

California Indian Heritage Center (CIHC)

General Plan and EIR Public Meeting Number 1/Scoping Meeting

January 26, 2010

West Sacramento City Hall



CALIFORNIA INDIAN HERITAGE CENTER

Honoring Diversity & History
of California Indian People





California Indian Heritage Center

“Our past is our future”

Jack Norton (Hupa/Cherokee) - Former Task Force Member



Welcome and Introductions



- **California State Parks**
 - ❖ **Capital District**
 - ❖ **Northern Service Center**
 - ❖ **Planning Division**

- **General Plan Consultant**
 - ❖ **AECOM**

Purpose of Today's Meeting

- **Inform stakeholders and the public about the General Plan process**
- **Provide information on the project to date**
- **Inform stakeholders and interested parties of opportunities to provide input**
- **Identify issues and concerns**
- **Public scoping meeting**

Agenda for Tonight

- **CIHC Project Status**
- **Overview of General Plan Process**
- **Opportunities to Provide Input**
- **BREAK – Fill Out 3x5 comment/question cards**
- **Questions and Answers**
- **Next Public Meeting**

CIHC History

- **Current State Indian Museum built - 1940**
- **Concepts for a new State Indian Museum conceived - 1970's**
- **Regional Indian Museums - 1980's**
- **Museum Feasibility Study defines specific program elements - 1991**
- **Senate Bill 2063 - 2002**
- **Task Force and Expert Advisory Groups Established - 2003**
- **Interpretive and Architectural Programming - 2006**
- **Site Selection - 2003 to 2007**
- **Site and Facilities Master Plan - 2008**
- **Master Agreement, City of West Sacramento - 2008**
- **Business Plan - 2008 to 2010**
- **CIHC Foundation Established - 2009**
- **General Plan/Environmental Impact Report - 2009 to 2011**

CIHC Foundation Board

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American Heritage Commission



CIHC Statement of Purpose



The California Indian Heritage Center honors the diversity and history of California Indian people by preserving cultural and tribal traditions, nurturing contemporary expressions, and facilitating research and education, for California, the nation, and the world.



California Indian Heritage Center: The Developing Vision
Interim Project Planning and Interpretive Programming Report, September 2007
(Available now on the CIHC website)



Interpretive Programming: Telling the Story

- **Lands of the People**
Celebrates the power of nature and demonstrates the Native relationship to, and respect for, the environment.
- **Cycles**
Depicts the honors the California Indian people's relationship to nature's cycles and how their cultures have been shaped by that relationship.
- **Memory**
Depicts the history of the relationship between California's Native cultures and Euro-American invaders that resulted in genocide, displacement, and the struggle for cultural survival that continues today.
- **Connections**
Celebrates the shared history, sacred and spiritual belief, sacred places, and the continuing practice of seasonal celebrated events that connects the past with the present.

Proposed Facilities

➤ **Indoor and outdoor spaces interconnected with its setting, focusing on:**

- ❖ **Education**
- ❖ **Interpretive Exhibits**
- ❖ **Cultural Events**
- ❖ **Research**
- ❖ **Tribal Treasures**



"Discovery of Gold in California, No. 2", 1978

By Harry Fonseca

CIHC Vicinity Plan



City of West Sacramento

Master Agreement

The Master Agreement with the City includes specific provisions pertaining to site access, use, traffic, management responsibilities and oversight, and site transfer.

Available on the planning website



Partners in Planning

- **Native American Community**
 - ❖ **Homeland and Statewide**
- **CIHC Core Advisors**
- **City of West Sacramento Public**
 - ❖ **Community Advisory Group**
- **City and County of Sacramento**
- **State and Federal agencies**
- **Native American Heritage Commission**
- **Other stakeholders**



East Riverfront Site



- **The 43-acre East Riverfront property is owned by the City of West Sacramento Redevelopment Agency.**
- **Several privately owned parcels may be added to the site in the future, potentially increasing it up to 63 acres.**

Northgate Site

➤ The CIHC also contemplates a component at the Northgate Site, located in the City of Sacramento in the Lower American River Parkway. This site would potentially accommodate:

- ❖ Larger outdoor gatherings with Overnight camping
- ❖ Interpretation at a small visitor center
- ❖ Interpretive signs
- ❖ Shade structures
- ❖ Maintenance storage areas



Property Description



East Riverfront Property
(about 43 ac)



