



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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CONSENT
April 1, 2008

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Park Name, Environmental Exemption, and Master Plan for Valley Oak Park

Location/Council District: 2770 Mabry Drive, Council District 1

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution:** 1) approving the name "Valley Oak Park;" 2) determining that the Valley Oak Park project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Sections 15301, 15303, and 15304 of the CEQA Guidelines; and 3) approving the Valley Oak Park Master Plan.

Contact: J.P. Tindell, Park Planning and Development Manager, 808-1955

Presenters: Not applicable

Department: Parks and Recreation

Division: Park Planning & Development Services

Organization No: 4727

Description/Analysis

Issue: Valley Oak Park is an 8.69-acre neighborhood park located in North Natomas. Long-term designs of public facilities are reviewed and approved by City Council. A summary of the Valley Oak Park history is included as Attachment 1 (page 4) and an area map as Attachment 2 (page 5).

Policy Considerations: Providing parks and recreation facilities is consistent with the City's strategic plan to enhance livability in Sacramento's neighborhoods by expanding park, recreation, and trail facilities throughout the City.

Sufficient opportunities to provide input to this master plan were provided to the community (Policy 2.0 and 13.37 of the *2005-2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan*). This is part of the Park Development Process for park planning as stated in the *2005-2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan*.

Committee/Commission Action: The Valley Oak Park name and master plan (Exhibit A, page 7) were reviewed and supported by the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) on January 3, 2008. The PRC requested that the poles for the volleyball nets accommodate children's and adult's recreational play heights.

Environmental Considerations: The Development Services Department, Environmental Planning Services Division has reviewed this project and determined that it is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301, 15303, and 15304. Projects that are exempt under Section 15301 (Class 1 exemptions) include repair and minor alteration of existing structures or facilities. Projects that are exempt under Section 15303 (Class 3 exemptions) include new construction or conversion of limited numbers of new, small structures or facilities. Projects that are exempt under Section 15304 (Class 4 exemptions) include new gardening or landscaping.

Rationale for Recommendation: The design of master plans is part of the Park Planning process as referenced in the approved *2005-2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan*.

Financial Considerations: There are no financial considerations for approval of environmental documents or a park master plan. Staff will return to Council to approve a construction contract.

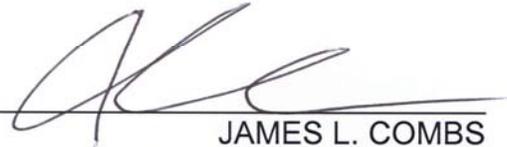
The Neighborhood Park Maintenance Community Facilities District (CFD) was established to reduce reliance on the general fund for neighborhood park maintenance and to preserve the level of maintenance in the parks system. The CFD pays for a portion of the maintenance costs for neighborhood parks. The amount of funding in the CFD depends upon the year the homes in that neighborhood were built and annexed to the CFD; maintenance of parks built before 2002 and all community parks, regional parks, open space, trails and buffer areas are not covered by the CFD. This park is included in the CFD. The funding of park maintenance not provided for by the CFD must be supported from other sources.

Development of parks creates an ongoing cost for park maintenance and utilities based on the size of the park. Maintenance staffing for this park development has not been provided for in the Department's Operating Budget. Budget augmentations have also not been made to cover water and utility costs associated with development of this park. Total unfunded operating and maintenance impact is \$6,200/acre per year, totaling approximately \$53,878/year. Department staff will be working with Finance to address this funding gap.

Approval of the park's master plan does not constitute approval of the development of the facility. That approval will not be requested until funding for both development and operations/maintenance is secured.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): No goods or services are being purchased as a result of this report.

Respectfully Submitted by:



JAMES L. COMBS
Director, Parks and Recreation

Recommendation Approved:



