

# **County of Santa Cruz**

## PARKS, OPEN SPACE & CULTURAL SERVICES

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#### BARRY C. SAMUEL, DIRECTOR

January 25,2002

AGENDA: February 26,2002

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS County of Santa Cruz 701 Ocean Street Santa Cruz, CA 95060

### SUBJECT: CONCEPTUAL PINTO LAKE COUNTY PARK MASTER PLAN

Dear Members of the Board:

At the 2000-2001 budget hearings (June 27, 2000), your Board approved the Department of Parks, Open Space & Cultural Services budget, which included funding in the amount of \$70,000 for the updating and revision of the Master Plan for Pinto Lake County Park.

On February 6,2001, your Board approved the design contract with SSA Landscape Architects Inc. to facilitate the process and produce the Master Plan.

The public meeting process **has** been proceeding well. To date, five have taken place: two Parks Commission public meetings, two neighborhood public meetings, and one public hearing in front of your Board.

On May 21, 2001, the Parks Commission held a public hearing at the Watsonville City Council Chambers to receive testimony and consider approval of the conceptual plan. After receiving testimony and closing the hearing, the Commission adopted the proposed Master Plan Amendment "in concept" and recommended that it **be** forwarded to your Board for public hearing and adoption in concept.

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On May 22,2001, your Board scheduled public hearing for Tuesday, August 14,2001, to consider the Conceptual Pinto Lake County Park Master Plan.

On August 14,2001, your Board approved the Conceptual Pinto Lake County Park Master Plan and asked that the written portion and the revised graphic showing the soccer field change be brought back to the Board upon completion.

Presented before your Board today for approval is the Conceptual Pinto Lake County Park Master Plan, written portion and revised graphic (Attachment A) showing the soccer field change as recommended to your Board by the Parks and Recreation Commission on May 21, 2001.

The next step in the process is to conduct an environmental assessment of the two proposed entrance road schemes. The critical next decision is which of the road access proposals to the back part of the site will be used and which is environmentally feasible. Cost estimates are needed. Since the majority of the work in the main area of the park is dependent on the moving of the soccer fields to the back, the road access is critical for implementation of the project.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board approve the Conceptual Pinto Lake County Park Master Plan.

Sincerely,

Barry C. Samuel Director

RECOMMENDED:

SUSAN A. MAURIELLO County Administrative Officer

BCS:mps:cms Attachment: Master Plan cc: Auditor/Controller, Office of the County Counsel, CAO, **Parks**