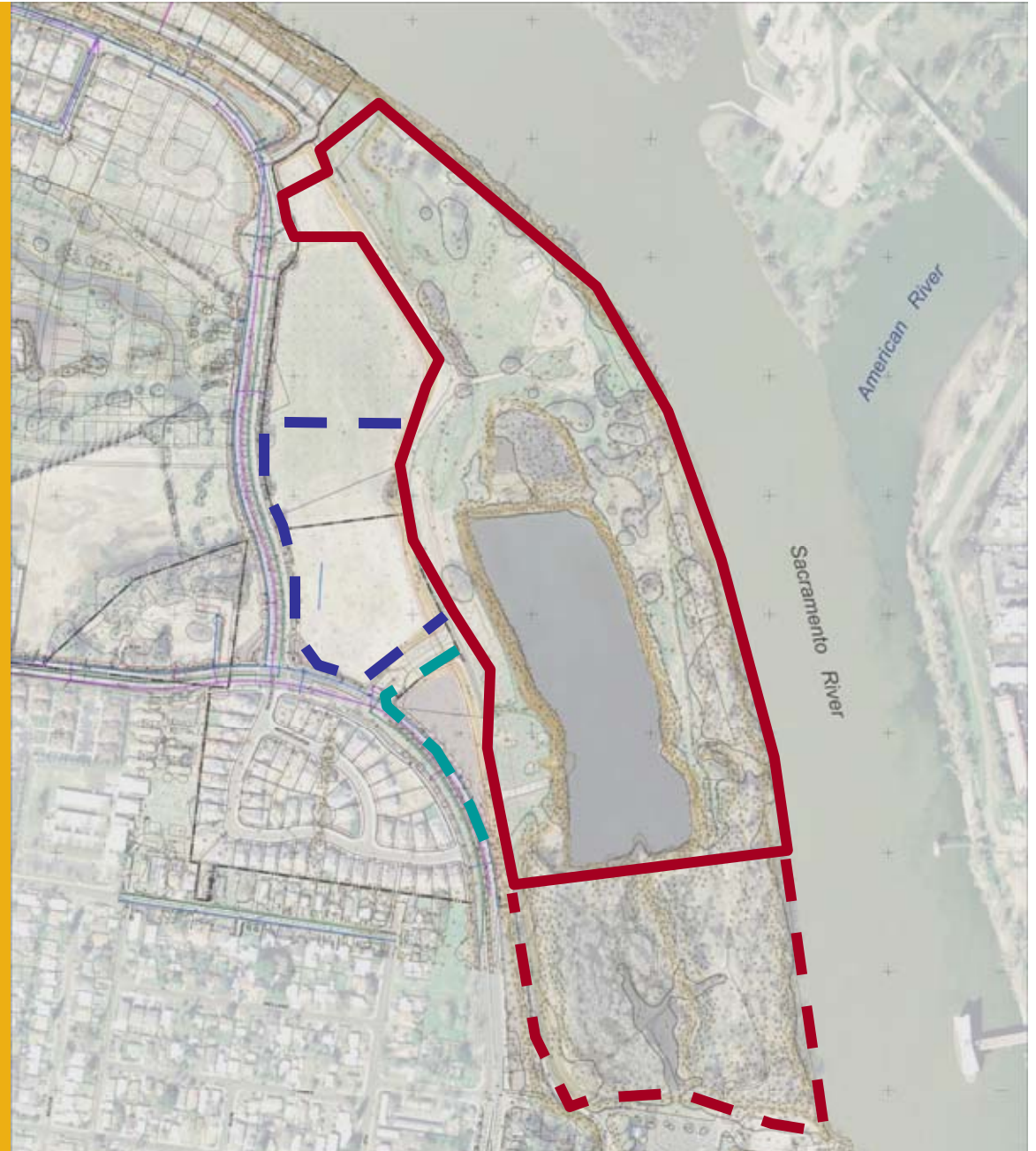
Private Property
Potential Acquisition
(11 ac)



Private Property
Potential Acquisition
(8 ac)

