What’s Ahead for the Master Plan?
November will be a busy month as the Board of Supervisors Land Use Subcommittee (HLUET) meets to review more information on the alternatives for the Master Plan and the Task Force will be working on the Proposed Trails Plan and Draft Natural Resources Management Plan for the Park.

Upcoming HLUET Meeting: November 20th
Two alternatives for the Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch County Park Master Plan were presented to the Board of Supervisors HLUET Subcommittee in late August. Both plans are virtually identical for 95% of the park except that each has a different vision for the Western Flat Area (in the vicinity of San Martin Avenue and Foothill Avenue).

Alternative A: This alternative contains many regional park amenities including an equestrian center, youth fishing pond, off-leash dog area, group and family picnicking sites, and areas for both environmental education and historical interpretation. An eighteen hole golf course completes the plan for the 300 acres in this alternative and provides the major source of revenue for the park. This alternative was recommended to HLUET by the Parks Department in August, based on its ability to contribute to the long term cost recovery of the park.

Alternative B: Similar to Alternative A with the mix of amenities offered, this alternative substitutes a 500 person events pavilion and RV campground for a golf course. Also a positive contributor to the long term cost recovery of the park, this alternative found favor with the majority of the Task Force and the Parks Commission members.

At the August HLUET Meeting, the Supervisors asked the Parks Department to return with a study of a third alternative, combining an events pavilion with a golf course into one plan and providing more detailed financial analysis of the long term economic performance of all three alternatives.

Alternative C: Similar to Alternative A, this alternative adds a 200 person event pavilion concept to the golf course complex in order to study the possibility of combining these two popular recreational elements into one plan. The size of the events pavilion is smaller than the one in Alternative B and the concept of RV camping was deleted.

The plans and financials will be presented to the HLUET Subcommittee for comment at their next meeting on November 21st, at 9:30 am. This meeting is open to the public and copies of all three alternatives will be available on the Parks Department’s Website: www.parkhere.org.
Upcoming Task Force Meeting

This will be our first Task Force since July when the Task Force made their recommendations for a Preferred Alternative. At their upcoming meeting on November 19th, they will be reviewing the Trails Plan proposal to be included in the Master Plan. The plan will include an alignment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail through the park, multi-use trail loops, and connections to the major entry points/activity zones of the park. Also scheduled for discussion will be the Draft Natural Resources Management Plan for habitat management in the open space areas of the Park. Please join us at 6:30 pm at the Historic Machado School Building, located at 15130 Sycamore Avenue in Morgan Hill.

Public Welcome to Attend

Members of the public are always welcome to attend both the Task Force Meetings and the Board HLUET Subcommittee Meetings. Your participation in this planning effort is important.

Task Force Meeting
Tuesday, November 19, 2002 - 6:30 pm
Historic Machado School Building
15130 Sycamore Avenue, Morgan Hill

Board of Supervisors HLUET Subcommittee Meeting
Thursday, November 21, 2002 - 9:30 am
County Government Center
70 West Hedding Street, San Jose

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