For months, the Task Force has been divided as whether to recommend the inclusion of a 175 acre golf course as one of the recreational uses for the 320 Western Flat Area. At their June meeting, they explored another alternative for the Area that included a new 50 to 100 site campground, two 100 person group picnic sites, and a large group events pavilion with a capacity of 500 people, capable of hosting more formal events such as weddings and corporate gatherings. Many of the Task Force members were pleased with the new alternative while others continued to support inclusion of a golf course.

At the July meeting, project consultants presented a Financial Analysis comparing revenue generation potential, operation costs, and capital improvements costs of a lease-operated public golf course with a campground/ picnic/ events pavilion complex. In their final recommendation, the Task Force endorsed the campground/ picnic/ events pavilion (now referred to as Alternative B) in an 8 to 5 vote. They also recommended that staff continue to explore opportunities for hang gliding, BMX and a dual slalom bike track. Both the Parks Department's recommendation for Alternative A and the Task Force's recommendation for Alternative B will be presented to the Parks Commission at their August meeting.
Next Steps
Following the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting on August 7th, the recommendations of the Task Force, Parks Department, and Parks and Recreation Commission for the Preferred Alternative will be forwarded to the Housing, Land Use, and Environmental (HLUET) Subcommittee of the Board of Supervisors for their review on August 15th. All issues regarding land use decisions before the County are studied by this subcommittee. With endorsement of one of the alternatives by the HLUET Subcommittee, the Parks Department will proceed with the next phase in development of the Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch Master Plan.

Public Invited to Attend
Members of the public are invited to attend both the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting and the Board HLUET Subcommittee Meeting. Please be advised that these are regularly scheduled meetings with other agenda items to be heard. Opportunities for public comment will be provided during the review of the specific agenda item.

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