Feathers river trail expansion	7/28/2015 9:11 AM
28	Regular community garbage clean up days.	7/28/2015 9:09 AM
29	i would like to not see homeless camps	7/28/2015 8:16 AM
30	love our trails.	7/28/2015 8:15 AM
31	a walking bridge over the river from the river trail to the nature center so you don't have to go up on the road	7/28/2015 8:13 AM
32	poop gone	7/28/2015 7:59 AM

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33	more of them	7/28/2015 7:23 AM
34	clean maintained.. water fountains.. break areas.	7/28/2015 7:11 AM
35	Increase safety on Riverbend Trails and provide more Lake Oroville area trails	7/28/2015 6:57 AM
36	Marking the Brad freeman trail better, extended the paved areas, providing maps of local bike trails at various location in town and on line - you can't enjoy what you don't know you have.	7/28/2015 6:02 AM
37	Trails are well maintained	7/28/2015 5:08 AM
38	Maybe some signage indicating destination/mileage	7/27/2015 9:47 PM
39	Raise the sides of the drainage that has been flooding every year with a walking bike path on the raised area with lights and call phones for emergencies; if the police decide to respond.	7/27/2015 9:44 PM
40	Clearing of brush	7/27/2015 8:52 PM
41	more hiking trails and river access ares	7/27/2015 8:50 PM
42	More access to river	7/27/2015 8:41 PM
43	pickleball courts needed.	7/27/2015 8:11 PM
44	better signs/ newer signs	7/27/2015 7:40 PM
45	more landscaping, interpretive panels	7/27/2015 3:53 PM
46	Safety, more connectivity of trails and access better marked	7/27/2015 3:39 PM
47	I would love to see a starting and ending point with miles listed. Markers are great motivators when exercising. I love the metal statue scavenger hunt by the Feather River Nature Center. More fun additions like that would be great.	7/23/2015 5:33 PM
48	dead limbs from dangerous trees removed	7/17/2015 10:23 AM
49	Limit bike and horse contact	7/8/2015 4:38 PM
50	More road bike paths	7/4/2015 6:35 PM
51	Trees & brush cleaned up along bike path	7/2/2015 9:50 PM
52	restrooms on the path to the outlet	7/2/2015 10:44 AM
53	The brad freeman under the bridge at the Nature center.	7/2/2015 8:21 AM
54	Trail along Feather River maintained & cleaned	7/2/2015 8:01 AM
55	Riverbend (dog/pond) bikeable to Diversion Dam	7/2/2015 7:54 AM
56	A trail/skywalk for Olive Highway	7/2/2015 5:00 AM
57	somehow help the cat population decline .	7/2/2015 12:49 AM
58	harden bike trail under table mt bridge	7/1/2015 10:15 PM
59	Better directions and maps for trails	7/1/2015 10:04 PM
60	Adding restrooms.	7/1/2015 8:31 PM
61	more walking trails up around the lake	7/1/2015 6:32 PM
62	Work on maintaining and improving what is already in place	7/1/2015 2:17 PM
63	NA	7/1/2015 1:30 PM
64	Lighting	7/1/2015 1:25 PM
65	not sure	7/1/2015 12:41 PM
66	I don't know if there's something to do about the poison oak, but I've gotten it a few times on the trails behind the Nature Center.	7/1/2015 12:32 PM
67	Roadbiking trail or additions to roadways	7/1/2015 11:38 AM

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68	Maps so we know where the trails are	7/1/2015 11:32 AM
69	More walking trails around town that are maintained and clean.	7/1/2015 11:26 AM
70	none	7/1/2015 11:09 AM
71	slightly extended brush cleaning due to climate change, we see many more snakes.	7/1/2015 11:06 AM
72	Make the trails by the river safer.	7/1/2015 11:03 AM
73	The trail markers need to be made more clear, and should be patrolled for homeless regularly.	7/1/2015 10:49 AM
74	better upkeep on the bradford freeman bike trail	7/1/2015 10:40 AM
75	no	7/1/2015 10:40 AM
76	Most trails allow horses but not dogs. We have three dogs that need exercise as much as we do. Please allow dogs on trails.	7/1/2015 10:31 AM
77	Lite bike path near river	7/1/2015 10:30 AM
78	easier for handicap walkers	7/1/2015 10:25 AM

Q18 Is there anything else you would like to share with the community?

Answered: 57 Skipped: 65

#	Responses	Date
1	We have some beautiful parks; maintenance is key.	7/31/2015 10:30 PM
2	I love our community!	7/30/2015 3:20 PM
3	I think we have a lot going for us. I did not check 'Performing Arts Center' because I feel we have that potential with the State Theatre. Some of us make good use of Table Mountain Golf Course, so I don't know if another city golf course is needed. But perhaps the golfers in the family think otherwise. The Chinese Temple and its grounds are a true treasure and should be fully supported. Our trail system is great but just needs better access in a few places.	7/30/2015 11:36 AM
4	Create or coordinate a volunteer group, as Chico has done for Bidwell Park. I for one would love to help with graffiti eradication and proofreading permanent signage(!) before the grammar and spelling errors are set in stone (sometimes literally).	7/29/2015 9:32 PM
5	Love the improvement definately better than when i was a kid	7/29/2015 2:28 PM
6	I just want to feel safe going to the parks and be able to relax	7/29/2015 1:22 PM
7	Make it a place where people want to take their families.	7/29/2015 12:04 PM
8	stop the vandels.	7/29/2015 11:32 AM
9	We are blessed with a wonderful natural setting we need to respect it and care for it.	7/29/2015 7:30 AM
10	I feel very lucky to live where there are so many parks.	7/28/2015 5:16 PM
11	I think police officers need to enforce bike laws, as I've seen kids and adults run stop signs and fly down the sidewalks in downtown and nearly run over people.	7/28/2015 4:05 PM
12	Ways to assist homeless, drug addicts to go home or rehab. Parolees to work for city in Swap Program.	7/28/2015 3:47 PM
13	Oro Inn to have rooms for tourists for downtown stays	7/28/2015 11:50 AM
14	We spends lots of money goung rollerskating, pizza aracades and live theatre in other communities please bring them to Oroville	7/28/2015 11:28 AM
15	We rarely go to many of the parks in town unless there is a specific event or sports use. We don't feel safe alone on the trails or hanging out in the parks	7/28/2015 10:49 AM
16	Anything you can do to keep the homeless and drug dealers out of parks would be appreciated.	7/28/2015 10:18 AM
17	we live in a wonderful place	7/28/2015 8:15 AM
18	I love Oroville and believe it is just about to blossom into the most wonderful city in the northwest!	7/28/2015 8:13 AM
19	if there is no money to keep our parks clean than please dont build them	7/28/2015 7:59 AM
20	why is there so much "foot traffic" it's really getting bad? every corner every ally, every street, there are millions of displaced people.	7/28/2015 7:11 AM
21	I love our areas scenic beauty and would love any ideas that help turn our city in a positive direction	7/28/2015 6:57 AM
22	oroville has alot of potential but the attitude that welfare is a form of prosperity & the drugs gives us a bad reputation.	7/27/2015 10:48 PM
23	going it the way chico fits and maintains they parks. the original idea of making riverbed a place for families, water park, shops. need more commerce	7/27/2015 10:04 PM
24	We have great trails in our own backyard and they stay great because the people in general don't litter, etc. We need to preserve their beauty for future enjoyment	7/27/2015 9:47 PM

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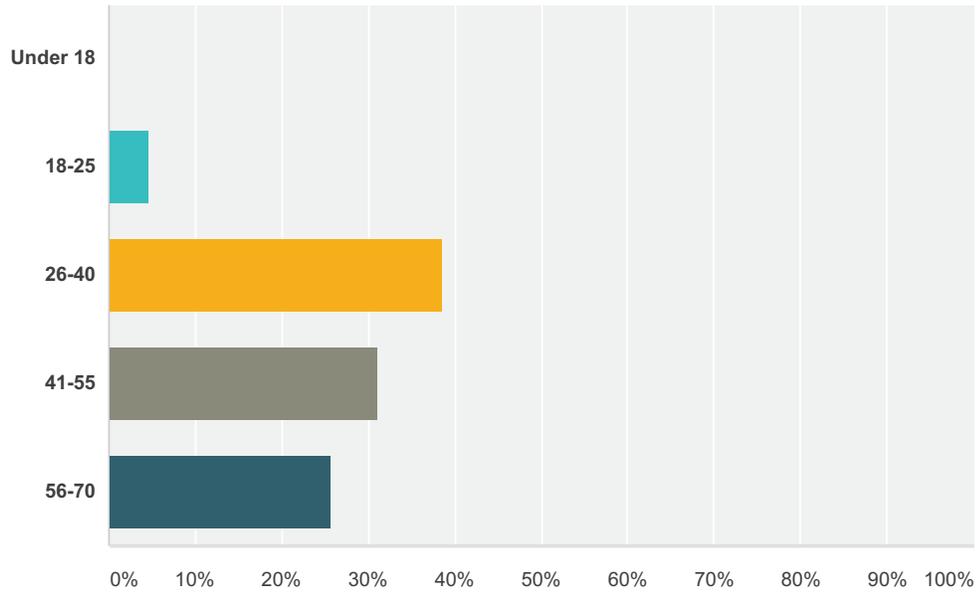
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25	Concentrate on improving the quality of oroville, not quantity. Make the area more user friendly for bikes and youth activities. Get a city council that is more representative of the community rather than city employees.	7/27/2015 9:44 PM
26	Oroville is a beautiful town. Past and present residents should take pride and promote our best qualities.	7/27/2015 8:41 PM
27	more community policing especially in the public spaces.	7/27/2015 8:11 PM
28	Keep out transients and the pollution they bring	7/27/2015 7:40 PM
29	Check out Highlands Ranch, CO, the largest planned community west of the Mississippi for how they have handled parks and open spaces. It is beautiful.	7/27/2015 3:39 PM
30	N/A	7/23/2015 5:33 PM
31	recognize Woody for his effort picking up garbage daily	7/17/2015 10:23 AM
32	More watersport/offroad/ recreational events and competitions.	7/4/2015 6:35 PM
33	We have some beautiful parks and awesome hiking trails in Oroville!	7/3/2015 10:38 PM
34	put together a citizen park watch group to patrol the parks and report bad doings , and there is alot of it, dogs off lease, smokin pot, drinking beer, smokin crack, foul language, swimming in no swimming areas, throwing trash about!!!, not good...	7/2/2015 8:58 PM
35	no	7/2/2015 10:44 AM
36	never hoist a flag on the same flagpole as the American Flag	7/2/2015 10:00 AM
37	Oroville has a lot of trails, but the problem is crime. If a person were to be on a trail alone, they would not feel safe.	7/2/2015 8:01 AM
38	water features & tennis could be expanded	7/2/2015 7:54 AM
39	Please help establish a homeless center. Crime is horrendous in Oroville, even in Kelly Ridge. If they had a place to sleep at night, inseed of the streets, they will be raised in a bed, not by a street.	7/2/2015 5:00 AM
40	the sand play area by the fountains is full of cat poop .	7/2/2015 12:49 AM
41	rouste out the homless encampments	7/1/2015 10:15 PM
42	Get more different cultures involved in the community events.	7/1/2015 10:04 PM
43	I hope that a nice aquatic facility is considered. It is important and a necessity	7/1/2015 8:31 PM
44	Oroville is definitely not a safe place to be right now.	7/1/2015 2:14 PM
45	Less good old boy mentality needed in this community	7/1/2015 1:25 PM
46	There should be more of a police presence to let the druggies know that it is not ok to hang out where children and families present	7/1/2015 12:41 PM
47	I'm glad Oroville is taking the steps to try and improve the beautiful town we live in.	7/1/2015 12:32 PM
48	Increased competition events at the waterways. Bring in more traffic and use our natural beautiful waterways to our advantage.	7/1/2015 11:38 AM
49	A park on Hildale would be nice.	7/1/2015 11:32 AM
50	It would be nice to have more out door events. IE - paddle board competitions, maybe jetski races. Something to get people outdoors and being active.	7/1/2015 11:26 AM

51	<p>we have miles upon miles of area that can be utilized along the wildlife area with minimal damage to the ecosystem and wildlife. there are too many people trying to crowd the small areas that do exist, especially in hot weather, and the extensive amount of drug and alcohol use makes these public places undesirable for those with children. if we can slightly renovate some of the areas through the wildlife zone, without invading the wildlife, we can 'thin out' the masses of population trying to cram into these small spaces and utilize our water access. tho will greatly lower the chances of confrontation and raise child safety. more patrols in the current areas would be quite successful as well. riverbend park on a typical afternoon has hundreds of people trying to swim in the no swim zone because its not quite safe or accessible to do so along the rest of the park due to drugs and overcrowding. we have even been asked to leave a public swimming area because the group who had 'taken it over' were not even utilizing the water area. just the parking area, manufacturing drugs in a tent. this was in the palm ave. one mile pond area. I have spent a lot of time in those areas and not once have ever seen a patrol before sunset closing time.</p>	7/1/2015 11:06 AM
52	no	7/1/2015 11:03 AM
53	Would love an outdoor public pool!	7/1/2015 11:02 AM
54	Our parks could be beautiful if we all pitched in a started caring about our community.	7/1/2015 10:49 AM
55	no	7/1/2015 10:40 AM
56	A website that is routinely updated with park information, locations, and directions to get there would be helpful.	7/1/2015 10:31 AM
57	More bike friendly roads	7/1/2015 10:30 AM

Q19 What is your age?