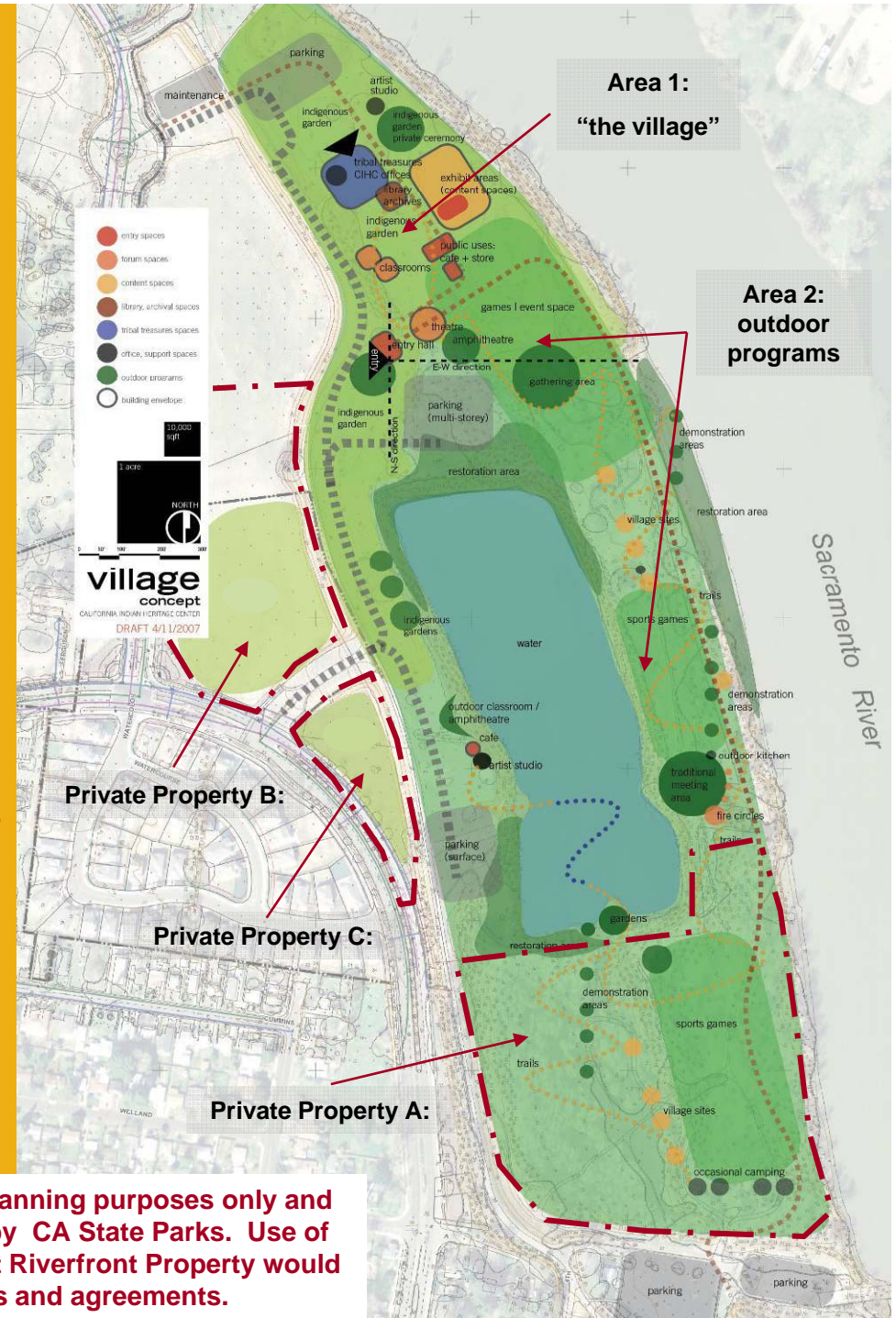


Private Property
Potential Acquisition
(3.2 ac)



Master Plan Concepts

- **Areas 1 & 2 Core Site**
Indoor programs, + main outdoor programs
- **Private Property A**
Potential additional outdoor program and demonstration areas
- **Private Property B**
Potential development in support of the CIHC
- **Private Property C**
Limited Development/Natural Area



