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To: Mintier and Associates

From: Calaveras County Parks and Recreation Task Force Members Julia Costello and Pat McGreevy

RE: Citations of findings by the Task Force in the *Draft Calaveras County General Plan Update Baseline Report*

We would like to correct some factual misinterpretations of our Task Force findings that appeared in the *Draft Calaveras County General Plan Update Baseline Report (Baseline Report)*. In the Task Force's 2007 report, we presented summaries of County's current parks and recreation facilities in three tables in Attachment C. These tables are rather long and complicated and evidently did not address the specific needs of the *Baseline Report* in identifying "definite" local parks (see *Baseline Report* Table 8-1 and related text).

PARK FACILITIES

The Task Force identified many more than 15 parks operating in the county and we would like to assist in correcting this error (most glaring is omission of the numerous facilities in Mokelumne Hill). We sorted through our data and offer the following table for the final version of this report. Excluded are facilities at schools, libraries, private for-profit businesses, government parks, and senior centers. **Pat, should museums be excluded? --Yes, they go in Section 8.5.**

Park Name	District	Community	Street
Turner Park	1	San Andreas	Treat Avenue
Community Park	1	San Andreas	Park Drive
Town Hall	1	San Andreas	Church Street
Historical Society Museum	1	San Andreas	Main Street
Red Barn Museum	1	San Andreas	Government Center
Veterans Memorial Park	1	Jenny Lind	Daphne Road
Veterans Memorial Hall	1	Jenny Lind	Pine Street
Veterans Memorial Hall	2	West Point	Highway 26
Community Hall	2	Rail Road Flat	RRF Road
Community Park	2	Mountain Ranch	Mt. Ranch Road
Hobbs baseball Field	2	Mokelumne Hill	Lafayette St
Horse Arena	2	Mokelumne Hill	Lafayette St
Tennis Courts	2	Mokelumne Hill	Marredda Street
Shutter Tree Park	2	Mokelumne Hill	Main and Center
Town Hall	2	Mokelumne Hill	Main Street
Logging Museum	3	Arnold	Highway 4
Angels' Pool	4	Angels Camp	Highway 4
Frogtown Baseball Fields	4	Angels Camp	Highway 49
Copello Park ball fields	4	Angels Camp	Copello Drive
Utica Park	4	Angels Camp	Highway 49
Gateway Park	4	Angels Camp	Greenhorn Creek Rd

Angles Camp Museum	4	Angels Camp	Highway 49
Feeney Park	4	Murphys	Pennsylvania Gulch Rd
Community Park	4	Murphys	Algiers Street
Tennis Courts	4	Murphys	School Street
Swimming Pool	4	Murphys	Church Street
Old Timers' Museum	4	Murphys	Main Street

CALAVERAS TRAILS

The Task Force Report did not inventory Calaveras trails and they are barely mentioned in the baseline report. We suggest that the following paragraph be integrated into the baseline report in Section 8.3, before the discussion on the Proposed Mokelumne Coast to Crest Trail.

“Calaveras trails are found in the Stanislaus National Forest and in the reservoir recreation areas, New Melones, New Hogan, Camanche and Pardee (Map attached). These trails offer recreation for pedestrians, bicyclists, equestrians and OHV enthusiasts. They also provide access to world-class vistas and historic points of interest. It is surprising that the Calaveras Tourist Bureau is not marketing these trails to attract tourism.

It is noteworthy that the current trail networks are far away from the community centers and there is a need to develop community trails that meet the daily recreational needs of Calaveras residents. BLM lands distributed throughout Central Calaveras provide abundant open space for trails, but convenient public access is sometimes blocked by private property. In 1996, Judith Marvin, Willard P. Fuller and David Gano documented 175 historic roads that provide access to public lands. Some of these roads might be used to access the river systems and create corridors that link open space.

http://ccwstor.co.calaveras.ca.us/publish/pubworks/roads/Historical_Routes_to_Public_Land_in_Calaveras_County.pdf “.

MUSEUMS

The Red Barn Museum at the Government Center in San Andreas should be included in the list of museums in Section 8.5.

Please call us if you have any questions or would like more information.

Sincerely,

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