



News Advisory

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CA State Parks Seeks Public Input Auburn State Recreation Area Planning Update

WHO: California State Parks and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

WHAT: They are holding a second workshop to invite public comment on the joint plan that will guide management of the Auburn State Recreation Area and the federal land originally set aside for the Auburn Dam and Reservoir Project. The 26,000 acres of federal land is located along the North and Middle Forks of the American River.

During the first public workshop on the General Plan/Interim Resource Management Plan (GP/IRMP), public input helped identify key issues that need to be addressed including: trail management, future use and management of Lake Clementine, off highway vehicle use, and parking and congestion in the Confluence area. This workshop will focus on ways to address those key issues while protecting natural and cultural resources, and providing for safe public use.

WHEN: Wednesday, May 30, 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

WHERE: Canyon View Community Center in the Foothills Room, 471 Maidu Drive, Auburn.

BACKGROUND: During the past year, the planning team has been developing a Resource Inventory of existing conditions. The team also conducted a survey to learn visitor recreational uses and preferences. The inventory will be available for public review in June. The survey, conducted from May through October 2006, resulted in 528 useable responses. Results of the survey include the following:

- 75% said the recreation area is very important or extremely important to them;
- 57% of those surveyed indicated the beauty, nature, and the wild undeveloped character of the area were the main reasons why the SRA was important to them;
- 50% moved to the area or have remained living in the area in order to be close to SRA;
- Visitors average 35 visits a year.

For the complete survey results, visit "Report of Findings" on the Auburn SRA General Plan Web page or click <http://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/21299/files/asrasurveyreportfinal-april-2007.pdf>.

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There will be additional opportunities for the public to become involved throughout the planning processes. Anyone wishing to be placed on the mailing list for the Auburn SRA GP/IRMP should send their names and complete addresses to:

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c/o California State Parks
Gold Fields District
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Interested parties may also e-mail their contact information to jmiche@parks.ca.gov.

For further information, contact Goldfields District Planner Jim Micheaels at (916) 988-0513. Information on the Auburn SRA General Plan is also be posted on the California State Parks website at www.parks.ca.gov

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