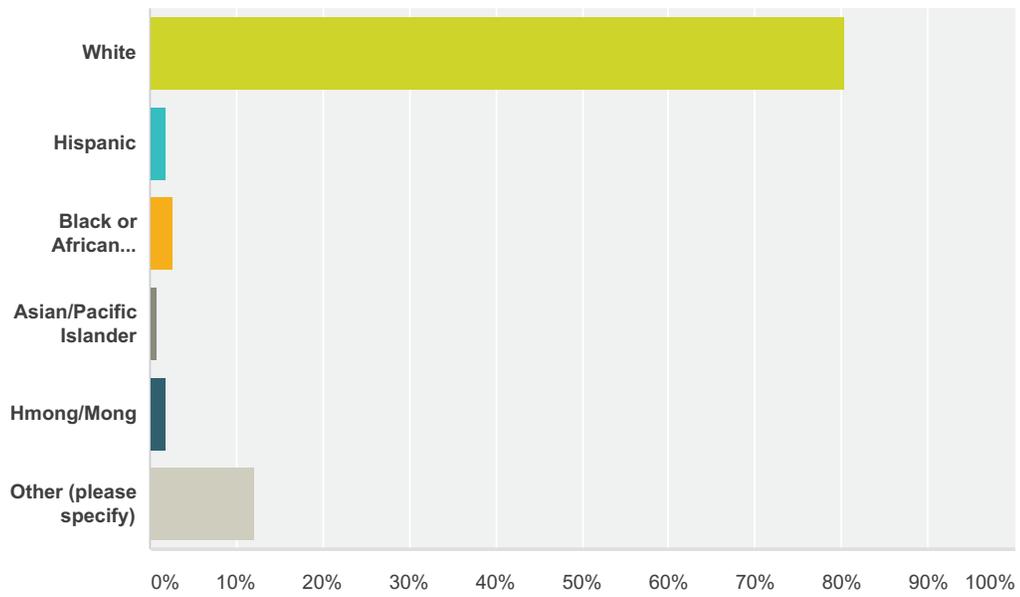
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Answer Choices	Responses
Under 18	0.00% 0
18-25	4.59% 5
26-40	38.53% 42
41-55	31.19% 34
56-70	25.69% 28
Total	109

Q20 Which of the following categories most closely identifies your ethnicity?

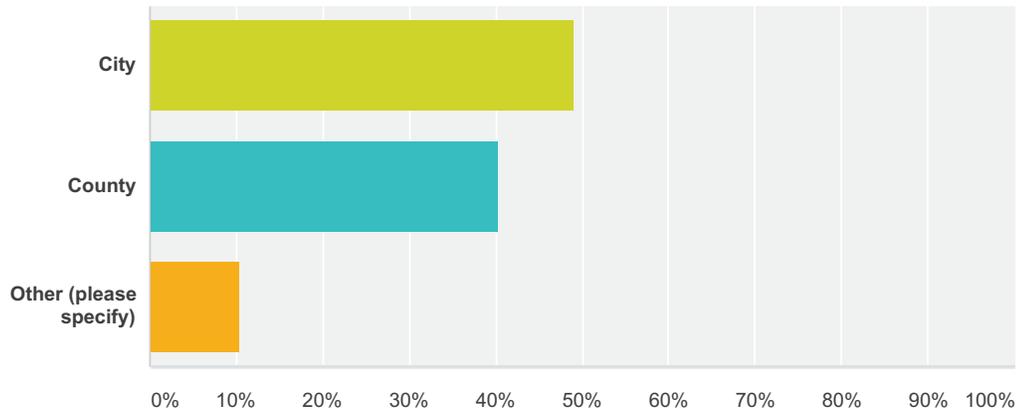
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Answer Choices	Responses	
White	80.37%	86
Hispanic	1.87%	2
Black or African American	2.80%	3
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.93%	1
Hmong/Mong	1.87%	2
Other (please specify)	12.15%	13
Total		107

Q21 Are you a resident of the City or County?

Answered: 114 Skipped: 8



Answer Choices	Responses
City	49.12% 56
County	40.35% 46
Other (please specify)	10.53% 12
Total	114

City of Oroville Intercept Survey Analysis 2015

The following data represents the answers to questionnaires handed out to members of the City of Oroville on June

Individual Question Results

A total of 151 community members participated in the individual survey.

1. Where is your favorite place to . . . ?

Out of 148 responses, the majority of respondents chose Riverbend Park as their favorite place.

	Bedrock Park	Centennial Plaza	Chinese Temple	Feather River Nature Center	Hammon Park	Hewitt Park	Railroad Park	Riverbend Park	Rotary Park	Lott Home at Sank Park	Soroptimist Park	Wallace Park	Martin Luther King, Jr. Park	Nelson Sports Complex	Gary Nolan Sports Complex	Playtown Park	Feather River Parkway	Trails
Park Activities																		
Picnic	34	5	10	17	14	9	5	68	7	12			9	3	3	27	6	2
Take children to play at playground	13	2	1	6	13	5	4	55	9	1		1	10	1	1	25	4	4
Take children to spray/water park	14	1		3	2	2		64	8	1		1	4			3	2	
Have a barbeque	17	4	3	2	14	5	2	61	5	5			9			8	6	3
Go walking or jogging	35	11	6	24	4	5	3	59	3	4	1	2	3		3	5	14	24
Walk your dog	19	5	2	12	4	6	3	46	1	1		2	3	1		4	10	10
Relax on lawn	22	3	6	9	6	4	3	47	3	8			9	1		6	4	1
Attend a community event	22	5	5	11	7	5	1	48		17	1	1	9	1	1	4	2	
Play outdoor basketball	1			1	2	3		4	1			1	6	3		1		
Play indoor basketball	2			1	1	1	1	5	1				1	2				
Swim in a lake or river	38			2				36									1	1
Play disc golf	2			1	1	1		22	1			1						
Play soccer	3	1	1	2	5	2	2	11	4	3			8	4	3	2		1
Play baseball or softball	3				3	1		6	2				1	10	6	1	1	
Play tennis	11	1			1	1		5						1	1			1
Play football	4	1			3	1		5	3				2	3	1			
Play golf course/use driving range								4						1				
Play volleyball	3				1			6	1				1	2				
Go skateboarding	10	1		1				6						1				
Go BMX biking	10	1		2	1			9						1				2
Go fishing	29			5	1			25	1								4	3
Go rafting/kayaking/floating	14			5			1	36	2								4	2

First Place
 Second Place

2. What are the TOP FIVE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES you would MOST like to see added to meet the recreation needs of your household?

Out of 141 responses, the following are the five most popular activities:

1. Swimming in lakes, ponds, rivers or streams
2. Bike/walking/jogging paths and Fitness & wellness activities
3. Fishing and Dog walking/park
4. Spray park/ water play and Rafting/kayaking and Picnic and Botanical garden
5. Amphitheater and Multi-use trails

Choices	Percentage
Spray park/ water play	5.5%
Playgrounds/tot lots	4.0%
Bike/walking/jogging paths	7.8%
Outdoor basketball courts	0.8%
Soccer fields	2.4%
Baseball/softball fields	1.1%
Football fields	0.7%
Volleyball courts	1.0%
Tennis courts	1.3%
Rafting/kayaking	5.8%
Roller hockey	1.1%
Golf course/driving range	1.4%
Amphitheater	5.4%
Skatepark	1.1%
BMX- Bicycle motocross	1.1%
Road biking	1.8%
Multi-use trails	5.2%
Fishing	6.8%
Fitness and wellness activities	7.9%
Exercise spaces (Yoga, Tai Chi, etc.)	2.8%
Swimming in lakes, ponds, rivers or streams)	8.9%
Picnic/group facilities	5.5%
Native low water use plant garden	3.0%
Healing garden/sensory garden	2.3%
Botanical garden/interpretive garden	5.5%
Dog walking/park	7.1%
Other	
Equestrian park.	0.7%
Horse Riding Trails	0.7%
Beach Volley Ball	0.1%
Water Park	0.1%
Bocce	0.1%
Trails from Hewitt & Railroad Park to downtown	0.1%
Mountain Bike Trails	0.1%
Hunting	0.1%
Skeet Shooting	0.1%
Downhill Skateboarding	0.1%

3. What are the TOP THREE INDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES you would MOST like to see added in order to meet the recreation needs of your household?

Out of 126 responses, the following are the top three indoor recreation facilities:

1. Performing arts center
2. Fitness & wellness activities and Teen & youth club facilities & programs
3. Community center for classes and Fine arts center

Choices	Percentage
Gymnasium	6.4%
Fitness center	7.6%
Climbing wall	8.2%
Therapeutic pool	5.6%
Indoor basketball courts	2.0%
Fitness and wellness activities	10.8%
Teen and youth club facilities & programs	10.8%
Meeting facilities	3.5%
Community center for classes	9.6%
Senior activities and programs	9.9%
Fine arts center	9.1%
Performing arts center	13.5%
Other	
Equestrian Park	1.5%
Garden Club	0.3%
Indoor Skatepark	0.3%
Indoor Soccer Arena	0.6%
Line Dancing	0.3%

4. What are the TOP FIVE COMMUNITY EVENTS your household would MOST like to see added in order to meet the needs of your household?

Out of 131 responses, the following are the top five community events:

1. Farmer’s Market
2. Music in the Park
3. Holiday/seasonal celebrations or fairs
4. Outdoor theater
5. Movies in the park

Choices	Percentage
Outdoor theater	14.5%
Farmer's market	19.5%
Cultural activities	10.4%
Music in the park	18.5%
Movies in the park	4.8%
Religious activities	0.0%
Movies in the park	12.9%
Holiday/seasonal celebrations or fairs	17.6%
Other	
Amusement rides	0.2%
dog events	0.2%
Free events	0.2%
horse events	0.2%
horse riding trails	0.2%
Play dates	0.2%
Rodeo	0.2%
Skating	0.2%
year round farmers market	0.2%

5. As you know the city uses your tax dollars to operate and maintain parks. If an additional funding source was created specifically for parks how much would you be willing to contribute to parks each year?

Out of 117 responses, \$20 was the number one amount people were willing to contribute.

Choices	Percentage
\$0	9%
\$20	47%
\$40	15%
\$60	13%
\$80	2%
\$100	9%
more than \$100	6%

What types of improvement would you like to see in return for this contribution?

- A clean place to be.
- Amphitheater

- Any that would appeal to a broad age range
- Better control of graffiti, homeless, & destruction in Bedrock Park.
- better parks and trash cans to try to stop global warming
- (3) clean restrooms
- Cleaner parks.
- cleaning area up
- Community center/water park
- Cooler skateparks.
- Crime/alcohol, drugs, and graffiti.
- evidence of construction
- For youth
- Get the city father our of the picture and leave the money alone
- (2) Good Maintenance
- Guided tours of trails and lake.
- horse arena
- I think a canopy over the spray park/sandbox at Riverbend is really needed.
- Ice hockey and keep the area as natural as possible.
- Improve downtown area- add art, improve look of downtown buildings (not so rundown) more restroom facilities (public).
- Increased horse trails- not multipurpose
- It would be nice to see the trash on the trails picked up more.
- just keep the park safe and clean
- Just up keep as work progress
- Keep things clean.
- Maintenance
- Make sure park equipment is maintained.
- more bathrooms
- More climbing walls, volleyball court.
- More community events.
- more community resource centers
- more dog trails
- More events for children.
- More events.
- More fishing access.
- (2) More flowers.
- More free fishing areas , movies in the park
- more free walking paths
- More places to ride horses and have fun horse activities.
- More places to take horses to ride and have fun.
- More Playgrounds
- More pre-school programs
- more relaxation
- more shade, more fish
- No trash, less landscaping, more wildlife conservation.
- None, I love it.
- outdoor event facility (outdoor theater)
- Playground equipment.
- Safer, eliminate the criminal elements, such as Bedrock Park & Trail.
- Safety
- Toys/equipment for older kids.
- Updated bathrooms

- water sports
- Well manicured lawns- native plants only.

6. Do you feel safe in our Oroville parks? What are some of the safety issues that you would like to see addressed in our Oroville parks? Please reference specific parks as appropriate.

- Always feel safe - Was asked to leave at sundown!
- Bedrock not good place to go at night.
- Create a park watch program- more police.
- Crime, homeless camp sites.
- Don't feel safe when sun goes down. May be more rangers patrolling
- Drinking alcohol.
- Driving speed. Riverbend Park
- feel safe in the daytimes
- Gang issue- Hammon Park. Drug use- Playtown/Rotary Park
- I don't really use the parks but when I have safety was a non-issue.
- (4) I feel safe.
- I feel safe but I think all the parks could use some sort of security.
- improve security
- In all parks but MLK drugs.
- Loitering- children need something to do.
- More patrolling.
- More patrols
- More visual law presence.
- most of the time
- Most of them. Safety these days is an issue anywhere you go.
- mostly just maybe more round about in downtown park for security and more lights for evenings
- Night watchmen.
- no
- No, lots of hobo's and scary people. More police officers checking in.
- Not after dark at Bedrock or Playtown USA. Have been approached by people. Have seen gangs.
- (2) Not at night
- Not Bedrock
- Only go to certain parks
- patrols regularly
- Rivebend only
- Riverbend
- Safe
- safe daytime only
- Safe during the day, avoid parks at night.
- Security at night, evenings
- Sitting alone in the museum or nature center.
- Some- no
- Some of them during the day.
- somewhat
- somewhat yes during the day
- Somewhat, more lights needed.
- stop bikes on horse trails at Lake Oroville.
- sure
- The trail along Bedrock Park doesn't not feel safe due to the cars parked in the parking lot with single males sitting and staring.

