

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO CALIFORNIA

For the Agenda of:

To: Recreation and Park Commission
From: Department of Regional Parks
Subject: 2012 & 2013 Elk Grove Regional Park Update
Contact: Jeffrey R. Leatherman, Director

Overview

On September 15, 2003, the Cosumnes Community Services District (formerly known as the Elk Grove Community Services District) entered into an agreement with the County of Sacramento to lease the County property consisting of 87 acres in Elk Grove Regional Park and to operate and manage the County and District property as one unified park.

Section 22 of the agreement states that in every odd year in December, the District shall provide the County Recreation and Park Commission with a written report that outlines activities accomplished and planned in the park.

Recommendations

Receive and file the report from the Cosumnes Community Services District regarding activities in Elk Grove Regional Park.

Measures/Evaluations

Not applicable

Fiscal Impact

There is no impact to the Sacramento County General Fund.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The agreement between the County and the District requires a report be provided to the County Recreation and Parks Commission regarding accomplished and planned activities in Elk Grove Regional Park. This report will provide general information regarding recreation programs, special events, rentals, capital improvements, and maintenance/operations at Elk Grove Regional Park in 2012 and 2013.

Elk Grove Regional Park features many amenities and attractions (Attachment A – Elk Grove Regional Park map). Located within the park is an aquatic center, youth center, Babe Ruth Baseball fields (lighted), softball fields (lighted), multi-purpose fields, volleyball courts, horseshoe pits, disc golf course, dog park and BMX bike park. Near the Youth Center is playground equipment for children to use. Throughout the entire park are numerous rentable and non-rentable picnic sites with tables and barbeque pits. Parking

spaces are located throughout the park as well. In the center of the park is a lake with two islands. Strauss Island is rentable and home to the annual Strauss Festival. Pirates Island is the future site of the Pirates Island playground.

Recreation and Rentals

Aquatics

The Jerry Fox Swim Center operates eight months per year; February through September. The swim center is used for swim lessons, recreation swim, and pool rentals. Food and beverage are sold during recreation swim. Swim practices for Elk Grove High School and Pleasant Grove High School are scheduled daily during the February to May season.



	Participants	
	2012	2013
Swim Lessons	2,530	2,572
Recreation Swim	9,614	9,730

Leisure Education

Instructional classes are held within Elk Grove Regional Park at the Pavilion, Youth Center, and dog park. Classes include dog obedience, dance and exercise programs.

Sports

The Sports section programs youth and adult sports in Elk Grove Regional Park. The Kloss complex, as well as the other many diamonds located throughout park, are allocated for use by Elk Grove youth organizations through CSD's partnership with Elk Grove Youth Sports Association. These groups include: Elk Grove Youth Baseball, Elk Grove Girls Softball, Elk Grove Babe Ruth, Elk Grove Youth Soccer, and the Elk Grove Jr. Herd Football program. The Kloss Complex is also utilized for CSD sports programs and is rented for softball and baseball tournaments.

Youth Development

The Kid Central Off-Track Day Camp and Summer Camp are day camp programs operating from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for elementary school-aged children at the Youth Center. Day camps offer arts and crafts, games, sports, drama, music, science, clubs, guest speakers, special theme parties, swimming (summer camp only), and field trips.



	Avg. Daily Participant	
	2012	2013
Off-Track Day Camp	102	112
Summer Camp	18	21

Special Events

The Special Events section hosted (and co-sponsored) many small and large scale events in the park during the 2012 and 2013 calendar years (unless otherwise indicated):

- Bikes and Bands (co-sponsored event) – 2012 only
- Breakfast with the Bunny (co-sponsored event)
- Breakfast with Santa (co-sponsored event)
- City of Elk Grove Multi-Cultural Festival (co-sponsored event)
- City of Elk Grove Salute to Red, White and Blue (co-sponsored event)
- Community Campout (co-sponsored event)
- Elk Grove Chamber Car Show (co-sponsored event) – 2012 only
- Giant Pumpkin Festival
- Pumpkin Growers Forum
- Run for Independence (co-sponsored event)
- Spring EGG-stravanganza
- Strauss Festival (co-sponsored event)
- Strong as Steel Benefit Concert (co-sponsored event) – 2012 only
- Survive Elk Grove Zombie Run (co-sponsored event) – 2013 only
- Western Festival (co-sponsored event)
- Veteran’s Day Parade (co-sponsored event)



Rentals

Facility and recreation staff managed and facilitated several rentals in Elk Grove Regional Park the past two years.

	Rentals	
	2012	2013
Picnic Sites	451	453 ¹
Pavilion & Strauss Island	57	58 ¹
Jerry Fox Swim Center	34	38 ¹

¹ Data is from January – November 2013



Maintenance and Operations

Kloss Softball Complex

- Wood bleachers and backstops were repaired at all three fields.

Picnic Areas

- Nine barbecues were replaced and ten were repaired at various picnic sites.
- At various sites, dilapidated picnic table boards were replaced and tables were painted.