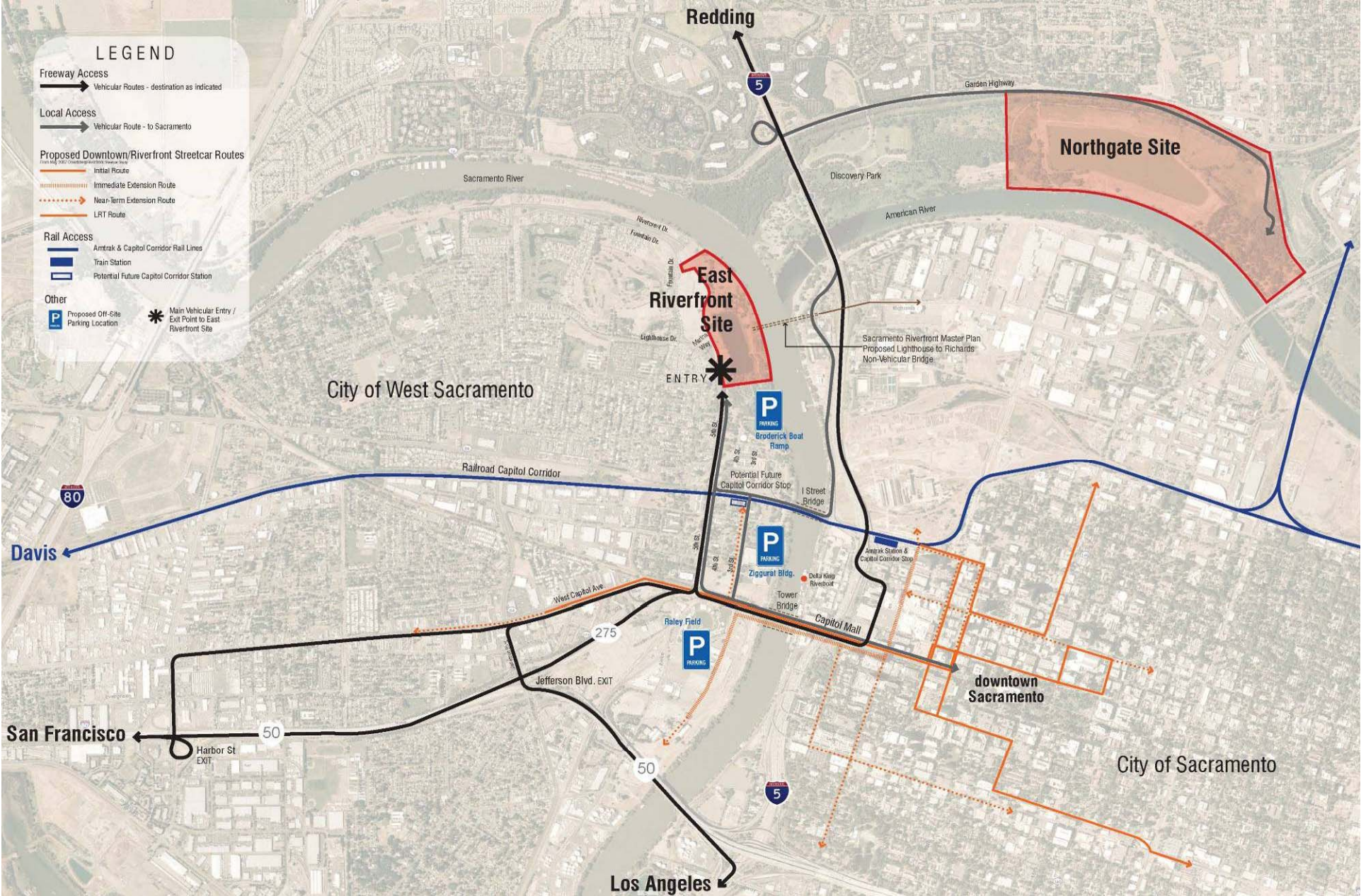
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Conceptual Master Plan

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Regional Context



Aerial View



*Proposed
CIHC Site*

Purpose of the General Plan



- **Identify significant resources**
- **Create alternatives for visitor use and facility site that minimize impacts to resources and provide for their long term preservation**
- **Provide a long term vision and planning framework that will guide future management of the CIHC**
- **Develop alternatives for future management of the CIHC**

Purpose of the EIR

- **Analyze the preferred alternative's effect on the environment**
- **Identify significant impacts and develop mitigation measures to reduce these impacts to less than significant**
- **Public disclosure**

Steps to Date

- **Notice of Preparation filed with State Clearinghouse on January 14th**
- **Legal notices published in Sacramento Bee, News Ledger, West Sacramento Press**
- **Invitations to public meeting mailed**
- **Developed project planning website at http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=26094**

Outreach to Date

- **Outreach in support of Vision document and Conceptual Master Plan**
- **Native American community outreach meetings in January 2010**
- **Core Advisor meeting in January 2010**
- **Small group project briefings**
- **City of West Sacramento Community Advisory Group meeting in January 2010**

Next Steps

- **Develop draft alternatives for General Plan**
- **Fill existing data gaps**
- **Continue public outreach**
- **Initiate environmental review**
- **Additional meetings with Community Advisory Group, Native American community, Core Advisors, CIHC Foundation**
- **Additional public meetings**