- Vagabonds on feather river walk. Foul language and & druggies at playtown park.
- (46) Yes
- yes - during daylight
- yes - more police patrols
- Yes and no. I'd like to see more security checks in the parks, particularly Bedrock Park.
- Yes at River Bend
- Yes day light
- Yes I do, I would lie to see less tramps sleeping around the River Trails.
- yes very good, except for black widows in bathrooms during warmer weather
- Yes, but I always have my dogs with me.
- Yes, dogs on leash.
- Yes, I feel safe. Less harassment from the police.
- Yes, I have no problems using any of the facilities.
- Yes, less vandalism.
- Yes, lock gate at nature center at night
- Yes, none.
- Yes, Riverbend
- Yes, safe. Enforce non-smoking at music in park.
- Yes, very safe.
- Yes, very.
- yes. Maybe a cop
- yes. Unleashed dogs
- Yes-except homeless in parks.
- young girl can not walk or jog with out men trying to pick them up (Bedrock)
-

7. How would you rate the maintenance of our Oroville parks? Are there specific maintenance issues you would like to see addressed in our parks? Please reference specific parks as appropriate.

- Alright
- Bedrock needs help. This park should be a town jewel.
- Bedrock park needs more fencing off.
- below average, ok at best, centennial park rates poor for maintenance.
- City needs to do maintenance.
- clean restroom
- Excellent
- Excellent.
- Fair water fountains.
- Feather River Bend
- Generally good but there is room for improvement.
- (38) Good
- good - maybe at high user areas cleaner with TP + floors and sinks
- good lighting to keep open after dark
- Good more bathrooms.
- Good. Keeping restrooms well stocked with soap, paper towels, and toilet paper.
- Good/bathrooms need help.
- good/clean
- good/clean
- (6) Great
- Great very clean. Riverbend
- Great, everything looks wonderful.
- Great. Check bathrooms for toilet paper.

- Honestly don't use often, but lighting is always important. Possibly enhanced patrol by 11 after dark.
- I have seen improvement greatly on Feather river Park
- I think all the parks are well maintained except playtown park.
- I would like to see the city maintain it's own parks.
- Keep restrooms clean.
- Low to poor
- Maintenance seems to be good
- More gardens.
- More landscaping, activities.
- more trash cans
- Most seem adequate
- Nature center is always being kept up - know of people who volunteer picking up trash or help with repainting
- Need more restrooms.
- (2) No
- not after dark
- ok
- out of 10. 8, no, 0
- Parks are wonderfully maintained. MLK Jr. park could use some attention.
- pretty well maintained
- riverbend - restrooms average
- So far the aprk are pleasantly clean
- Sprinkler system seems to have some water waste at Riverbend Park.
- the few that we go to are great
- The parks all seem to be well maintained.
- They are beautiful.
- They do the best they can.
- (7) Very good
- (2) Very well maintained.
- Water grass at grassy areas (Riverbend Park)
- We need more trash cans in parks.

8. What trails do you use most? What trail improvements and/or future connections would you like to see?

- (2) All
- Along Feather River
- (2) Bedrock
- (2) Bedrock trail.
- Bedrock-Riverbend
- bike trails
- Bike trails. The trails should be extended to the lake.
- by nature center
- by the river
- Connection from Gran/Nelson to feather river park walk. Can't walk or ride bike across bridge.
- Dan bebe trail (horses)
- Dan Beebe: trail around whole lake, trail to paradise connection.
- don't use trails
- Equestrian trails @ the lake.
- Feather River
- Feather River park
- Feather River walkway/nature walks

- Fishing trails are what we use the most. They are fine.
- Flume, Riverbend Park.
- From River Bend to Bedrock
- (2) From Riverbend to downtown.
- good
- Horse trails. Need water tank for horses at trail heads.
- I don't
- I don't know the name sorry
- I like the trails at Riverbend Park and Bedrock Park.
- I use the Riverbend park most.
- I use the trails near the observatory in Kelley Ridge. I ran across the damn due to an open area
- and many people.
- Lake area trails and river
- Lake Oroville trails
- Levee walk and nature center.
- Multi-use mountain bikes- dogs.
- Not sure where all trails are.
- Oroville dam to the hatchery, parking
- Oroville to table top.
- Pacific Crest
- Paved trail along river
- (2) River
- River & visitor center @ Lake Falls.
- River bend
- River bend bike trails.
- River Front Park.
- (2) River Trail
- River trail extension should be made
- River Trail Riverbend
- River Trail, Nature Center, Beebe.
- River trails.
- River walk
- (4) Riverbend
- Riverbend bike trail.
- Riverbend down to park.
- Riverbend F.R. parkway
- Riverbend park
- Riverbend park only so far.
- Riverbend ponds
- Riverbend trails around lake.
- Riverbend, Bidwell, Trails around dam.
- Riverbend, nature Center
- Riverbend.
- Saddle dam.
- thermalito
- Trails along river.
- Walking along river.

9. Is there anything else you would like to share with the community?

- Being from paradise I would love to explore the Feather River nature center. Need better signs to direct you into the center.
- Better access to the river for swimming and picnics.
- Better community use of trash receptacles
- Car shows
- Dogs
- Finish the veterans park.
- Hippie stuff.
- I like the historical and small town events. Need things to cool down during summer. Town needs to be more pet friendly.
- I really enjoyed the fiddlers festival
- I want facilities for homeless persons to shower as need and open showers in parks
- I'd like to see a women's soccer team created with a league. Oroville is so behind the times.
- We need higher quality community activities wit more cultural events.
- Is there equipment for the bocce courts?
- It would be great to have more for handicapped individuals to be able to enjoy being outside with a walker, wheelchair, etc.
- It's wonderful.
- Keep improving the image of Oroville.
- Keep up on improving bare areas
- Lots of great (all around) type recreation
- More children activities.
- More info on bocce courts and info on leagues.
- More skateboarding events.
- Nature walks/herbal identification
- (5) No
- Not sure
- Overall you do a great job.
- Riverbend
- Soccer
- Thank you for the progress that is being done in the community.
- The river and lakes are beautiful. Let's get everyone working to keep them clean, accessible, and family friendly.
- We love Riverbend a lot.
- We need a good bluegill pond for kids.
- We need more involvement in community events like information booths for community upcoming events.
- Why are horses not included on this questionnaire?
- Would like to see the whitewater park.

10. What is your age?

Out of 126 responses, a small majority of respondents were between the ages of 56-70 years old.

Choices	Percentage
under 18	5%
18-25	6%
26-40	20%
41-55	28%
56-70	30%
70+	11%

11. Which of the following categories most closely identifies your ethnicity?

Out of 119 responses, the majority of respondents were white.

Choices	Percentage
White	89%
Hispanic	3%
Black or African American	4%
Hmong/Mong	0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	2%
Other	
Cuban	1%
California Indian	1%

12. Are you a resident of the City or County?

Out of 119 responses, the number of respondents was basically split even between city and county.

Choices	Percentage
City	47%
County	50%
Other	
Alameda	1%
Paradise	1%
Shasta County	1%
Glenn City	1%

Group Question Results

A total of 19 community members participated in the group survey. Groups interviewed included (insert groups)

1. Where is your favorite place to . . . ?

Out of 148 responses, the majority of respondents chose Riverbend Park as their favorite place.

	Bedrock Park	Centennial Plaza	Chinese Temple	Feather River Nature Center	Hammon Park	Hewitt Park	Railroad Park	Riverbend Park	Rotary Park	Lott Home at Sank Park	Soroptimist Park	Wallace Park	Martin Luther King, Jr. Park	Nelson Sports Complex	Gary Nolan Sports Complex	Playtown Park	Feather River Parkway	Trails
Park Activities																		
Picnic	4			3				11					1			1		2
Take children to play at playground	1						1	8								1		
Take children to spray/water park	1						1	9										
Have a barbeque	4	1						9					1					4
Go walking or jogging	4	1						6									2	3
Walk your dog	4			1				6					1					2
Relax on lawn	6							2										2
Attend a community event	3							8		1								
Play outdoor basketball					1				1				2			1		
Play indoor basketball					1								2			1		
Swim in a lake or river	1		1					3									2	
Play disc golf								1					1					
Play soccer							1	1					1					
Play baseball or softball													1	1				
Play tennis	2												1	1				
Play football		1											1	1				
Play golf course/use driving range													1	1	1			
Play volleyball								1					2					
Go skateboarding	1												2					
Go BMX biking													1				1	1
Go fishing	2			1			2	2					1				3	
Go rafting/kayaking/floating	2			1				2					1				2	

First Place
 Second Place

2. What are the TOP FIVE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES you would MOST like to see added to meet the recreation needs of your household?

Out of 19 responses, the following are the five most popular activities:

1. Picnic/group facilities
2. Dog walking/park and Fishing
3. Spray park/water play and Multi-use trails
4. Bike/walking/jogging paths and Swimming in lakes, ponds, rivers or streams
5. Amphitheater and Exercise spaces and Healing/sensory garden and Botanical/interpretive garden

Choices	Percentage
Spray park/ water play	7.3%
Playgrounds/tot lots	1.2%
Bike/walking/jogging paths	6.1%
Outdoor basketball courts	0.0%
Soccer fields	1.2%
Baseball/softball fields	1.2%
Football fields	0.0%
Volleyball courts	2.4%
Tennis courts	0.0%
Rafting/kayaking	1.2%
Roller hockey	0.0%
Golf course/driving range	2.4%
Amphitheater	3.7%
Skatepark	1.2%
BMX- Bicycle motocross	1.2%
Road biking	1.2%
Multi-use trails	7.3%
Fishing	9.8%
Fitness and wellness activities	7.3%
Exercise spaces (Yoga, Tai Chi, etc.)	3.7%
Swimming in lakes, ponds, rivers or streams)	6.1%
Picnic/group facilities	11.0%
Native low water use plant garden	1.2%
Healing garden/sensory garden	3.7%
Botanical garden/interpretive garden	3.7%
Dog walking/park	9.8%
Other	
equestrian activities	1.2%
handicapped accessible with things to do	1.2%
horse trail at lake Oroville	1.2%
(2) horse trails	1.2%
more handicap ramps	1.2%

3. What are the TOP THREE INDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES you would MOST like to see added in order to meet the recreation needs of your household?

Out of 15 responses, the following are the top three indoor recreation facilities:

1. Senior activities and programs
2. Fitness center
3. Therapeutic pool and Fitness & wellness activities and Teen & youth club facilities & programs and Meeting facilities and Community center for classes and Fine arts center and Performing arts center

Choices	Percentage
Gymnasium	2.2%
Fitness center	10.9%
Climbing wall	2.2%
Therapeutic pool	8.7%
Indoor basketball courts	4.3%
Fitness and wellness activities	8.7%
Teen and youth club facilities & programs	8.7%
Meeting facilities	8.7%
Community center for classes	8.7%
Senior activities and programs	19.6%
Fine arts center	8.7%
Performing arts center	8.7%

4. What are the TOP FIVE COMMUNITY EVENTS your household would MOST like to see added in order to meet the needs of your household?

Out of 17 responses, the following are the top five community events:

1. Farmer’s market
2. Music in the park
3. Movies in the park
4. Holiday/seasonal celebrations or fairs
5. Cultural activities

Choices	Percentage
Outdoor theater	13.6%
Farmer's market	19.7%
Cultural activities	9.1%
Music in the park	18.2%
Movies in the park	6.1%
Religious activities	0.0%
Movies in the park	16.7%
Holiday/seasonal celebrations or fairs	13.6%
Other	
Horse events	1.5%
Horse trails	1.5%

5. As you know the city uses your tax dollars to operate and maintain parks. If an additional funding source was created specifically for parks how much would you be willing to contribute to parks each year?

Out of 13 responses, \$20 was the number one amount people were willing to contribute.

Choices	Percentage
\$0	27%
\$20	55%
\$40	9%
\$60	9%
\$80	0%
\$100	0%
more than \$100	0%

What types of improvement would you like to see in return for this contribution?

- bike path under bridge
- clean parks
- money?
- more outlying spots with hitching posts and picnic tables. Also an open trail way up side of dam
- smoother horse trails
- unable very limited income

6. Do you feel safe in our Oroville parks? What are some of the safety issues that you would like to see addressed in our Oroville parks? Please reference specific parks as appropriate.

- basically safe, especially if other are near
- been attacked by a dog at Hewitt (unleashed) many homeless and intoxicated at Bedrock
- for the most park - some concern of drug users at certain times of the day
- Horse only trails
- I feel safe + I would like more work done to the parks
- no - to much drugs and homeless
- teens + loiterers in bedrock
- The bathrooms are always locked at the far end of the Riverbend park
- (3) yes
- yes, couldn't think of any

7. How would you rate the maintenance of our Oroville parks? Are there specific maintenance issues you would like to see addressed in our parks? Please reference specific parks as appropriate.

- 4 or 5
- (3) good
- Good but at ponds bathrooms at riverbend
- good Riverbend and Bedrock
- great
- Hewitt bocce ball court is a weed bed already
- I think they are all great
- No problems
- Very nice

8. What trails do you use most? What trail improvements and/or future connections would you like to see?

- (2) Bedrock
- Bike trails path our of riverbend to Oroville dam
- Dan Bebee, Railroad grade, Long Bar Pond, Lakeland, Glenn pond area
- Horse trails - Saddle dam
- Horse trails, Horse parks
- I use any trail that I know around Oroville
- level walking surface on levee rather than misc patchwork. Tables needed at centennial grafitti removal at Hewitt
- more disability ramps
- Potters ravine - Lakeland
- this is my first time here
- trails in bedrock, Riverbend Parks
- walking along the river back of Oroville

9. Is there anything else you would like to share with the community?

- Horse arena - Riverbend Park
- (3) no
- we need bike lanes and locate on service streets

10. What is your age?

Out of 16 responses, a majority of respondents were 70+ years old.

Choices	Percentage
under 18	0%
18-25	6%
26-40	6%
41-55	25%
56-70	25%
70+	38%

11. Which of the following categories most closely identifies your ethnicity?

Out of 13 responses, the majority of respondents were white.

