

County seeks public's thoughts on park master plan

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Calaveras County officials are seeking community input on a parks master plan.

The county last September contracted with O'Dell Engineering to create the county's first parks master plan. A parks master plan can provide an abundance of benefits to a community including, but not limited to, assessing current and future recreation needs of the community, establishing a long-range vision, prioritizing capital improvement projects, strategizing to fill gaps and reduce redundancies within the parks systems, building community support, promoting new ideas and partnerships and encouraging new opportunities for future development.

The parks master plan will encompass the following county parks and facilities:

- ✦ Alex Quinones Park, San Andreas (leased to San Andreas Recreation and Park District)
- ✦ Nielson Park, San Andreas (leased to San Andreas Recreation and Park District)
- ✦ Mountain Ranch Community Park (leased to Mountain Ranch Community Club)
- ✦ Murphys Park, Murphys (leased to Murphys Community Club)
- ✦ Rail Road Flat Community Center, Rail Road Flat (leased to Blue Mountain Community Renewal Council)

Parks master planning will engage residents throughout the county through several community meetings and an online survey. The goal of the community meetings and online survey is to analyze the current programs and facilities and to consider the community needs and aspirations.

The community meetings will begin at 5:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- Wednesday, April 3, Calaveras Consolidated firehouse, 6501 Jenny Lind Road.
- Thursday, April 4, Governor's Mansion, 101 Stone St., Copperopolis
- Thursday, April 11, West Point Community Hall, 22283 State Route 26
- Wednesday, April 17, Native Sons Hall, 389 Main St., Murphys
- Thursday, April 18, Jenny Lind Veterans Hall, 300 W. Daphne St., Valley Springs

If unable to attend any of the community meetings, an online survey will be available from March 29 to April 25. The link will be posted at www.calaverasgov.us. For any additional questions, email ParksandRec@calaverascounty.gov.