

Community Engagement Summary

There has been and will continue to be substantial community engagement for this Project. The following gives a detailed overview of the project's community engagement strategy:

1. Past Activities:

- a. Parks and Trails Master Plan - In early 2017, preparation of the first ever Placer County Parks and Trails Master Plan began. Public outreach included focus group meetings in both the western and eastern regions of the County, presentations at all 13 Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) meetings, stakeholder meetings, and Parks Commission, Planning Commission and Board of Supervisor meetings to obtain public input. As a component of the Hidden Falls Regional Park trails expansion project, the proposed trailhead and parking area Project was included as one of the line items within the Master Plan Capital Projects. The online survey results from the Parks and Trail Master Plan showed extensive support for the construction of new parking areas to serve trail network systems. Without adequate access and parking areas, public use of trails and open space areas becomes problematic. In addition to the online survey results from the Placer County residents, input from numerous Municipal Advisory Council meetings as well as feedback from the diverse user groups within the County have pointed to the need for more access and parking for the trail systems within the County, and to the Hidden Falls Regional Park trail expansion area in particular. This valuable planning input from the public helped to shape the direction of the Master Plan.
- b. Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) which is being prepared for the Hidden Falls Regional Park Trails Expansion Project: The Notice of Preparation for this SEIR was sent to over 6,000 residences within the vicinity of the overall trails expansion project. As noted throughout this grant application, the proposed parking and trailhead Project is a component of the overall Hidden Falls Regional Park trails expansion project and is being analyzed within the environmental document as a part of the larger project. An informational item on the SEIR was presented at the local MAC meetings, and two public scoping meetings were held. Additionally, a webpage was created on the County's internet system specifically for the SEIR, where the public can receive further information. County staff also met one-on-one with neighbors adjacent to the proposed parking area in order to listen to their concerns. In conjunction with these one-on-one meetings, staff met with the neighborhood group of residents to share concepts and seek input on the layout and elements of the proposed parking and trailhead Project. Design modifications were made to the proposed Project to respond to those concerns.

2. Current Activities:

- a. Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) which is being prepared for the Hidden Falls Regional Park Trails Expansion Project: The County is preparing to release the Draft SEIR for its public review and comment period at the end of October. During this process, the County

is continuing to meet with neighbors, trail advocates/user groups, and other entities such as CAL FIRE/Placer County Fire Department in order to receive input on the document and make modifications to the design of the Project where necessary. When the document is released for its public review period at the end of this month, a notice will again go out to over 6,000 residences, interested parties, and other jurisdictions. In addition, the Draft SEIR will be placed on the County's website for public review and commenting.

- b. Conditional Use Permit Modification: Along with the SEIR, the County is processing a request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Modification which will provide the framework and conditions of approval for the overall trail expansion project, with this proposed trailhead and parking area Project as a component. This entitlement request concerns the implementation of the proposed Project with regards to construction of and operations of the trailhead and parking area, as well as the larger trails expansion project .

3. Future Activities:

- a. Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) which is being prepared for the Hidden Falls Regional Park Trails Expansion Project: Subsequent to the conclusion of the Draft SEIR comment period, the County will be preparing a Final SEIR for the trails expansion project. As a part of the Final SEIR process, all comments received during the Draft SEIR public review period must be responded to in the Final document. The Final SEIR will also be released for a public review period prior to the Board of Supervisor's hearing on the matter. The Final SEIR will also be placed on the County's website for public review and commenting.
- b. Conditional Use Permit Modification: This CUP Modification request will be heard at the same Board of Supervisor's meeting as the SEIR. The general public will receive notice on this CUP Modification request and may make comments on it as well.
- c. Working Group: The County plans to set regular future meetings with a Working Group, consisting of local residents, user groups, and agricultural groups to ensure that the trailhead and parking area are operating well and to address any concerns that individuals might have. These meetings will be an important part of the implementation process, and will help determine the success of the Project.