Choices	Percentage
White	92%
Hispanic	8%
Black or African American	0%
Hmong/Mong	0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	0%

12. Are you a resident of the City or County?

Out of 15 responses, the majority of respondents were from the city.

Choices	Percentage
City	60%
County	33%
Other	
Yuba	7%

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✦ POTENTIAL SOURCES OF FUNDING

The remainder of this memorandum is divided into the following general subject areas:

- General Funds, Bonds, General taxes
- Increase Users and Fees
- Impact Fees and Dedications for New Development
- Assessments on Existing Properties
- Grants-Government and Private
- Volunteers and Donations
- Partners.

GENERAL FUND, BONDS AND GENERAL TAXES

General Fund (CIP)

For most cities the General Fund is the primary source of funding for parks and recreation departments. Revenue in the General Fund comes from a variety of sources including sales tax, property tax, vehicle license fees, licenses and permits, fines and forfeits, intergovernmental revenue, interest, charges for services, and other miscellaneous sources. Typically operating funds are provided from an Operating General Fund and the Capital Facilities Fund is used to provide an annual allocation for major capital expenditures.

Bonds

To raise funds for capital improvements, such as land acquisition or building construction, counties and cities may issue bonds. In California, there are three general types of bonds: (1) general obligation (“GO”) bonds, which are guaranteed by the local taxing authority; (2) revenue bonds that are paid by project-generated revenue or a dedicated revenue stream such as a particular tax or fee, and (3) limited tax bonds, which are paid by voter-approved transactions and use tax revenue. Generally, bond proceeds are limited to capital projects and may not be used for operations and maintenance purposes.

General Obligation Bond: These are voter-approved bonds with the assessment placed on real property. The money may only be used for

capital improvements but not for maintenance. This property tax is levied for a specified period of time (usually 15-20 years). Passage requires a two-thirds majority approval by the voters. Major disadvantages of this funding option are the high approval requirement and the high interest and issuing costs. However, several cities still use this source for funding parks and recreation capital expenditures.

Revenue Bonds: These bonds are sold and paid for from the revenue produced from the operation of a facility, typically from lease revenues. Since there are no major revenue producing recreation facilities under the management of the Parks and Trees Department, this funding mechanism may not be a viable alternative in Oroville.

Parcel Tax

A parcel tax is a type of excise tax that is based on either a flat per-parcel rate or a rate that is based upon the use, size, and/or number of units on each parcel. A parcel tax must be adopted as a special tax, requiring two-thirds voter approval. Parcel taxes are used to provide various city services. In 2000, voters in two California cities (Davis \$24 and Monrovia \$39) approved parcel taxes to support the protection of open space. According to a survey of 338 cities conducted by the League of California Cities, 18 percent (62 cities) report collection of parcels taxes ranging in amount from about \$15 per parcel to more than \$100 per parcel. FRRPD receives a \$10 parcel tax in the district.

Sales and Use Tax

In California, the state sales tax is 6.25 percent, which provides revenues for the general fund, the local revenue fund, and the local public safety fund. In addition to the State sales tax, Counties and cities may impose a uniform local 1.0 percent sales and use tax. In addition to the 1.0 percent uniform sales and use tax, special taxing districts, including cities, may impose additional transactions (sales) and use taxes. In particular, cities may levy, increase or extend a transactions and use tax in increments of 0.25 percent if the ordinance authorizing the tax is

approved by two-thirds of the city council and either a majority or two-thirds of voters depending upon whether revenues from the tax will be used for general or special purposes. The total aggregate transactions and use taxes for all taxing districts in a county may not exceed two percent. Roughly 40 local jurisdictions impose an additional transaction and use tax for uses from libraries, transportation, hospitals, road, and capital improvements. Sonoma County imposes a 0.25 percent transaction and use tax to fund its agricultural preservation and open space district.

Special Districts

Statutory special districts, specifically a recreation and park district and a community service district, are another mechanism by which a local jurisdiction may acquire and/or manage property for parks and recreation. Special districts are a form of local government created by a community to meet a specific need. When residents or landowners want new services or higher levels of existing services than are provided by local government, they can form a district to pay for and administer them. Special districts have access to various forms of financing including parcel taxes and assessments.

Recreation and Park District: Recreation and park districts may acquire property for parks and open space, impose property taxes, levy assessments upon properties assessed within their boundaries because those properties are specifically benefited (either throughout the district or in zones of benefit), and incur indebtedness not to exceed five percent of the assessed valuation in the district. However, the governing body of the district may not levy an assessment or tax until the assessment is first approved by a majority of landowners or the tax is approved by two-thirds of voters. The Feather River Recreation and Park District is an example of such a district.

A Community Service District may be formed by a city or county for a number of public

purposes, including public recreation purposes, which include, but are not limited to, aquatic parks and recreational harbors, equestrian trails, playgrounds, golf courses, swimming pools, or recreational buildings. Such a district may acquire real property by grant, purchase, gift, lease or eminent domain.

Redevelopment Funds

Redevelopment does not increase tax rates but rather reallocates tax revenues received under existing property tax rates. As shown above, the Oroville Redevelopment Agency has provided partial funding for various new parks in Oroville, including Centennial Plaza and Riverbend Park.

Redevelopment Funds

The continued participation by the Redevelopment Agency could take several forms:

- Provide matching funds for grants for park development.
- Provide free or low cost land for park development
- Issue bonds against future projected revenues for park development. The San Francisco RDA does this for the Mission Bay area
- Contribute O&M funds for parks. (The San Francisco RDA does this for the several areas in the City.)

IMPACT FEES AND DEDICATIONS IN NEW DEVELOPMENTS

The Subdivision Map Act gives cities and counties authority to control the design and improvement of subdivisions of land within their boundaries. Through the Act, cities and counties may impose requirements, or exactions, on developers as conditions of land use approval. These can be used to mitigate or offset the costs of public services that will be required as a result of the development proposal. They can be in forms like fee payment, dedication of land, or construction of a public facility. In essence, exactions shift the recovery of service costs forward to new residents of an area, since

builders pass along their exaction costs to the buyers of the new developments. Sometimes the approving agency imposes exactions on the developer as an exercise of police power, while other exactions result from mutual agreements between the local government and the developer.

If the nexus is clear, California statutes and case law enable a broad spectrum of purposes for which impact fees can be used by park and recreation agencies. State law also provides a variety of specific financing mechanisms that empower cities and counties to work with developers and enable community growth.

Among the tools available in this regard are:

- Quimby Act of 1975 (in lieu)
- Mitigation Fee Act of 1987 (development impact)
- Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982
- Development Agreements-Negotiated turnkey park development.

In Lieu and Impact Fees

These are one time fees charged to new development. These fees go into a special account, to be held until such time that they can be utilized for the acquisition or improvement of appropriate park facilities. It should be noted that impact fees will only contribute to new park development to the extent that new residential development takes place within the City.

There are differences between Mitigation fees and Quimby in lieu fees. Quimby fees apply only to residential subdivision development. Quimby fees are based on statutory standards. Mitigation fees require new development to contribute based on current level of parks. Quimby fees can be used for renovation; mitigation fees cannot. Revenues generated through the Quimby Act cannot be used for the operation and maintenance of park facilities. A city can have both types of fees, but allowance must be made to avoid double payments. Both fees can be updated annually to reflect the increase in park development costs.

Development Agreements -Turnkey Park Dedication

Cities and counties have authority to negotiate development agreements with those who wish to obtain approval for their land development projects. Through this funding alternative, the developer dedicates the land and makes park improvements, ultimately dedicating to the City a completed park facility. However, any dedications must be given a credit against any impact fees. Operation and maintenance costs are not included in these agreements.

ASSESSMENT OF EXISTING PROPERTY

In California, property has been assessed for a variety of park and recreation purposes. Some examples include open space acquisition and improvements to parks, playgrounds, landscaping, and related services. But under Proposition 218, only special benefits and not general benefits are assessable. That is, if services that benefit property also provide some benefit to the general public, the services are not assessable. Further, mere enhancement of property values is not a valid basis for an assessment. Only the direct costs attributable to the service(s) benefiting the property are assessable. Costs are to be documented in a professional engineer's report that identifies the property to receive the special benefit and accordingly apportions annual costs to each unit of property that benefits.

The procedures for an assessment under Proposition 218 require all owners of property within the proposed assessment district to be mailed a notice of public hearing and a ballot with which to voice their approval or disapproval of the proposed district at least 45 days prior to the hearing. The balloting is weighted according to the proportional financial obligation that would be placed on the affected property. The assessment district can be formed if a majority of the ballots received does not protest creation of the district. This process means that assessments are easier to impose on new development projects as a condition of approval, rather than more broadly on all property owners.

Assessments are frequently used by local park and recreation districts, particularly under the auspices of the There are a number of jurisdictions in California that use benefit assessments for parks and open space. Some examples include open space acquisition and improvements to parks, playgrounds, landscaping, and related services. The annual household cost of these assessments ranges from about \$10 to \$179.

Operation and maintenance of park and recreational facilities can include, but not be limited to landscaping, planting, shrubs, trees, ground cover, irrigation systems, pathways, sidewalks, trails, lights, play areas and playground equipment, play courts and fields, public restrooms, and associated appurtenant facilities located within the public rights-of-way, public property and designated easements within assessed boundaries.

Benefit assessments can only fund facilities or services that provide a special benefit to a distinct group of property owners. Special benefits must be in addition to any general benefits accruing to all properties in a jurisdiction. An increase in property value alone does not qualify as a special benefit. Thus the City would need to establish a separate benefit district around each park. Fees would be determined by cost of construction and yearly ongoing maintenance.

Benefit assessments are often imposed as a condition of approval for development projects, similar to land dedication requirements and development impact fees. The key difference is that benefit assessments allow for an ongoing revenue stream and therefore make them more suitable to fund ongoing costs.

The two most commonly used assessment district are Lighting and Landscaping Districts (LLD), Community Facilities Districts (CFD) such as Mello-Roos Districts and Infrastructure Finance Districts (IFD). Each of these is discussed in more detail below.

Lighting and Landscaping Districts

The Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972 enables assessments to be imposed to finance acquisition of land for parks, recreation and open space; installation or construction of park and recreational improvements; and maintenance and servicing of such land and improvements. This funding mechanism permits a public agency to assess housing units, or land parcels. The agency can choose to use the revenue generated on a pay as you go basis or can sell bonds in order to receive a lump sum amount. The bonds are then paid back from the annual revenue generated from the assessment. Establishment of an assessment district or the revision of an existing assessment requires a majority vote of property owners.

Mello-Roos (Community Facilities District) CFD

The Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act, passed in 1982, provides an alternative tax-based financing method available to cities, counties and special districts. Under the Act, local governments may establish community facilities districts for the sole purpose of financing facilities and services through the levy of parcel taxes and issuance of bonds.

They are designed for use especially in developing areas and areas undergoing rehabilitation for the funding of certain capital facilities and services, including “maintenance of parks, parkways and open space” and “the purchase, construction, expansion, improvement, or rehabilitation of any real or other tangible property with an estimated useful life of five years or longer,” such as for local park, recreation, parkway, and open-space facilities, and related planning and design work. The funds may be used for development and/or maintenance but only to the extent that they are in addition to those provided in the District. In essence, services may only be financed to the extent of new growth.

Formation requires a traditional two-thirds vote. There is more flexibility in the structure of the

special tax. For example, it can be based on zoning or intensity of development (but not ad valorem). There is also greater flexibility in drawing the district boundaries- they need not be contiguous. Mellow-Roos is most commonly used for new developments because this simplifies the voting requirements. This allows the developer to pay the assessment during the early development phase, while the new residents take over these payments as they move in. This mechanism can be used in conjunction with impact fees and agreements of similar nature and once established will continue in perpetuity. Note that funding provided through a special district (Assessment District or Mellow Roos) will be offset by a credit in development fees.

Infrastructure Financing Districts (IFD)

IFDs are a new way for a city to finance infrastructure improvements. The district utilizes the property tax through a variation on tax increment financing. The IFD law provides that each affected taxing agency must grant its approval before any of its portion of the increment can be collected by the IFD. Also the IFD has no power of eminent domain.

GRANTS – GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE

Grant funding is another potential area for new revenues. Grant money is available from both public and private sources.

State Bonds

On the public side, local park and recreation agencies are eligible for millions of dollars of bond act funds approved by the voters of California in 2000 and 2002 and 2006 and other state grants. As shown at the beginning of this report, State grants have been the primary source of funding for new park development and park renovation in the city of Oroville.

State Funding Programs

California has made a substantial state investment in land conservation through the passage of five voter-approved propositions (Prop 12, 13, 40, 50, and 84) totaling nearly

\$10.2 billion, a portion of which is dedicated to outright purchases of land and a portion toward the provision of matching grants for land protection that further enables local governments and nonprofit entities to protect land and develop parks and other recreation areas in the state.

- Proposition 12 - Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000
- Proposition 13 - Safe Drinking Water, Clean Water, Watershed Protection, and Flood Protection Act
- Proposition 40 - California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002
- Proposition 50 - Water Quality, Supply and Safe Drinking Water Projects. Coastal Wetlands Purchase and Protection. Bonds. Initiative Statute
- Proposition 84 - Water Quality, Safety and Supply. Flood Control. Natural Resource Protection. Park Improvements. Bonds. Initiative Statute

These propositions authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds to fund parks and land conservation, with the \$2.3 billion Proposition 12 (Park Bond Act of 2000) and \$2.25 billion Proposition 84 (Safe Drinking Water Bond) being the most significant funding source for urban parks through the Park Development and Community Revitalization Act. Per Capita population-based programs are the largest components of local assistance grants included in the bond acts. The Per Capita program appropriates funds to all areas of the state, while the Roberti-Z'berg-Harris Block Grant Program appropriates funds only to the state's urbanized areas.

