

Calaveras County Baseline Report Omissions
Subcommittee on the Baseline Report
Calaveras County Parks & Recreation Commission
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1. Page 8-1: of Baseline Report:

"In 2007, of the sixteen Census Designated Places (CPSs) in Calaveras County, only four (City of Angels, Murphys, San Andreas, and Valley Springs) had facilities that "definitely" qualified as local parks according to members of the Calaveras County Park and Recreation Task Force."

This statement is inconsistent with Table 8.1 in the Baseline Report which shows additional parks in White Pines, Mokelumne Hill, Mountain Ranch and Frogtown. The Table is correct so the sentence shown above must be changed accordingly.

2. Figure 8-2 of Baseline Report:

New Melones is managed by the Bureau of Reclamation, not the Army Corps of Engineers.

3. Page 8-9

"As Table 8-1 shows, two of the five supervisorial districts in Calaveras County (District 2 and District 5) had no facilities that "definitely" qualified as local parks."

Once again, the Baseline Report ignores Mokelumne Hill and Mountain Ranch, two communities in D2 that are very proud of their parks! In fact, the park area in Mokelumne Hill per capita exceeds all other communities in the County! In addition, the report dismisses White Pines Parks because this community is not a CDP, a technicality. Once again, White Pines Volunteers are proud of their Park!

4. Page 8-9

Under Reservoir Recreation Areas in Section 8-3, when mentioning Lake Camanche, it should be noted that recreation on the lake is actually operated by the Camanche Recreation Company through an agreement with EBMUD.

5. Page 8-11

In the section on Federal Recreation Resources, The Bureau of Reclamation gets no credit for their management of New Melones Reservoir! In addition, the Army Corps of Engineers which manages New Hogan is ignored.

6. Page 8-11

Not only is Ebbetts Pass Highway a State Scenic Highway (and has been since 1971), it was also more recently designated as a National Scenic Byway in 2005 (visit www.scenic4.org). It is one of only seven national scenic byways in California.

7. Page 8-26 on music fails to include the Mother Lode Friends of Music which presents a major concert Angels Camp each year and sponsors the MLFM Youth competition among other events. See www.mlfm.org.

8. The report fails to include the first trail maps produced by the Calaveras Trails Coalition (See three maps in attached Power Point Presentation). There are three maps which are available as ArcMap Shapefiles from Dave Pastizzo in the Community Development Agency.

Map 1: Current Public Trails- 155 Miles

Map 2: Current Public Trails plus Proposed Trails- 279 Miles

Map 3: Current Public Trails, Proposed Trails plus Pedestrian & Bicycle Trails created by the Council of Governments- 294 Miles

Map 1, Current Public Trails, clearly indicates that the trails are located far away from our towns and emphasize the need to build trails in or near our communities that provide ready access to our citizens! However, these 155 miles of trails are a County asset that needs to be included in the County Tourist Program in support of our Tourist Industry.

Finally, The people of Calaveras want a local and regional trail system. Note the attached Copperopolis Community Plan. Some bullets follow.

Circulation and Transportation Element.

OBJECTIVE CT4: To Establish Pedestrian, Bike and Equestrian Easements That Are Properly Designed and Provide Linkage to Useable Existing and Future Trails.

Policy CT4.2: CP&R, as the lead agency of the County for the Copperopolis Community Plan Area, as authorized by the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors, should map and inventory all existing public pedestrian, bike and equestrian easements and develop a master plan for future extensions and special features.

Policy CT4.Y: Encourage use of existing pedestrian, bike and equestrian easements

Policy CT4.3: When establishing pedestrian, bike and/or equestrian easements, give due consideration to the location of easements in relation to sensitive land uses.

Recreation Objectives and Policies and Implementation Measures

OBJECTIVE R1: To Encourage the Development of Public Parks and Trails within the Community Plan Area

Sincerely,

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