General Plan/EIR Timeline

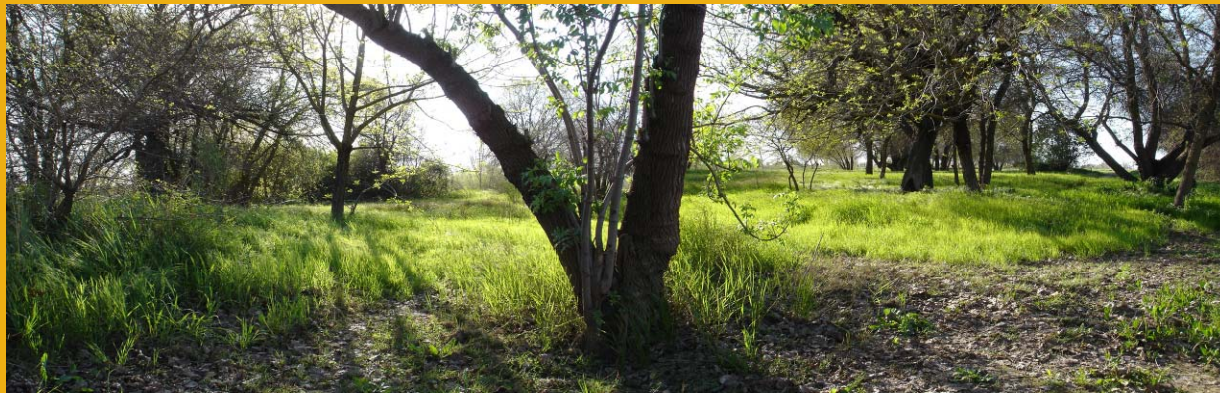
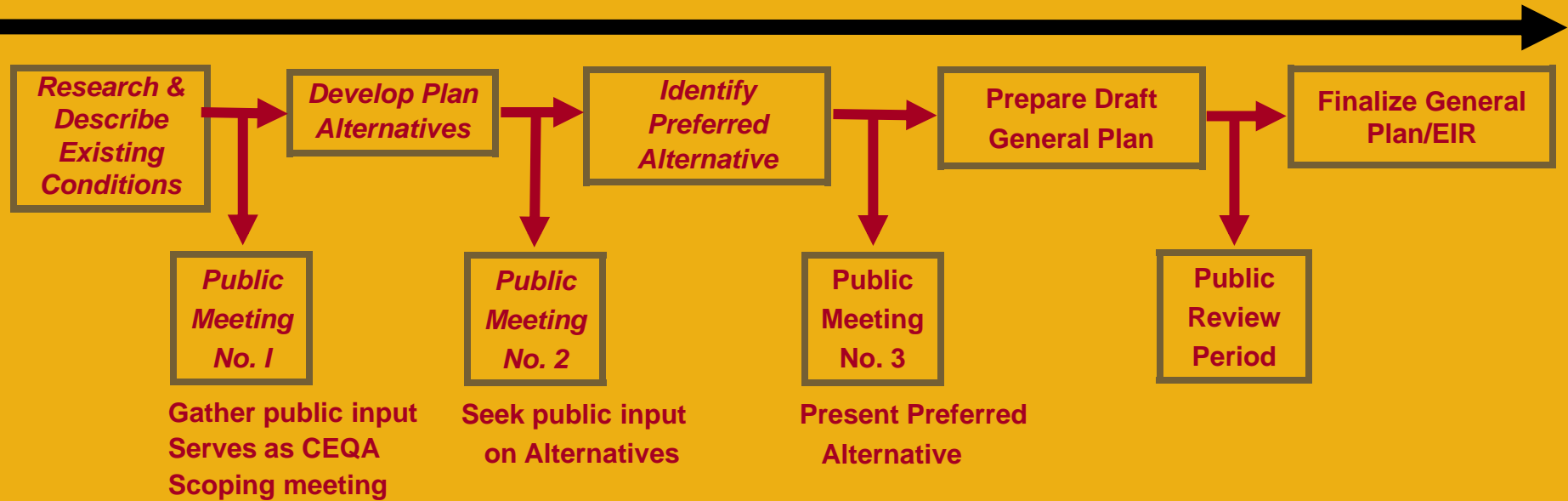
Winter
2009/2010

Spring
2010

Summer
2010

Fall/Winter
2010/2011

Spring
2011



Comments & Concerns

- **What is your vision for the future of the CIHC?**
- **What are your key concerns about the CIHC?**
- **What improvements would you like to see?**
- **Do you have information about the park that would be helpful to the planning process?**

Opportunities for Public Input

- **Public Workshop No.1 – EIR Scoping Meeting (January 26, 2010)**
- **Comment Form – fill out by hand or mail-in**
- **Public Workshop No. 2 – Alternatives (April 2010)**
- **Public Workshop No. 3 – Presentation of Preferred Alternative (June 2010)**
- **Public Review of Preliminary GP/ Draft EIR**
- **Parks and Recreation Commission Hearing & Adoption of the General Plan/EIR (Spring 2011)**



We would like to hear from you!



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