Prop 84-allocates 5.4 billion to be distributed by specific managing agencies, including

- Department of Water Resources (DWR)
- The Wildlife Conservation Board
- Department of Parks and Recreation

The Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) of DPR announced that the final Statewide Park Program Application Guide,

dated April 1, 2009, is adopted. However, due to the bond freeze, implementation of the program has been delayed. Applications are not being accepted at this time. All of the funds from prop 12 and 40 are encumbered. Thus currently, the only new funds available being administered by DPR are the annual programs (Habitat for Conservation Fund, Recreational Trails Program and the Land and Water Conservation Fund).

Park Development and Community Revitalization Act of 2008

This grant program establishes a local assistance funding stream that targets grants for the acquisition of parkland or the development of park and recreational opportunities in critically under-served communities. Administered by the Department of Parks and Recreation, the program makes competitive grants to cities, counties, regional park districts, districts, joint powers authority, and nonprofit organizations. \$400 million from Proposition 84 will be used to fund the program as described in California Assembly Bill 31. The grants will target areas that have less than three acres of usable parkland per 1,000 residents; is a disadvantaged community, as defined by subdivision (g) of Section 75005; and can demonstrate to the department that the community has insufficient or no park space and recreation facilities. The critically under-served community will have a significant percent of persons living at or below the poverty level.

Housing and Community Development-Prop1C

The Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006, known as Proposition 1C, was a \$2.85 billion bond passed by California voters in 2006. Proposition 1C included the Housing Related Parks Program, which will give local governments grant funds as a reward for building affordable housing. The grants will be used for the creation, development or rehabilitation of park and recreation facilities. Those projects may include acquisition of land, the creation of sports fields, play areas, play

structures, gardens and landscaping. \$200 million will be available in total program funds which will be awarded in six annual rounds beginning in 2009. The bond sale scheduled for 2009 is for \$10 million. Applications are due in the spring of 2010 and awards will be based on the number of number of low income units permitted in prior year.

Housing and Community Development-CDBG

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) may be another potential source of funding. This federal grant program is in widespread use by park and recreation agencies in California. Regulations allow the funds to be spent on recreation facilities. The CBDG program is funded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development and aims to benefit and provide activities for low and moderate income Americans. These grants from the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development are available for a wide variety of projects. Most are distributed in the lower income areas of the community. Grants can cover up to 100% of project costs. As an example, the Stockton DeCarli Plaza came in part from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

Department of Water Resources (DWR)

The Department of Water Resources oversees numerous grant and loan programs that could be applicable to developing parks, open space and trails in Oroville. One of the most likely sources would be the Urban Streams Restoration program. The goals of the Urban Streams Restoration Program (USRP) are to:

- (1) reduce property damage caused by flooding or erosion
- (2) restore, enhance, or protect the natural ecological values of streams
- (3) promote community involvement, education, and stewardship.

Due to the State's fiscal crisis and the current freeze on bond funds, the application cycle for the California River Parkways and the Urban

Streams Restoration Grant Programs has been delayed. However, the Natural Resources Agency and the Department of Water Resources are moving ahead with the initial review process and anticipate conducting site visits to projects under consideration during Summer/Fall 2009, contingent on the availability of grant funds.

Supplemental Benefits Funds (SBF)

The SBF will provide one potential source to develop revenue generating projects. As a result of the relicensing of the Oroville Dam, the Department of Water Resources and State Water Contractors have agreed to endow Oroville a potential of up to \$1 million per year for 50 years through the Supplemental Benefits Funds. Funds can be used for any purpose but the SBF committee is in the process of setting guidelines and developing a strategy for the fund..

To date \$2.4 million has been encumbered as follows:

- \$500,000 Riverbend Park
- 1,200,000 multiuse fields
- \$100,000 small projects
- \$600,000-administration

Upon execution of the final licensing agreement (expected in January 2010), the Fund will receive \$6.2 million.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

This Act, which is often referred to as the Economic Recovery Act, offers local government the opportunity to submit requests for stimulus funds from over 20 federal agencies. CA will receive \$85 billion-\$10-12 b will be discretionary. In some cases, a formula determines the amount of money for which a city will be eligible. Guidelines for each funding agency are very specific. An application and plans that meet the funding criteria must be submitted by deadlines established by each federal agency. Each region of California has developed a Work Plan. The Work Plan for Region 3, which includes Butte County, was issue in June 2009. It includes a list of hundreds

of projects, both transportation infrastructure and non-transportation infrastructure. Some of these projects are park related improvements. Oroville does not have any projects on the list. It is unlikely that funding from the Economic Recover Act would be used for local parks in Oroville.

Other Grants

Grant programs, funded by various state bond issues, and administered by California State Parks (DPR) have been the main source of funds to local park and recreation agencies for acquisition and development. Additional funding has been available to local agencies through programs administered by other state departments such as Water Resources, Wildlife Conservation Board, Department of Fish and Game, Department of Transportation, California Arts Council, Housing and Community Development, California Integrated Waste Management Board, and through federal programs administered by the National Park Service, Federal Highway Administration and Fish and Wildlife Service.

Many local agencies have been successful in obtaining grant funds for targeted needs, ranging from habitat acquisition and urban forestry improvements to trails development and enhancements for art programs. While this broad scope of grant programs distributes a larger amount of funding in the aggregate, the individual and sometimes conflicting requirements of each different grant program often confuses the applicants. Little effort is being made to coordinate criteria and reduce administrative redundancies.

Eligibility, application deadlines and other program requirements differ among the many grant opportunities available. Some grants are competitive. Others are allocated on a per capita basis or are directly specified in legislation. Information on the bond acts, state grants and federal funds for local parks in California is available from the following partial list of government grant offices:

Grant List

Arts Grants

California Arts Council—*Artists in Communities and other programs.*

NEA Invites Creative Placemaking Proposals for Our Town Grant Program

National Endowment for the Arts

SUMMARY

- Our Town is the National Endowment for the Arts agency's primary creative placemaking grants program.
- The Our Town grant program supports creative placemaking projects that help to transform communities into lively, beautiful, and resilient places with the arts at their core. Our Town requires partnerships between arts organizations and government, other nonprofit organizations, and private entities to achieve livability goals for communities.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Public Agency
- Non-Profit Organization

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

1) Arts Engagement, Cultural Planning, and Design Projects: In this category, projects represent the distinct character and quality of their communities. These projects require a partnership between a nonprofit organization and a local government entity, with one of the partners being a cultural organization. Matching

grants range from \$25,000 to \$200,000.

2) Projects that Build Knowledge About Creative Placemaking. These projects are available to arts and design service organizations, and industry or university organizations that provide technical assistance to those doing place-based work.

MAXIMUM REQUEST

- Matching grants range from \$25,000 to \$200,000 for Arts Engagement Grants
- Matching grants range from \$25,000-\$100,000 for Creative Placemaking Grants

APPLICATION DEADLINE

- **September 21st, 2015**
- **Website:** <http://arts.gov/grants-organizations/our-town/introduction>

Creative California Communities California Arts Council

SUMMARY

The Creative California Communities (CCC) program supports collaborative projects that harness arts and culture as a key economic and/or community development strategy. Projects will benefit residents and visitors in California's communities by leveraging the assets of the creative sector, which includes artists, cultural organizations and arts-related businesses.

PROGRAM GOALS

1. Creative Revitalization
 - Revitalize neighborhoods or communities using arts as the central project activity and artists as key participants in that effort. Develop innovative arts or culturally related

approaches to cultural economic development tailored to the specific communities or circumstances.

2. Arts Participation

- Stimulate increased participation/engagement in arts and cultural activities by residents and visitors, and create opportunities for California artists. Activate new arts activities or expanded arts activities/elements within an ongoing event.

3. Collaborative Partnerships

- Bring together local arts, business and/or government entities to build capacity for collective impact and grow creative industries.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Public Agency
- Nonprofit organization
- Local arts agency
 - with a history of arts programming for a minimum of the last two years
- Applicants to this program are not restricted from applying for funding from other competitive CAC grants
- Prior year grantees to the CCC program are **ineligible** to apply

SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO:

- Online submission
- **Contact**
Wayne Cook
wayne.cook@arts.ca.gov
(916) 322-6344

APPLICATION DEADLINE

- New applications generally come available in February and are due by the end of March.
- **Website**
<http://www.cac.ca.gov/programs/ccc.php>

- **PDF of Guidelines:**

[http://www.cac.ca.gov/programs/files/2014-](http://www.cac.ca.gov/programs/files/2014-15_CAC_CCC_Guidelines.pdf)

[15_CAC_CCC_Guidelines.pdf](http://www.cac.ca.gov/programs/files/2014-15_CAC_CCC_Guidelines.pdf)

Park Grants

California Dept. of Parks and Recreation, Office of Grants and Local Services

Land and Water Conservation Fund - Grant

Applications are due February 3, 2016.

Grant requests up to \$2 million are encouraged.

SUMMARY

- MAP is placed under federal protection to preserve the public's outdoor recreational use of the site in PERPETUITY for the benefit of our nation's future generations.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:

- Acquisition or development of outdoor recreation areas and facilities. Priority development projects include trails, campgrounds, picnic areas, natural areas and cultural areas for recreational use.

Property acquired or developed under the program must be maintained in perpetuity for public outdoor recreation use.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

- Cities and Counties
- Federally Recognized Native American Tribes
- Joint Power Authorities where all members are public agencies
- Non-state agency recreation and PARK districts with authority to

manage public PARK and recreation areas

MAXIMUM REQUEST

- Grant requests up to \$2 million are encouraged.
- Match of a minimum of 50% of the Total Project Cost is required.

SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO:

- Calif. Dept of Parks and Recreation
Office of Grants and Local Services
P.O. Box 94296-0001
Contact: (916) 653-7423

APPLICATION DEADLINE

- February 3, 2016
- **Application Guidelines**
http://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/1008/files/lwcf_application_guide_final_draft_8.24.15_map_incl.pdf
- **Website:**
http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=21360

Habitat Conservation Fund - Grant

SUMMARY

- The Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) administers the state-funded Habitat Conservation Fund grant program which allocates approximately \$2 million each year to cities, counties, and districts. This program requires a 50% match from grantees.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:

- Nature interpretation programs to bring urban residents into park and wildlife areas, protection of various plant and animal species, and acquisition and development of wildlife corridors and trails.

MAXIMUM REQUEST

- No minimum or maximum request, but must have 50% match for request

SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO:

- California Department of Parks and Recreation
Office of Grants Local Services (OGALS)
1416 9th Street, Room 918 (P.O. Box 942896)
Sacramento, California 95814
(94296-0001)

APPLICATION DEADLINE

- **October 1st, 2015**
- **Website:**
http://www.parks.ca.gov/?Page_id=21361

Recreational Trails Program – Grant

Non-Motorized Projects and Motorized Projects

SUMMARY

- The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) provides funds annually for recreational trails and trails-related projects.
- The RTP is administered at the federal level by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). It is administered at the state level by the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR).
- Non-motorized projects are administered by the Department's Office of Grants and Local Services
- Motorized projects are administered by the Department's Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

- Cities and Counties
- Districts
- State Agencies
- Federal Agencies
- Non-Profit Organizations w management responsibilities of public lands

MAXIMUM REQUEST

- No minimum or maximum request, but must have 50% match for request
- Grant requests of up to \$4 million were encouraged for 2015

SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO:

Non Motorized Projects

- California State Parks
Office of Grants and Local Services
P.O. Box 942896
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

Motorized Projects

- California State Parks
Off-Highway Motor Vehicle
Recreation Division
P.O. Box 942896
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

APPLICATION DEADLINE

- **September 15, 2015**
- [Click here for Website](#)
- [Click here for Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Environmental Grants

California Natural Resources Agency

Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program - Grant

SUMMARY

- The program encourages projects that produce multiple benefits which

reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase water use efficiency, reduce risks from climate change impacts and demonstrate collaboration with local, state and community entities.

- EEM projects must contribute to mitigation of the environmental effects of transportation facilities.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

- Public Agency
- Non-Profit Organization

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- Urban Forestry projects to offset vehicular carbon emissions
- Mitigation Projects Beyond the Scope of the Lead Agency responsible for assessing the environmental impact of the proposed transportation improvement

MAXIMUM REQUEST

- \$500,000 max
- Match not required, but applications with alternate sources of funding will receive additional points

SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO:

- California Natural Resources Agency Attn: EEM Program Coordinator
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814
- **Contact:**
(916) 653-2812
eemcoordinator@resources.ca.gov

APPLICATION DEADLINE

- Deadline was September 1st. Likely will be available next year as well
- **Website**
http://resources.ca.gov/bonds_and_grants/river-parkways/
- **Grant Guidelines**

http://resources.ca.gov/docs/bonds_and_grants/river-parkways/2015_River_Parkways_Guidelines_and_Application.pdf

California River Parkways – Grant

SUMMARY

- As California faces a fourth year of drought, the California River Parkways Program guidelines call for our funded projects to promote and practice water conservation. Planting native and drought-tolerant vegetation, enabling groundwater recharge and protecting watersheds are just a few examples of how river parkway projects can promote water conservation goals.
- The California Natural Resources Agency will be awarding approximately \$7.6 million dollars for the acquisition, restoration, protection and development of river parkways in accordance with the California River Parkways Act of 2004. **THIS IS A ONE-TIME FUNDING CYCLE.**

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

- Public Agency
- Non-Profit Organization

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- Projects must involve natural creeks, streams and/or rivers
- Projects must meet **two** of the following five conditions
 - Recreation
 - Habitat
 - Flood Management
 - Conversion of River Parkways
 - Conservation of Interpretive Enhancement

MAXIMUM REQUEST

- \$500,000

SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO:

- California River Parkway Grant Program
The Natural Resources Agency
Attn: Bonds and Grants Unit
1416 Ninth St., Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814
- **Contact:**
(916) 653-2812
riverparkways@resources.ca.gov

APPLICATION DEADLINE

- Application is past. The deadline for submission is generally in July
- [Click here for website](#)
- [Click here for guidelines](#)

Department of Transportation

Active Transportation Program – Grant

SUMMARY

- **Program Goals**
 - Increase the proportion of trips accomplished by biking and walking.
 - Increase the safety and mobility of non-motorized users.
 - Advance the active transportation efforts of regional agencies to achieve greenhouse gas reduction
 - Enhance public health, including reduction of childhood obesity through the use of programs including, but not limited to, projects eligible for Safe Routes to School Program funding.
 - Ensure that disadvantaged communities fully share in the benefits of the program.