Tree Maintenance

- West Coast Arborists, a CSD contracted tree maintenance company, pruned a total of 600 trees with an emphasis on pruning trees around the higher use areas of the park.
- Valley oak trees were removed for safety reasons near the White Diamond and dance slab. New trees were planted in their place.

Jerry Fox Swim Center

- Repaired a plumbing leak under the pool deck.
- Removed and replaced a section of pool concrete decking that lifted and posed a tripping hazard.
- Installed new vinyl fencing system around perimeter of the waterslide to prohibit access to areas under the slide.
- Painted steel waterslide support structure.
- Swimming pool slide surface was renovated.
- New propane tanks and regulators were installed to replace the aging units.
- CO2 tank was replaced and new acid tank was installed inside the pump room.

Volunteer Projects

- The Rotary Club of Elk Grove refurbished picnic tables in the Rotary Grove picnic area. Multiple tables received all new lumber and all were repainted. All four barbecues were repaired and repainted.
- Helping Hands Day was held April 27, 2013 where CSD staff and approximately 275 volunteers from the Mormon church completed the following projects at the park:
 - Repaired and painted backstops and bleachers on seven fields.
 - Repaired and painted various picnic tables, gates and posts.
 - Drain pipe was installed to move rainwater from the east side of the bike park to the drainage ditch along East Stockton Blvd. on the west side of the bike park. This will prevent flooding issues related from the installation of the bike park.
- On October 19, 2013 volunteers worked at the park for “Love Your Park” day.



Miscellaneous Projects

- The Pavilion north side service entrance driveway, formally made of asphalt, was rebuilt with concrete.
- Wood bleacher repairs were made throughout the park; a total of 900 linear feet of boards were needed to repair bleachers with damaged or missing boards.
- Roadways throughout the park were re-striped.
- For improved pedestrian safety, two new crosswalks were installed near the Kloss Complex and the Maintenance Yard.
- Installed 30 yards of decomposed granite on the jogging path; staff focused on filling low spots to prevent standing water.
- Installed approximately 80 yards of recycled road base aggregate on the north and south sides of the park road to improve parking.
- A new fountain was installed on the east side of the park lake.
- New fencing was installed around the lake pump enclosure; three yards of gravel was spread inside the compound.
- New tire spikes were installed at Gate 1 (main entrance on Elk Grove-Florin Road) to allow vehicles to exit the park after the park has closed and entry gates are locked. All gates now have the tire spikes in the exit lanes. This is helpful, as Jerry Fox Swim Center, Pavilion, and lighted baseball diamonds have activities after the park closes.
- Grey Diamond bases were reset to more accurate positions.
- A memorial bench was installed to the south side of the lake.
- An access gate was installed at the service entrance of Jerry Fox Swim Center. This replaced a drop cable.
- Mulched planters throughout the park.
- Replaced and/or repaired posts and cable throughout the park.
- Repaired lake irrigation pump.



Other Events / Items

- Hosted the California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) District 2 Landscape and Recreation Equipment Expo in 2012 and 2013.
- The California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) held their annual fishing clinic at the Elk Grove Park in February 2012. The DFG provided fishing rods, bait and tackle to the first 50 participants. The event provided a hands-on opportunity to learn proper fishing techniques and etiquette. Participants were shoulder to shoulder around the perimeter of the eastern section of the lake.

- An American with Disabilities Act (ADA) access plan was completed for the Jerry Fox Swim Center. This plan is required by federal law. The law took effect on March 15, 2012 and requires all public swimming pools to have access as described in the 2010 ADA Standard.
- A state law requires that a certified food manager be at each of the District's concession sites. Staff completed the educational training and passed the written exam for Jerry Fox Swim Center concession site. The site is now in compliance.

Planned Maintenance Projects for 2014 & 2015

- Replace middle lake fountain.
- Replace pump start for lake fill pump.
- Repair or replace lake level float mechanism for better lake level control.
- Continue with goal of pruning 300 trees per year.
- Pour concrete in area of dump compound that houses the dumpsters.
- Repair concrete around Brown Diamond.
- Resurface south portion of Pavilion parking lot.
- Install sprinklers in non-irrigated areas of east soccer field and other poorly irrigated areas of the park.
- Paint lines for crosswalk at Gate 1 where jogging path crosses Park Drive.
- Remove and replace diseased alder trees throughout park.
- Replace tire busters at Gate 5.

	Park Visitor Attendance ¹	
	2012	2013
January	50,602	30,435
February	32,309	38,108
March	53,023	49,117
April	45,295	58,686
May	67,920	54,814
June	48,846	63,389
July	37,859	47,218
August	48,993	32,727
September	44,745	39,972
October	42,318	40,894
November	31,655	33,376
December	15,576	TBD

¹ For approximate attendance, multiply car count by gate counter by 2.5 patrons

Capital Improvements (CIP)

Pirates Island

- Preliminary Concept Plans for developing a new pirate themed playground at the old Pirates Island site were completed in September 2012 and presented to the CSD Board in October 2012 and to the Sacramento County Parks and Recreation Commission in January 2013. The fundraising group Pirates Island Partners have been promoting the concepts and designs identified in the plans to help raise additional funds. When sufficient funds have been raised, the project can move into the next stage; developing a master plan and completing construction documents.



