Presentation Purpose

• Review process to date.
• Review changes to the Draft Preferred Alternative based on PRC and community comments.
• Review next steps.
Trails Plan Process

Program Development ➔ Alternatives ➔ Master Plan ➔ Implementation

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Calero County Park Trails Master Plan
Trails Plan Process
Program Development Phase

- Field Investigations
- Map Existing Conditions
- Review Plans & Policies
- Regional Planning Context
- Establish Project Goals
- Define Project Issues
- Explore Program Elements
- Community Outreach

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Trails Plan Process
Community Outreach is integral to each phase.

Program Development
- 2 Online Questionnaires
- Open House 1 - May 21, 2011
- Open House 2 - May 25, 2011
- Follow-Up Correspondence
- PRC Presentation (April 2011)

Alternatives
- Community Meeting (Sept 2011)
- PRC Presentation 1 (Nov 2011)
- PRC Presentation 2 (Mar 2012)
- Follow-Up Correspondence

Master Plan
- Community Meetings (to be determined)
- PRC Presentations (to be determined)
- HLUET Presentation (to be determined)
- Board of Supervisors Presentation (to be determined)
- Follow-Up Correspondence

Calero County Park Trails Master Plan
Draft Preferred Alternative
As Presented at the PRC Meeting Nov. 2, 2011
Community & PRC Comments

Peace of Mind
The equestrian trail experience is diminished by the anticipation of a potential conflict with bicyclists on shared trails. This is an issue for riders of all experience levels. Incident reports and other hard data do not capture this qualitative issue.
Community & PRC Comments

Partner Agency Coordination
More coordination is needed between OSA and County Parks regarding integration of trail uses across boundaries, especially related to dogs-on-leash and trail phasing.
Community & PRC Comments

Trail Width
Many users would prefer wider multi-use trails than traditional single-track to give users space to “get out of the way” when needed.
Community & PRC Comments

Solutions that Work
If there is an area of the park for limited use (for example, for equestrian and hiking use only), then it needs to be functional and enforceable with adequate signage, policies, etc.
Master Plan Approach to Addressing Comments

Peace of Mind
Consider expanding limited use area in the historic “core” area of the Park while proposing full multi-use in newer areas of the Park, consistent with Strategic Plan policy and practice.
Master Plan Approach to Addressing Comments

Partner Agency Coordination
Continue to coordinate with OSA and other partner agencies to address issues in the next phase of the project.
Master Plan Approach to Addressing Comments

Trail Width
Provide more detail on trail width and other trail design standards in the next phase of the project. Allow for continued community input and review.
Master Plan Approach to Addressing Comments

Solutions that Work
Provide more detail in the next phase of the project on design standards and policies that will support successful implementation, including signage, education and enforcement. Allow for continued community input and review.
March 2012 Draft Preferred Alternative

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Trails Master Plan

Draft Preferred Alternative
Mar. 7, 2012

Regional Connections
Hiking & Dogs-on-Leash
Equestrian, Hiking, Dogs-on-Leash
Bikes, Equestrian, Hiking Dogs-on-Leash
Future Conditional Trail Additions
Dog on Leash Coordination with OSA

Condition Notes:
1. Based on drivability of Catamount Trail (OSA).
2. Add trail based on western Serpentine Loop trail segment being removed.
3. Add trail based on regional trail connections being developed and trail easements being secured.
4. Add trail based on acquisition of private properties.

Data Sources: Basemap derived from USGS Digital Elevation Model (DEM) acquired from www.seamless.gov
Calero County Park data courtesy of Santa Clara County

bellinger foster steinmetz 2011
Revisions to the Draft Preferred Alternative

Rancho San Vicente area – no changes

November 2011

March 2012
Revisions to the Draft Preferred Alternative
Calero “Core” – expansion of limited use area

November 2011

March 2012
Revisions to the Draft Preferred Alternative
Casa Loma Road Area – Identification of Dog-on-Leash Study Area and Conditional Trails

November 2011

March 2012
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Casa Loma Road Area Enlargement

March 2012
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Other Conditional Trails in the March 2012 Plan

1. Based on drivability of Catamount Trail (OSA).

2. Add trail based on western Serpentine Loop trail segment.

3. Add trail based on regional trail connections being developed and trail easements being secured.

4. Add trail based on acquisition of private properties.
Revisions to the Draft Preferred Alternative

Dogs-on-Leash proposed for limited use area.

- Regional Connections
- Hiking & Dogs-on-Leash
- Equestrian, Hiking, Dogs-on-Leash
- Bikes, Equestrian, Hiking, Dogs-on-Leash
- Future Conditional Trail Additions
## Trail Mileage by Use

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Note: Dog-on-leash mileage may change based on further coordination with OSA
Calero County Park
“Core” Equestrian Trail Mileage

Prior to acquisition of Rancho Canada del Oro and Rancho San Vicente, equestrian/hiking trail mileage in Calero County Park was about 11.5 miles.

Proposed equestrian/hiking/dog-on-leash trail mileage (without bicycles) in the March 2012 Preferred Alternative is about 10.8 miles.
Note: Dog-on-leash mileage does not reflect restrictions on trails connecting to OSA property. This will be revised following further consultation with OSA.
Trail Use Distribution

Equestrians

November 2011

March 2012

- Equestrians, Limited Use (No bikes)
- Equestrians with bikes
- No Equestrians

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Trail Use Distribution
Bicyclists

November 2011

March 2012

- Bikes Shared
- No Bikes

Calero County Park Trails Master Plan
March 2012 Preferred Alternative Summary

• Provides an expanded limited-use area for hikers, equestrians and dogs-on-leash within the “core area” of Calero County Park.

• Proposes multi-use (including bicycles) in the newer acquisition areas of the Park, consistent with Strategic Plan policy and practice.

• Establishes multi-use connections with regional trail corridors.

• With further coordination with OSA, will provide for integration of trail uses across boundaries.
March 2012 Preferred Alternative
Meets the “wants” list better than previous Alternative

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Trail Design Guidelines and Standards

- Trail Width/Sections
- Whole Access Trails
- Erosion Control
- Signage
- Fencing/Barriers
- Trail Amenities
- Staging Areas
Trail Width Factors

- User Preference
- Topography
- Soil Conditions
- Natural Resource Management
- Emergency Access
- Service/Maintenance Access
- Construction methods
Policies

• Enforcement
• Education
• Volunteer Programs
• Implementation Priorities
Community Outreach

Will continue during the Master Plan Phase and will allow for input on all aspects of the plan, such as

• Design Guidelines and Standards
• Policies
• Phasing
• CEQA
Coordination with Partner Agencies
Will continue during the Master Plan Phase
• OSA
• SCVWD
• Wildlife Agencies
• City of San Jose
• Mid-Pen
• Santa Clara Valley Habitat Plan

Calero County Park Trails Master Plan
Opportunity for Public Comment:
The revisions to the Draft Preferred Alternative will be presented to the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Commission Wednesday March 7, 2012 • 6:30 pm 70 West Hedding St. • San Jose CA 95110

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