- Provide a broad spectrum of projects to benefit many types of active transportation users.

- Deadline is generally June 1st
- Guidelines for the new cycle generally come out at the end of March
- **Website**
<http://www.catc.ca.gov/programs/ATP.htm>

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

- Public Agency
- Non-Profit Organization

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- Infrastructure Projects: Capital improvements such as environmental, design, right-of-way, and construction phases of a capital (facilities) project.
- A capital improvement that is required as a condition for private development approval or permits is not eligible for funding from the Active Transportation Program.
- Plans: The development of a community wide bicycle, pedestrian, safe routes to school, or active transportation plan in a disadvantaged community.
- Non-infrastructure Projects: Education, encouragement, and enforcement activities that further the goals of this program
- Infrastructure projects with non-infrastructure components.

MAXIMUM REQUEST

- No maximum, but a minimum request of \$250,000

SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO:

- California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, MS-52
Sacramento, CA 95814
- **Contact:** (916) 653-2134

APPLICATION DEADLINE

California Wildlife Conservation Board

Habitat Restoration Grant

SUMMARY

- This habitat restoration application is appropriate only for four of the ten Programs in the WCB:
 - Riparian Habitat Conservation
 - Inland Wetlands Conservation
 - Ecosystem Restoration on Agricultural Lands
 - Habitat Enhancement and Restoration

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

- Public Agency
- Non-Profit Organization

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- Riparian Habitat Conservation
- Inland Wetlands Conservation
- Ecosystem Restoration on Agricultural Lands
- Habitat Enhancement and Restoration

MAXIMUM REQUEST

- No maximum request given

SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO:

- John P. Donnelly, Executive Director
Wildlife Conservation Board
1807 13th Street, Suite 103
Sacramento, California 95811-7137
- **Contact:**

APPLICATION DEADLINE

- Rolling Deadline, applications reviewed in February, May, August, and November
- **Website**
<https://www.wcb.ca.gov/Applications>
- **Guidelines**
<C:\Users\nathanael.gray\Downloads\PDFsampleGRANT-Aug2012.pdf>

Historic Preservation Grants**California Cultural and Historical Endowment****Museum Grant Program****SUMMARY**

- The purpose of the Program is to assist and enhance the services of California's museums, and other groups and institutions, which undertake cultural projects deeply rooted in and reflective of previously underserved communities.
- CCHE programs seek to preserve, interpret, and enhance understanding and appreciation of the significant elements that add to the State's cultural, social, and economic evolution
- Other priorities include preserving, documenting, interpreting or enhancing the understanding of California's story and communities that are absent or underrepresented in existing historical parks, monuments, museums and other facilities

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

- Public Agency
- Non-Profit Organization, with historical preservation mission

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- Acquisition of real property
- Development of property, such as improvement, rehabilitation, restoration, enhancement, preservation and protection

MAXIMUM REQUEST

- Grant requests for individual projects must be between \$50,000-\$250,000

SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO:

- Museum Grant Program Coordinator
California Cultural and Historical Endowment
c/o California Natural Resources Agency
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

APPLICATION DEADLINE

- **Deadline is generally September 1st**
- **Website**
http://resources.ca.gov/cche/museum_grant_program/
- **Application Guidelines**
http://resources.ca.gov/docs/bonds_and_grants/mgp/2014-15_MGP_GUIDELINES.pdf

Recreational Facilities Grants**California Dept. of Boating and Waterways—various grant programs.****Aquatic Center Grant Application****MISSION**

- The mission of DBW is to provide safe and convenient public access to

California's waterways and leadership in promoting the public's right to safe, enjoyable and environmentally sound recreational boating.

As part of its mission, DBW manages the Aquatic Center Grant Program to enhance boaters' knowledge of boating laws, practical handling of vessels on the water, weather and water conditions, rules of the road, equipment requirements and environmental stewardship.

FUNDS MAY GO TOWARD

Vessels, and/or associated equipment that provide for boating safety education are eligible for grant funding. Examples include but are not limited to:

- sailboats,
- trailers,
- water ski boats,
- canoes,
- kayaks,
- rafts,
- stand-up paddle boards,
- windsurfing equipment,
- boat engines,
- safety boats, and associated safety equipment, such as life jackets, radios, and wetsuits.
- storage sheds,
- equipment racks and
- portable docking systems.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

- The application opens in the fall generally every two years. The last cycle was 2013-2014, so it is likely the grant will become available either this fall or next.
- **Website**
<http://www.dbw.ca.gov/Funding/AquaticGrant.aspx#2>
- **Contact**

Amy Rigby – (916) 327-1848
Joleane King – (916) 327-1829

Other Places to Check for Upcoming Grants

- General's Crime and Violence Prevention Center—grant funds listed for various programs.
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- California Department of Conservation
- California Integrated Waste Management Board—playground surface safety and recycling grants.
- California Office of Criminal Justice Planning—juvenile delinquency prevention grants.
- California Resources Agency—bond act grants under various Propositions.
- U.S. National Park Service—Land and Water Conservation Fund; Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program; Save America's Treasures Program; Urban Park and Recreation Recovery.
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Small Business Administration—Urban Forestry Grants.

As the above list demonstrates, public grants for park and recreation purposes are not solely provided by traditional funders of park and recreation programs.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Another kind of giving comes from individuals and groups in the community. Volunteer labor and donations of money, services or material are potentially attractive resources for agencies that cannot afford to pay additional staff or make purchases beyond the budget for expenditures. There are many ways to utilize the resources of the community through volunteer programs and donations.

Friends of the Park

A Friends organization is typically a private citizens committee dedicated to supporting the goals of a public agency. A Friends organization

may undertake fundraising for capital or operational needs and would typically establish tax-exempt 501(c) (3) status. As a non-profit entity, such an organization can obtain grants on behalf of the city when the city itself is not eligible. A “Friends of” organization can also be a fundraiser, receive donations, coordinate volunteer support and assist with match requirements (cash and in-kind labor) for grants to the agency. Another way a “Friends of” organization can help is to be a gateway to the corporate world’s sense of civic responsibility. Other areas where Friends can participate include:

- Participate in park design
- Participate on advisory committees
- Participate in park maintenance
- Assist in applying for outside grants.

Some City’s have set up grant programs that neighborhood “Friends of Parks” can compete for.

Local Organizations

Local organized groups can also be helpful in fund-raising and using volunteer labor to build and fund projects. Most communities are host to one or more service clubs (Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, Soroptimists, etc.), business associations, churches and neighborhood associations and other groups who would probably be happy to contribute to the betterment of park and recreation programs in their area. Sporting groups such as soccer, tennis or Little League and community groups, such as Rotary, Kiwanis, 4-H and the Boys and Girls Club are examples of these supportive partners. Park and recreation departments can seek out volunteer labor and donations from the community to support recreation programs and improve facilities. Examples include tree-plantings, mentoring, youth-group park improvement projects or adopt-a-park and adopt-a-park-component donations, Eagle Scout or Gold Award projects such as picnic table slabs, painting projects, trails, murals, gardens or gazebos. The donations of labor, land, or cash by

service agencies, private groups or individuals are a popular way to raise small amounts of money for specific projects.

Foundations

Corporate, charitable, faith-based and community foundations also provide support for park and recreation facilities and programs, even during times of economic stress. Foundation support may be direct or it may come through non-profit organizations, such as a “Friends of” organization. Foundation giving is governed by specific guidelines that stipulate purposes for which grant money can be used, areas of foundation interest and geographic jurisdiction.

Just a few of the many foundations that offer grants pertaining to parks include:

- Arts and Culture
- Ford Foundation
- Pew Charitable Trusts
- After-school programs
- David & Lucille Packard Foundation
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- Historic Preservation
- J. Paul Getty Trust
- Natural Resources
- William & Flora Hewlett Foundation
- Parks and Recreation
- McConnell Foundation
- Kaboom
- California Volunteers
- California Re-leaf
- United States Tennis Association

Land Trusts

Non-profit land trusts at local, regional, state and national levels have been increasing in the last decade. For example, private land trusts such as the Trust for Public Land, Inc. and the Nature Conservancy will acquire and hold land for eventual acquisition by a public agency. These organizations purchase land, hold options to purchase or acquire conservation easements. They can move fairly quickly to acquire land from willing sellers and often partner with public agencies who move more slowly. The

non-profit land trusts typically purchase and hold the property until public agencies can complete environmental review and secure funding.

Corporate Sponsors/Fundraising

Corporate sponsorship has become a major source of funding for large-scale projects with substantial public exposure. Corporate sponsors are potential sources of funding for recreation facilities, where they can put their name on the facilities and/or special events they can be identified with. This could include tourism related companies (such as hotels) or local companies seeking goodwill in the local community. Some communities have successfully used local fundraising campaigns to fund community amenities such as trails and landscaping. This might provide an opportunity to encourage participation by residents of surrounding area who might not otherwise contribute to the improvements.

PARTNERS

The participation of other agencies or the private sector offers another way to expand park and recreation and program offerings. Frequently these partnerships involve cooperation on providing activities and programs. Thus to the extent that the Oroville Parks and Trees Department does not provide recreation programs, the use of partnerships may be somewhat limited. Below is a discussion of three major potential partners for Oroville: the school district, FRRPD and public-private partnerships.

Working with Schools

Communities have historically viewed school grounds and parks as important open space and recreation assets. In the mind of the public, school grounds are good places to go during after-school hours for soccer games, basketball practice, playing catch, flying a kite, or just taking an evening walk. In many cities, recreation features of a school are specifically managed through collaborative arrangements between the local recreation agency and community schools.

Park and recreation agencies and school districts can work together for the good of their communities in many ways. State law encourages public access to school grounds for recreation purposes. Joint-use is enabled as well by provisions of state law concerning grants for new school construction. Opportunities may also exist for cooperation on the conversion of surplus school grounds for community recreation purposes. Procedures for the disposal of surplus school real estate allow public recreation agencies to have first preference for acquisition, with potential under some circumstances for acquisition at below market value or for less than fee simple acquisition. Prior planning and community support are essential ingredients for a smooth transition of a surplus school site into a new public recreation facility.

After-school programs have attracted considerable interest in recent years. There are two important programmatic pathways for after-school activities: criminal justice and education. Neither program is oriented around parks and recreation, but there is ample opportunity within each program for park and recreation agencies to receive funds. The activities range from tutoring and homework assistance, to enrichment projects in literacy, science, and math, gym, computer labs, and art studios. Many after-school programs in California are funded by federal Child Development grants, as well as the new After School Learning and Safe Neighborhood Grant Program, administered by the California Department of Education.

Many cities have a formal Joint Use Agreement between the City and the Unified School District (USD) which addresses the following topics:

- Use of facilities during unprogrammed hours
- Coordination and points of contact
- Agreement upon provision of staffing for programs
- Opening and closing protocols
- Emergency protocols
- Clean-up responsibilities
- Maintenance responsibilities

- Fiscal responsibility for programs and facilities
- Liability insurance
- Joint planning for new facilities
- Disposition of surplus school sites
- Joint funding for facilities.

Feather River Recreation and Park District (FRRPD)

There may be ways to foster additional cooperation and coordination between the City and FRRPD to further provide recreational opportunities in an efficient manner. Such a cooperative agreement could include:

- Collection of impact fees
- Cost sharing on park maintenance
- Joint marketing/promotional efforts
- Joint funding applications.

Public-Private Partnerships

This concept has become increasingly popular for park and recreation agencies. The basic approach is for a public agency to enter into a working agreement with a private corporation to help fund, build, and/or operate a public facility. Generally, the three primary incentives a public agency can offer is free land to place a facility (usually a park or other parcel of public land), certain tax advantages and access to the facility. While the public agency may have to give up certain responsibilities or control, it is one way of obtaining public facilities at a lower cost. These agreements normally involve a project that will generate substantial revenues such as a recreation or sports complex, cafe, gardens, events center or attractions.

Public-private partnerships have been valuable for the City of Los Angeles. The City's Recreation and Parks Income Development (RAPID) Division was established in 1992 to develop partnerships with private and non-profit sectors in order to enhance recreation and parks services across Los Angeles. Since then, RAPID has coordinated and established several programs: Youth Basketball with the Los Angeles Clippers, the Tregan Golf Academy and

Wonderful Outdoor World. It also enabled expansion of the Park Ranger's Bike Patrol.

In 2003, King County, WA adopted its Partnership-for-Parks initiative to develop public-private entrepreneurial partnerships and enhance recreational amenities and services in the city. The Division is actively seeking entrepreneurial proposals for the following enterprise categories:

- Historic District Renovations Capital Projects & Real Estate Development
- Outdoor / Adventure Activities Naming Rights & Sponsorship
- Promotional Advertising Professional / Amateur Sports Events
- Food & Beverage Concessions
- Sustainable Building Projects
- Gifts, Grants, Endowments Property Lease Agreements



SUMMARY

There are several important points to be kept in mind with regard to all of the funding sources discussed above:

- Many sources are restricted to park development and do not cover O&M.
- Except where indicated, most of these sources can be used for implementation and construction activities.
- Many sources require that a specific number of jobs be created at certain levels of funding.
- Many funding sources are specifically aimed at programs and activities such as after-school programs.
- Many sources may require a matching contribution from the recipient or from the private sector.
- All of these programs are very competitive and generally receive between 5 and 10 applications per grant award.
- Utilizing any of the financing vehicles for local funding would require working setting up the financing vehicle. In most cases additional planning would be

required to establish assessment district boundaries or conduct a nexus analysis to impose fees.