Future CIP Projects in/around Elk Grove Regional Park

Intersection Improvements at East Stockton & Elk Grove-Florin Road (City of Elk Grove Project)

- Signalized Intersection
- Additional turn lanes
- Minor impacts to Elk Grove Regional Park
- Construction - January 2014

Whitelock - Interchange Project (City of Elk Grove Project)

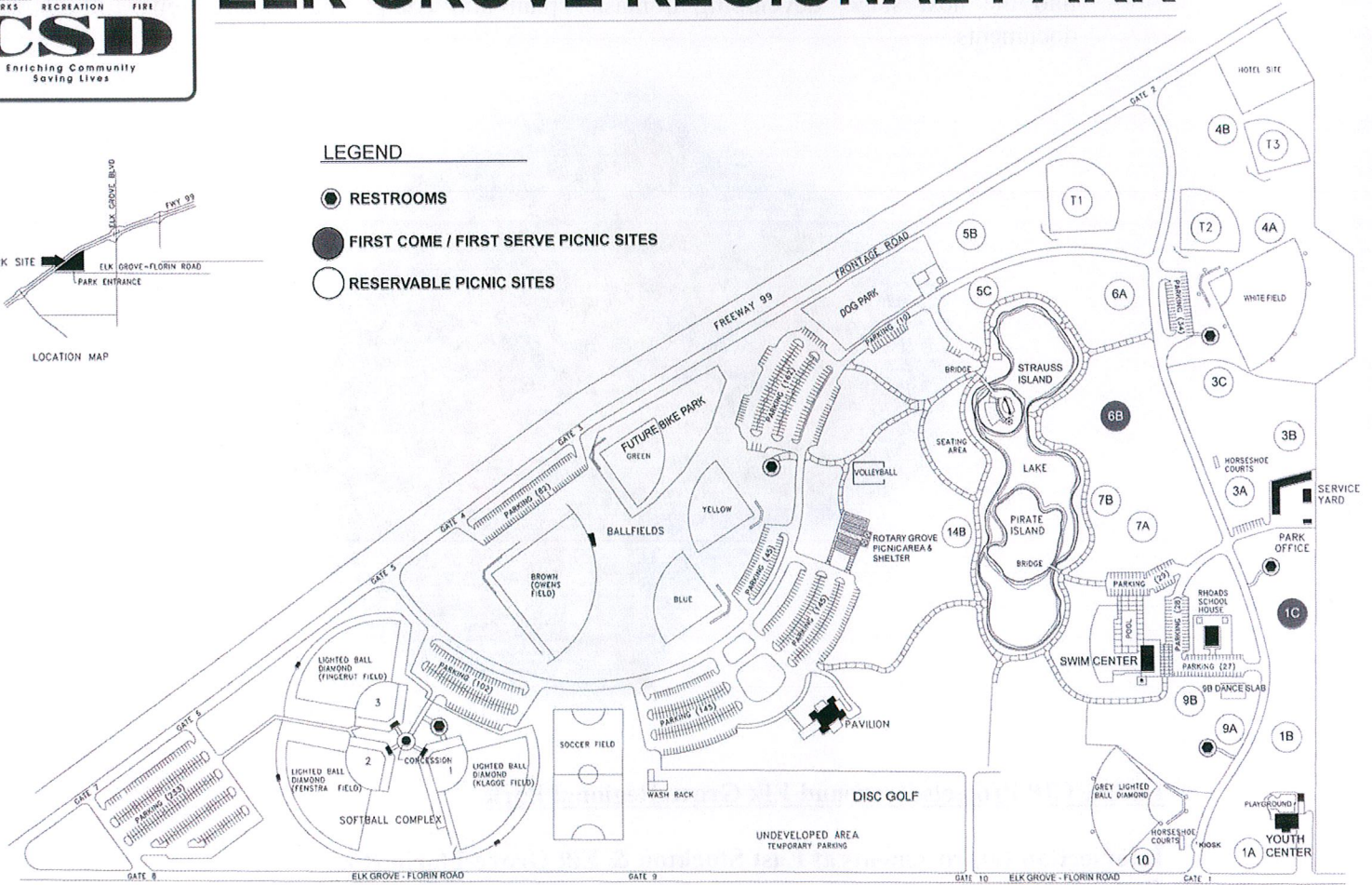
- Potential impacts to Elk Grove Regional Park (extent unknown at this time)
- Request For Proposal (RFP) Award - December 2013
- Community Outreach begins – March/April 2014



ELK GROVE REGIONAL PARK

LEGEND

- RESTROOMS
- FIRST COME / FIRST SERVE PICNIC SITES
- RESERVABLE PICNIC SITES



SITE PLAN

