

**County of Santa Clara**  
**Board of Supervisors**  
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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Parks Capital Plan - Acquisition

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Consider recommendations relating to updating the Parks Capital Plan - Acquisition

Possible action:

- a. Direct staff to begin a formal update to the Parks Capital Plan for Acquisition, utilizing Park Charter Funds as a source of funds.
- b. Report back to the Board of Supervisors in August 2009 on the status of this work product.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

No impact to the General Fund.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The current Park Capital Plan for Acquisition is 16 years old. Updating this document to reflect current and future needs (based on a new planning horizon) will enable the Board of Supervisors to make informed decisions on acquisition strategy and actual acquisitions.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Parks Capital Plan for Acquisition is a confidential document outlining which properties the County is interested in pursuing for purchase, in order to expand the County parks system and increase recreational opportunities for our residents. This document was adopted 16 years ago and inarguably, conditions in the Valley have changed, necessitating an update.

Although we are facing very difficult budgetary times, this document can be updated without impacting the General Fund. Monies in the Park Charter fund can be used for "the acquisition, development, or acquisition and development of real property for county park purposes..." (Section 604(b)). County Counsel has opined that doing an update of the park capital plan acquisition document would be related to this purpose, and relational to the administration of the fund, therefore permissible to use these funds for the plan document updating.