Keeping track of potential funding sources is a full time job. Many cities retain a full time staff person for this function. There are literally thousands of potential sources. There are hundreds of publications and web sites for this purpose, but in the end it takes time and perseverance. Each source has different requirements for the activity, matching funds, application procedures, qualifying criteria and so forth. Many of these funding programs are undergoing constant changes in their rules and guidelines. As noted at the beginning of this section of the report, Oroville has been successful in attracting some grants for park development. However, as competition increases for grant funds in the future, it would be helpful if the City designates a full time staff person to track the various funding sources available for parks and other projects.

Obviously, an ongoing effort will need to be made to seek out and apply for various grants and loans as implementation proceeds. At that time further contact with each funding source will be necessary.



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**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF OROVILLE
UPDATED PUBLIC DRAFT OF THE PARKS, TRAILS & OPEN SPACE MASTER
PLAN**

The City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider adopting the updated public draft of the Parks, Trails & Open Space Master Plan. The emphasis of this activity is to serve, in conjunction with the City's General Plan, as a guiding document for the planning and development of recreation facilities. The plan provides a framework of goals and policies necessary to meet public recreation needs over the next twenty years.

Said hearing will be held at **6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18, 2016** in the City Council Chambers, 1735 Montgomery Street, Oroville, CA. All interested persons are invited to attend or submit comments in writing.

Additional information regarding the plan described in this notice can be obtained from the Oroville City Clerk at 1735 Montgomery Street, Oroville, CA. Anyone desiring to submit information, opinions or objections is requested to submit them in writing to the City Clerk prior to the hearing. In accordance with Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge a decision on this action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public meeting described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Posted/Published: **Saturday, October 8, 2016**

**OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL
STAFF REPORT**

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: BILL LA GRONE, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY

**RE: ORDINANCE RESTRICTING THE RESALE AND POSSESSION
OF BUTANE PRODUCTS**

DATE: OCTOBER 18, 2016

SUMMARY

The Council will conduct a public hearing regarding an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Oroville, California, adding Chapter 9.04.190, related to butane resale regulations, to Title 9, Public Peace and Welfare, of the Oroville Municipal Code.

DISCUSSION

The northern region of the State, in particular Butte County, has experienced an increase in Butane "Honey Oil" (BHO) laboratories. The manufacture of honey oil (also known as hash oil) in clandestine labs uses extremely volatile butane as a solvent to strip the oils from the marijuana. The use of butane breaks down and dissolves the Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) from marijuana plants, creating a concentrated form of marijuana. During this process the butane quickly evaporates leaving behind an extremely volatile vapor that will ignite given an ignition source. Butane is also odorless, colorless and its vapors are heavier than air which will pool in low-lying areas where common ignition sources are present.

In 2015, 33 counties in California reported the seizure of clandestine labs. Butte County ranked number 1 in the State per capita. In 2015, Butte County dismantled 56 BHO labs, of which 4 ended with an explosion and injuries. The number of children exposed to labs rose in 2015 compared to 2014. The Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force (BINTF) responded to 24 children who were exposed to the manufacturing of butane honey oil (BHO).

The resale of large quantities of butane is a level that is only relevant to the manufacturing of honey oils. Such sales and possession of butane should be regulated to prevent the use of butane in the manufacture of honey oil where such activity presents grave dangers and adverse health risks to residents of the City of Oroville and first responders.

As a result of the increasing danger to the public and first responders, all local law enforcement and City leaders have led discussions and research relating to a County-wide approach to restrict the resale of butane. The proposed ordinance has been reviewed by all law enforcement agencies and their elected officials with the goal of adopting uniformity in the content of an ordinance.

Staff recommends the City adopt the proposed ordinance that would make it unlawful for any reseller to sell any number of butane canisters that exceed a combined total storage of 600 ml of butane during any single transaction. It would make it unlawful for any person to purchase or acquire any number of butane canisters that exceed a combined total storage capacity of 600 ml of butane during any 30-day period, and it would make it unlawful for any person to have in their possession or control any number of butane canisters that exceed a combined total storage capacity of 600 ml of butane at any one time.

This ordinance does not restrict the lawful possession of butane for commercial operations which require butane quantities greater than 600 ml, or butane canisters containing a sulfur-containing odorant, such as ethyl mercaptan.

FISCAL IMPACT

Enforcement costs and activities will be absorbed within existing budget.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Waive the first reading and introduce by title only, Ordinance No. 1817 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 9.04.190, RELATING TO BUTANE RESALE REGULATIONS, TO TITLE 9, PUBLIC PEACE AND WELFARE, OR THE OROVILLE CITY MUNICIPAL CODE.

ATTACHMENTS

- A - Ordinance No. 1817
- B - Public Hearing Notice



**CITY OF OROVILLE
ORDINANCE NO. 1817**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 9.04.190, RELATING TO BUTANE RESALE REGULATIONS, TO TITLE 9, PUBLIC PEACE AND WELFARE, OR THE OROVILLE CITY MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, the northern region of the State of California has experienced a recent increase in explosions caused from the manufacturing of honey oil (also known as hash oil) in clandestine labs using extremely volatile butane as a solvent to strip the oils from marijuana. These incidents have caused considerable property damage, personal injury and even incidents of death to those participating in the manufacturing process, as well as innocent bystanders;

WHEREAS, the use of butane breaks down and dissolves the Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) from marijuana plants, creating a concentrated form of marijuana. This process creates inherent dangers as the butane quickly evaporates during the process leaving behind an extremely volatile vapor that will ignite given an ignition source. Butane is also odorless, colorless and its vapors are heavier than air and will therefore pool in low lying areas seeking out ignition sources. Studies suggest 99.5% of the butane used to extract the THC will volatilize into the immediate area and remain in a form that is odorless and latent to the human eye and can only be detected through a combustible gas instrument;

WHEREAS, honey oil labs using butane as the solvent to extract the THC from marijuana present serious hazards to both property and persons, including first responders and innocent bystanders, and that such conditions present grave risk of loss where any form of ignition sources are capable of igniting the gas resulting in an explosion and/or flash fire. Some examples of these ignition sources are wall switches, thermostatic switches, refrigerator/freezer motors, wall outlets, cigarettes, torches, electric pumps, and even static electricity; and

WHEREAS, the resale of butane occurs at levels that are only relevant to the manufacturing of honey oils. Such sales and possession of butane should be regulated to prevent the use of butane in the manufacture of honey oil where such activity presents

grave dangers and adverse health risks to the occupants of the City of Oroville (the “City”) and the first responders therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Oroville:

Section 1. Findings and Purpose. The City Council finds and declares that the above recitals are true and correct and hereby incorporate them herein by this reference.

Section 2. Authority. This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted by the California Constitution and State law, including but not limited to Article XI, Section 7 of the California Constitution and California Government Code Sections 36900 and 36901.

Section 3. Section 9.04.190 is hereby added to Chapter 9.04, OFFENSES IN GENERAL, to read as follows:

9.04.190 Regulation of butane resale.

- A. Definitions. For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply:
1. **“Butane”** means iso-butane, n-butane, and refined butane of any power.
 2. **“Canister”** means a single container designed or used for the storage of butane under pressure.
 3. **“Code”** means the City of Oroville Municipal Code.
 4. **“Count”** means the number of canisters of butane.
 5. **“Customer”** means any person who is sold or acquires during a transaction product from any retail store.
 6. **“Day”** means calendar day.
 7. **“Person”** means a corporation, co-partnership, or association as well as a natural person.
 8. **“Reseller”** means any business, company, corporation, person, employee or associate selling products to any customer within the City of Oroville. It does not include any wholesaler engaged in a wholesale transaction.
 9. **“Sell”** means to furnish, give away, exchange, transfer, deliver, surrender, distribute or supply, whether for monetary gain or other consideration.
 10. **“Transaction”** means a purchase, sale, trade, loan, pledge, investment, gift, transfer, transmission, delivery, deposit, withdrawal, payment, exchange of currency, extension of credit, purchase or sale of any monetary instrument, or an electronic, magnetic or manual transfer between accounts or any other acquisition or disposition of property by whatever means effected.
 11. **“Wholesaler”** means a person whose business is the selling of goods in gross to retail stores for purposes of resale.

B. Unlawful Sale, Purchase and Handling of Butane.

1. It is unlawful for any reseller or other person to sell, offer to sell, or otherwise provide to a customer any number of butane canisters that exceed a combined total storage of 600 ml of butane during any single transaction.
2. It is unlawful for any customer to purchase or acquire any number of butane canisters that exceed a combined total storage capacity of 600 ml of butane during any 30-day period.
3. It is unlawful for any person to have in their possession, custody, or control any number of butane canisters that exceed a combined total storage capacity of 600 ml of butane at any one time. The limitation in this subsection shall not apply to the following:
 - a. Butane canisters possessed by wholesalers or resellers solely for the purposes of resale; or
 - b. Butane canisters possessed by persons solely for the purposes of furthering their ongoing, lawful, and City-licensed commercial operations which require butane quantities greater than 600 ml.
 - c. Butane canisters containing a sulfur-containing odorant, such as ethyl mercaptan.

C. Tracking of Butane Sales.

1. For every sale of butane, the reseller shall prepare a bill of sale that identifies the date of sale, quantity of butane purchased, and the purchaser's identification. Purchaser's identification as used herein shall mean a person's first and last name as verified from a valid driver's license or other official and valid state-issued identification that contains a photograph of the purchaser and a residential or mailing address. Reseller shall retain a copy of the bill of sale in readable form for a period of two years.
2. It shall be unlawful for any reseller to sell butane to any customer without complying with Section 9.04.190(c)(1) of this Code.

D. Penalties, Strict Liability, and Nuisance.

1. Any violation of this section is a misdemeanor and subject to a \$1,000 penalty and/or six months in the county jail; provided, however, the City shall have the discretion to reduce the misdemeanor to an infraction. A separate offense shall exist for every single violation of this section. The criminal prosecution of any violation of this section does not preclude the City of Oroville from the further initiation of any other civil or administrative proceeding which may be available as a remedy for such violation in accordance with Title 1 of this Code.
2. This section is a regulatory provision necessary for the protection of the public health, welfare and safety. In any criminal prosecution for a violation of this section, it is not necessary to prove knowledge or criminal intent.
3. A violation of any provision of this section constitutes a public nuisance.

E. Cumulative Remedy. Nothing herein is intended to limit the City of Oroville from pursuing any other remedy available at law or in equity against any person or entity

maintaining, committing, or causing a public nuisance or any other violation of the Code or State or Federal law.

Section 4. This ordinance is exempt from CEQA pursuant to section 15061(b)(3) which is the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment and CEQA does not apply where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment. This ordinance has no impact on the physical environment as it will not result in any changes.

Section 5. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance and each section, subsection subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 6. The City Clerk shall attest to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance, and shall cause the same to be posted as required by law, and this Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) calendar days after its adoption.

THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE was adopted by the City Council of the City of Oroville, California, at its regular meeting held on _____, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Linda L. Dahlmeier, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:

Scott E. Huber, City Attorney

Donald Rust, Acting City Clerk



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY OF OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Oroville City Council will hold a public hearing on the item listed below. Said hearing will be held at approximately **6:00 PM or as soon as possible thereafter, on Tuesday, November 1, 2016**, in the City Council Chambers, 1735 Montgomery Street, Oroville, CA. All interested persons are invited to attend or submit comments in writing.

- 1. Butane Ordinance:** The City Council will conduct a public hearing and may consider adding Chapter 9.04.200, relating to butane resale regulations to Title 9 – Public Peace and Welfare, to the City of Oroville Municipal Code.

Additional information regarding the item described in this notice can be obtained from the City of Oroville Clerk's Office at 1735 Montgomery Street, Oroville, CA.

Bill LaGrone, Director
Public Safety Department

Posted: October 6, 2016
Published: October 21, 2016

ITEM NO. 7

**CHANGE ORDERS AND
PROPOSED PROJECT
MODIFICATION RELATING
TO THE TABLE MOUNTAIN
ROUNDBOUT PROJECT**

**WILL BE RECEIVED
UNDER SEPARATE COVER**

**OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL
STAFF REPORT**

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: DONALD RUST, ACTING CITY ADMINISTRATOR

RE: APPROVAL OF THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE POSITION OF CITY ENGINEER/DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, ADOPTING A SALARY RANGE, AND STARTING THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS

DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 2016

SUMMARY

The Council may consider approving the job description for the position of City Engineer/Director of Public Works, adopting a salary range for the position, and starting the recruitment process.

DISCUSSION

On September 17, 2016, the Interim City Engineer (Project Manager/Senior Civil Engineer) retired and created a vacancy for the City Engineer position. The City Charter requires the City to have a City Engineer. Currently, the City is utilizing Ghirardelli Associates consulting firm to provide those services under contract approved on September 20, 2016. City staff is requesting City Council approval to move forward in the recruitment process for the City Engineer/Director of Public Works position.

Staff brought forward a job description for the position of City Engineer/Public Works Manager on September 20, 2016, which was approved. This new job description was replacing the vacant position of Project Manager/Senior Civil Engineer. The old position had a salary range of \$67,442.20 at Step A to \$94,897.95 at Step H. Staff requested from Bryce Consulting a salary survey based on the new job description of City Engineer/Public Works Manager. The City had not received the salary survey for the position before the job description was brought before Council. The City received the salary survey for the position on October 11, 2016. The salary survey indicates that the maximum salary base should be \$126,528 per year, to be competitive. Staff is requesting approval of a new salary range of:

A	B	C	D	E
\$104,095	\$109,300	\$114,765	\$120,503	\$126,528

In addition, staff is recommending changing the job description to City Engineer/Director of Public Works who would have Department Head status. This position would take direction directly from the City Council and would be responsible for being the City Engineer and the Director of Public Works.

