



Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Agenda Report

From: Lynda Plescia, Recreation Services Manager
Subject: Select Liaisons to Participate in the Public Focus Group on California's 2026-2030 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP).

Date: September 4, 2024

Facts

1. The State of California recently initiated the development of the next Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) for 2026-2030 and intends to hold a series of Public Focus Groups across the state beginning now through the fall 2024.
2. California's 2026-2030 SCORP is a five-year plan for increasing park access, community-based planning, and health partnerships through grants. This plan establishes grant priorities to address unmet needs for public outdoor recreation land throughout California. By adopting SCORP, California maintains eligibility for federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grants.
3. Thirty-seven focus groups involving more than 500 public participants, park and recreation providers, university professors, and health sector professionals participated in the development of the initial SCORP.
4. The Community Services Department (CSD) will be hosting one of the 60-90-minute Public Focus Groups on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at Centennial Park.
5. CSD would like two liaisons from each advisory body - Youth Commission, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, and Senior Citizen Advisory Committee - to participate in the Public Focus Group it is hosting. These liaisons will be asked to share their thoughts about parks and recreational programs in our community.

Options

1. Take no action;
2. Select two liaisons from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to participate in the SCORP Public Focus Group;
3. Provide alternative direction to staff.

Analysis and Conclusions

The City of Paso Robles has been very proactive in trying to meet the current and anticipated parks and recreation needs of its community. It has developed a well-conceived and comprehensive five-year plan, the Recreation Services Strategic Plan of 2022-2026. Paso Robles is well prepared to contribute to this statewide effort and would gain from understanding how the SCORP is development and its future grant funding priorities. Our advisory board members are well prepared to contribute to the discussion, to represent the park and recreation goals of the City of Paso Robles.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact to designating two liaisons to participate in the Public Focus Group.

Recommendation

Select two liaisons from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to participate in the SCORP Public Focus Group.

Attachments

None