

DRAFT OPTIONS

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1. **New Regional Park and Open Space District*** - Formation of a new regional park and open space district that encompasses all incorporated and unincorporated territory in Sacramento County either as:
 - a) An INDEPENDENT regional parks and open space district, such as East Bay Regional Parks District, with an independently elected governing body. Ballot measure commits base level funding from County General Fund and needed additional revenue.
 - b) A DEPENDENT Regional parks and open space district with the County Board of Supervisors as the governing body. Ballot measure commits base level funding from County General Fund and needed additional revenue.

In either case, a vote of the people within the territory to be included is required.

2. **Co-operative Working Relationship among Parks and Open Space Authorities*** - Negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) among the existing park districts, cities and Sacramento County. Final arrangements require consent of each City Council and Board of Supervisors. Base level funding and needed additional revenue annually budgeted from County General Fund. Negotiations assumed to result in cost savings for County Regional Parks Department sufficient to avoid needed additional revenue.
3. **Form a new Community Facilities District*** - Establish a new Community Facilities District and negotiate arrangements for inclusion of territory within cities. Final arrangements require consent of each City Council and Board of Supervisor. Base level funding annually budgeted from County General Fund. Needed additional revenue approved by ballot measure.
4. **County Service Area 11*** - Activate latent powers for recreation and parks services for existing County Service Area No. 11 which includes only unincorporated area within the Urban Services Boundary and expand powers to include open space. Negotiate arrangements for inclusion of territory within cities. Final arrangements require consent of each City Council and Board of Supervisors. Base level funding annually budgeted from County General Fund. Needed additional revenue specified by ballot measure.
5. **County Divests Responsibility for Parks except American River Parkway and Retains Open Space** - Negotiate transfer of management, operational responsibility, and associated revenues for all parks, excepting the American River Parkway, from the County to community recreation and park districts or cities and develop a more effective co-operative process (e.g. MOU, JPA) for the American River Parkway. County would retain management and operational responsibility for open space. Negotiations would need to provide for transfer of revenue from the County to the receiving entity and final arrangements would require consent of the governing body of each receiving entity and the Board of Supervisors. Base level funding to be budgeted from the County General Fund would be reduced by cost savings resulting from success in divesting responsibility for operation and maintenance of parks.
6. **Remove Section 71J Contracting Limitation from County Charter**- Modify County Charter to allow County to contract for services even if County employees are available. Requires appropriate modifications first be defined and approved by the Board of Supervisors and then approved by the voters. Funding would continue to be annually budgeted from County General Fund. Cost savings assumed to be sufficient to avoid going to the ballot for commitment of base level revenue or additional needed revenue.
7. **Non-Profit Conservancy** - Establish a new Non-Profit conservancy or negotiate the transfer of management and operational responsibility and revenues for parks and open space from the County to an existing non-profit organization. Arrangements for establishing a new Non-Profit Conservancy would be established or negotiations with an existing non-profit would need to be completed. Base level funding would be established by negotiation and subject to annual budget process or no Base level funding would be provided. Same applies to needed additional revenue.
8. **Property Tax Revenue Dedicated by a Vote of the People** - The electorate residing in the unincorporated and incorporated areas of Sacramento County would be asked to approve a ballot measure that would specify the annual transfer of an amount of money from the General Fund to a Regional Parks and Open Space Fund. Base level of funding plus needed additional revenue would be established by formula specified in the ballot measure as the amount that would be determined annually from a

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percentage of assessed valuation with separately specified percentages for acquisition, improvements and operation and maintenance. This would be very similar to the Park Charter Fund approved by the voters in Santa Clara County most recently in the 2006 Election.

9. **Continue County Department of Regional Parks (“No Project Option”)** – This option would continue the existing County Department with existing funding arrangements for the Regional Parks and Open Space System. Base level funding and needed additional funding would be subject to the annual budget process.