Staff is requesting the changes to the job description, adoption of the salary range and permission to start the recruitment process. Staff would also recommend a second tier benefit structure when the contract for this position is created.

FISCAL IMPACT

Salaries and benefits budgeted for the Interim City Engineer and the Associate Civil Engineer were a total of \$264,277.05 included in the current 16-17 budget.

Salary for a City Engineer/Director of Public Works would be allocated across the following budgets, starting at Step A:

	<u>Civil Engineer Fund-Acct-Budget Unit</u>	
Public Works	20,819.00	100-5xxx-2901
Streets	20,819.00	100-5xxx-3101
Sewer	26,023.75	400-5xxx-4001
Airport	26,023.75	130-5xxx-4201
Recycling	10,409.50	113-5xxx-5051
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	<u>\$ 104,095.00</u>	

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the changes to the job description for the position of City Engineer/Director of Public Works.
2. Adopt the salary schedule for the position of City Engineer/Director of Public Works.
3. Authorize staff to begin the recruitment process for the position of City Engineer/Director of Public Works.

ATTACHMENTS

A - Draft Job Description for City Engineer/Director of Public Works



**CITY ENGINEER/DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
JOB DESCRIPTION**

DEFINITION

Under general direction of the Oroville City Council this position manages the Engineering and Public Works Department, including transportation/traffic, construction administration and inspection, land development review, public facility engineering, construction and maintenance of streets, storm drains, sewer system and public utilities, municipal airport, and capital improvement project design; formulates policy, develops goals and objectives, to ensure divisional compliance with all applicable laws, regulations and standards; supervises staff and administers the division's budgets; performs professional civil engineering work and performs other duties as assigned.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED

General direction is received from the Oroville City Council.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED

The City Engineer/Director of Public Works provides direct supervision to professional, technical, clerical and temporary employees assigned to the department.

EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS: *Essential functions may include, but are not limited to, the following:*

Plans, organizes, directs and evaluates the functions and activities of the Engineering and Public Works Department;

Develops and implements goals, objectives, performance standards, policies and procedures;

Supervises, motivates, and evaluates work of subordinate staff and provides staff training, education and development opportunities;

Interprets and ensures departmental compliance with all federal, state, regional and local laws and regulations, City policies and procedures and standards of quality and safety;

Develops, monitors and manages the departmental budgets and project schedules;

Monitors and approves all purchase/payment orders;

Prepares and administers grants for special programs and projects;

Serves as Airport Manager and Flood Plain Administrator;

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Directs and reviews the work of contract consultants and reviews or prepares related requests for proposals and contracts;

Reviews and approves engineering plans, specifications, and contract documents;

Designs and prepares engineering plans, specifications, and contract documents;

Manages and administers departmental activities, programs and projects including consultant contract administration, prepares engineering design plans, site development projects, survey, construction management and inspection, City streets and freeway interchanges, traffic controls, drainage structures, sewage collection, parking and other municipal facilities, such as an airport, and other civil engineering projects;

Administers development fee programs;

Interprets City Standards in complex and unclear cases;

Reviews conditions of approval for subdivisions and site developments;

Recommends approval of subdivision agreements, improvement plans, subdivision and parcel maps, and final maps;

Establishes guidelines and methods for capital improvement projects related to project design, timetables and other factors;

Identifies City needs and priorities for specific public works projects;

Develops and updates short and long-range goals;

Establishes and administers Standard Details and Specifications, development plans, plan check manuals, and master plans for sewer and storm drain systems, and other documents as required by Oroville Municipal Code;

Reviews transportation plans and transportation systems and establishes and reviews construction inspection criteria;

Conducts or directs analytical studies, develops and reviews reports of findings, alternatives and recommendations for the maintenance and improvement of City public works services and prepares and directs the preparation of a variety of periodic and special reports regarding departmental activities;

Designs, prepares, reviews and/or approves public improvement plans, specifications, standards and estimates and encroachment, transportation, grading, drainage and flood plain permits and land development conditions of approval and associated agreements and land development maps, deeds and other documents, including acceptance of public right-of-way dedications to the City by deeds;

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Inspects or oversees inspections and evaluates public works improvement and land development projects, and public safety concerns;

Confers with and provides professional and technical assistance to City Council, City Administrator, Community Development Director, and other staff on matters related to Engineering and Public Works functions;

Coordinates departmental activities with those of other city departments and divisions, federal, state and local agencies and private groups as appropriate;

Represents the department and makes presentations to City Council, Commissions, Boards, other City and community meetings; may serve on various committees, boards and commissions as appropriate;

Receives and responds to public inquiries, requests for assistance and complaints regarding departmental projects and activities;

Monitors legislation and trends in areas of responsibility and evaluates their impact on City operations and recommends and implements policy and procedural improvements;

Performs general administrative work as assigned, including but not limited to conducting and attending meetings, assisting customers, researching files, scheduling appointments, reviewing correspondence, etc.;

Reviews and investigates alleged violations;

Signs final maps and plans for the City;

Develops, administers and monitors the Engineering and Public Works Department's activities, programs and the City's capital improvement budgets, the lighting and landscape maintenance district, benefit assessment districts, sidewalk repair programs, and other related programs;

Advises City staff and others on issues relating to adopted City Standard Details and Specifications;

Prepares written reports and requests for City Council and staff regarding ordinance changes, establishment of City policy and items for City Council approval;

Interacts effectively with elected officials and staff, developers, engineers, architects, property owners, and other governmental agencies including local, state and federal;

Performs other duties as assigned.

Knowledge of:

Principles and practices of organization, administration and budget; principles and practices of modern civil, structural, hydraulic, sanitary, and traffic engineering related to municipal public works design, transportation planning, pavement management, erosion control, storm drain maintenance, and public works design and construction; methods, techniques and materials employed in the construction of public works projects; processing rights-of-way acquisitions; estimating and design and preparation of plans for improvements; principles and practices of supervision; effective public speaking techniques; laws and regulatory codes related to governing land development, development and construction of public works projects and assessment districts; and personal computer operation and applications.

Departmental policies, procedures and standards related to public works maintenance and construction projects; pertinent federal, state, regional and local laws, regulations, codes and ordinances; administrative principles and methods, including goal setting and planning; organizational and management practices as applied to the analysis and evaluation of programs, policies and operational needs; principles and practices of civil engineering, land development, flood plain management, emergency management, airport operations as applied to the design, construction and maintenance of public facilities and technical inspection services; modern principles, practices, techniques, equipment, materials and tools used in public works construction / maintenance projects and daily operations; safe and proper operation of heavy construction equipment; research methods and sources of information related to public works operations; principles of supervision, training and performance evaluation; budget preparation and administration practices; principles and practices of modern office management, communications and effective employee and public relations; modern office practices and technology, including the use of computers for word and data processing and spreadsheet applications; methods of letter writing and report preparation; English usage, spelling, grammar and punctuation; safe work practices.

Ability to:

Plan, organize, coordinate and administer activities of the Engineering and Public Works Department; develop and implement programs, policies and procedures; administer and monitor division budgets and expenditures, including a capital improvement budget; formulate and administer the lighting and landscape maintenance district, benefit assessment districts and sidewalk repair programs and other programs; interpret and effectively apply various laws, ordinances, regulations, policies and procedures; supervise, train and evaluate professional, technical and clerical staff; establish and maintain effective working relations with property owners, contractors, public officials, employees, other public agencies, community groups and the general public; keep accurate records; make effective presentations on engineering and public works matters in lay language; perform professional engineering work; prepare contract documents and comprehensive reports; supervise and coordinate construction contracts; operate a personal computer; exercise sound, fair and consistent independent judgement; solve

complex problems and mediate to resolve disputes; and exemplify and foster an enthusiastic, resourceful and effective service attitude/approach with internal and external customers.

Effectively learn and apply City, department and division policies, procedures, rules and regulations, terminology, City Standards and Details, permit provisions and the City's Geographical Information System (GIS), city maps and records system; work additional hours as necessary to meet deadlines and attend night meetings; keep current on changes/trends/technology in the engineering and public works field; participate, foster and encourage all members of the divisions to work as members of a team;

Interpret, analyze and apply pertinent federal, state, regional and local laws, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations pertaining to divisional administration and operations; develop, implement and interpret goals, objectives, policies, procedures and work standards; analyze complex problems, identify alternative solutions, determine consequences of proposed actions and implement recommendations in support of goals; determine work priorities and effectively coordinate and schedule resources and staff to perform activities and projects within time limits; read and understand complex plans, specifications and blueprints; apply technical knowledge and follow proper inspection techniques to examine workmanship and materials, and detect deviations from plans, specifications, regulations and standard construction practices; exercise sound, independent judgment within general policy guidelines; perform required mathematical computations with accuracy; communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing; prepare, verify, analyze and reconcile complex records, reports and recommendations; gain cooperation through discussion and persuasion, and facilitate the resolution of difficult political and controversial issues related to Engineering and Public Works plans and projects; represent the City effectively in meetings with others; interpret complex departmental projects and programs to the public.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Experience: At least six (6) years of experience performing progressively responsible professional civil engineering work with registration in the State of California, which includes two years of experience in supervising engineering and public works staff engaged in a variety of public works and/or land development projects including design, construction inspection, transportation, development and review.

Education: The equivalent to a Bachelor's Degree in civil engineering from an accredited college/university. Master's degree in an applicable field is desirable.

Certification: Registration in the State of California as a Professional Civil Engineer. Registration in the State of California as a Land Surveyor is desirable, if civil engineering license does not cover land surveying.

License: Must possess and maintain a valid California driver's license and a satisfactory driving record, as determined by the City.

Additional Requirements: Must have the willingness and ability to work the hours necessary to accomplish the job requirements; be on-call for emergencies; travel to and attend meetings, seminars, conferences, etc. during work and non-work hours; complete continuing education requirements, as necessary;

TYPICAL WORKING CONDITIONS

Work is performed in an office and field environment. Incumbent drives on surface streets and may be exposed to traffic and construction hazards, electrical currents, air contaminants, adverse weather conditions, temperature and noise extremes, wetness, humidity, heights, fumes, dusts, odors, toxic or caustic chemicals, vibration.

TYPICAL PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

Essential duties require the mental and/or physical ability to work regularly in a standard office environment and periodically in a field environment involving body movement, dexterity and agility of balance and coordination while moving through restricted spaces, such as trenches and climbing ladders and stairs; requires the ability to sit at desk for long periods of time and intermittently walk, stand, climb, balance, stoop, kneel, crouch, crawl and reach while performing office duties and/or field work; occasionally lift and/or move up to 25 pounds; use hands to finger, handle, feel or operate objects, tools and controls read fine print and distinguish colors and shades of color to interpret and use maps/blue prints for prolonged periods of time; converse with others in person and by telephone; and operate a personal computer.

Approved by Council: TBD

APPLICATION FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE(S)

ABC 211 (6/99)

TO: Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control
1900 CHURN CREEK RD
STE 215
REDDING, CA 96002
(530) 224-4830

File Number: 575189
Receipt Number: 2389478
Geographical Code: 0404
Copies Mailed Date: October 4, 2016
Issued Date:

DISTRICT SERVING LOCATION: REDDING

First Owner: SAELEE, CHIO MEUY
Name of Business: NORI ASIAN KITCHEN AND GRILL
Location of Business: 2025 BIRD ST
OROVILLE, CA 95965

County: BUTTE

Is Premise inside city limits? Yes Census Tract 0028.00

Mailing Address:
(If different from
premises address)

Type of license(s): 41, 58

Transferor's license/name: 536664 / BIRD STREET CAFE INC Dropping Partner: Yes No [checked]

Table with 7 columns: License Type, Transaction Type, Fee Type, Master, Dup, Date, Fee. Rows include various license types like 'On-Sale Beer And Wine' and 'Caterer Permit' with associated fees and dates.

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No
Have you ever violated any provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, or regulations of the Department pertaining to the Act? No

Explain any "Yes" answer to the above questions on an attachment which shall be deemed part of this application.

Applicant agrees (a) that any manager employed in an on-sale licensed premises will have all the qualifications of a licensee, and (b) that he will not violate or cause or permit to be violated any of the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA County of BUTTE Date: October 4, 2016

Under penalty of perjury, each person whose signature appears below, certifies and says: (1) He is an applicant, or one of the applicants, or an executive officer of the applicant corporation, named in the foregoing application, duly authorized to make this application on its behalf; (2) that he has read the foregoing and knows the contents thereof and that each of the above statements therein made are true; (3) that no person other than the applicant or applicants has any direct or indirect interest in the applicant or applicant's business to be conducted under the license(s) for which this application is made; (4) that the transfer application or proposed transfer is not made to satisfy the payment of a loan or to fulfill an agreement entered into more than ninety (90) days preceding the day on which the transfer application is filed with the Department or to gain or establish a preference to or for any creditor or transferor or to defraud or injure any creditor of transferor; (5) that the transfer application may be withdrawn by either the applicant or the licensee with no resulting liability to the Department.

Effective July 1, 2012, Revenue and Taxation Code Section 7057, authorizes the State Board of Equalization and the Franchise Tax Board to share taxpayer information with Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. The Department may suspend, revoke, and refuse to issue a license if the licensee's name appears in the 500 largest tax delinquencies list. (Business and Professions Code Section 494.5.)

Applicant Name(s)

SAELEE, CHIO MEUY

Applicant Signature(s)

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