



Council Agenda Report

From: Lynda Plescia, Recreation Services Manager

Subject: Affirmation of the Community Services Department Advisory Bodies' Liaison Appointments to the State of California's Parks Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Focus Group

CEQA Determination: The City finds that this action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State Guidelines Section State CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15060, subd. (c)(2)-(3), 15378.

Date: September 17, 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. CSD would like two liaisons from each advisory body—Youth Commission (YC), Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC), and Senior Citizen Advisory Committee (SCAC)—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.
5. At their September 4 and September 9, 2024 meetings, the YC, PRAC, and SCAC voted to assign liaisons to participate in SCORP. The bylaws of each of these advisory bodies requires that a majority of Council affirm the assignment.

Options

1. Take no action;
2. Affirm the assignment of Youth Commissioners Cole Ammann and Lane Shea, Senior Citizen Advisory Committee member Mara Whitten, and Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee members Rich Clayton, and Diane Zannotti as advisory body liaisons for the State of California's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Focus Group;
3. Provide alternative direction to staff.

Analysis and Conclusions

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. To gather input for the plan's development, California State Parks will be conducting a series of community focus groups throughout the State, one of which will be held on October 1, 2024, with the City's CSD hosting a 60 to 90-minute Public Focus Groups at Centennial Park. This will provide our community with a unique opportunity to provide feedback that will be used to develop the SCORP and inform future grant funding priorities. In response, CSD would like two liaisons from each advisory to participate in the focus group representing their respective bodies to provide feedback from each of their appointed perspectives. At the last advisory body meetings, the YC, PRAC, and SCAC voted to assign liaisons to participate in SCORP. In accordance with the bylaws of each of these advisory bodies, the majority of Council must affirm the assignments. Below are staff's recommended liaisons, as follows:

Youth Commission: Cole Ammann, Lane Shea

Senior Citizen Advisory Committee: Mara Whitten

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee: Rich Clayton, Diane Zannotti

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Recommendation (Option 2)

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Attachments

1. SCORP Outreach Flier