RAY KERRIDGE
City Manager

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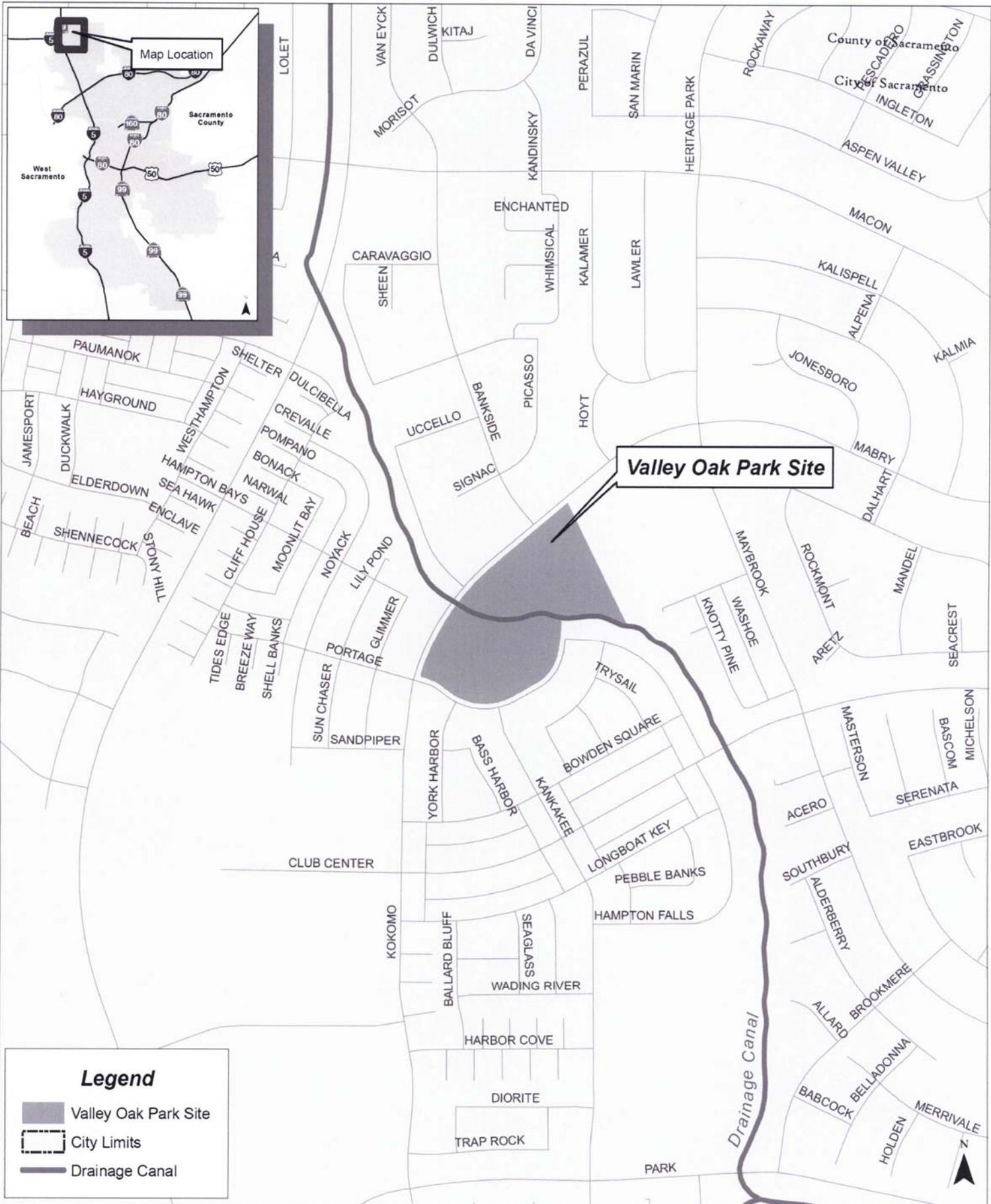
Attachment 1

Background Information

Valley Oak Park is an 8.69-acre neighborhood park located in the Creekside Area of North Natomas at Mabry Drive & Portage Way. The park will include landscape development of the entire site with large canopy shade trees and California native plants and trees. The park will also include two bantam soccer/multi-purpose fields, two turf volleyball courts, two adult and one youth basketball courts, two lighted tennis courts, an interactive water spray feature, fitness stations (adjacent to the existing bikeways), pathway lighting, a nature-themed tot lot and adventure area playground with boulders and rock climbing walls, a California native garden with interpretive signage and plant identification labels, a one acre small dog park separate from a three acre large dog park, a large group picnic area with a shade structure, individual picnic areas, a restroom, and site furniture. There will also be a 12' red granitic sandstone sculpture of local birds and animals that rely on the Valley Oak for food and nesting. The sculpture will have a carved Valley Oak acorn on top.

The Valley Oak Park Master Plan was developed through the public review process which included review and support by the public at community meetings on September 4 and November 14, 2007.

On December 17, 2007, the Valley Oak Park Master Plan was presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission's (PRC's) Park Planning and Development Committee. One committee member expressed a desire to see more regulation size soccer fields in park designs. However, there is not enough room for a regulation size field at this site. It was also requested that staff make sure that the poles for the volleyball nets accommodate children's and adult's recreational play height. The PRC then unanimously supported the plan on January 8, 2008.



City of Sacramento
Department of Parks and Recreation
Valley Oak Park Site

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

April 1, 2008

APPROVING THE PARK NAME, ENVIRONMENTAL EXEMPTION, AND MASTER PLAN FOR VALLEY OAK PARK

BACKGROUND

- A. "Valley Oak Park" is an 8.69-acre neighborhood park located at Mabry Drive and Portage Way. The Valley Oak Park Master Plan was reviewed and supported by the Parks and Recreation Commission on January 3, 2008.
- B. The Environmental Services Manager has reviewed the project for compliance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and determined that it is exempt from the provisions of the CEQA under Class 1, Section number 15301, Class 3, Section number 15303, and Class 4, Section number 15304(b).
- C. Long-term designs of public facilities are reviewed and approved by City Council.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The name "Valley Oak Park" is approved.
- Section 2. The Valley Oak Park project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Sections 15301, 15303, and 15304 of the CEQA Guidelines.
- Section 3. The Valley Oak Park Master Plan is approved.

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Exhibit A – Valley Oak Park Master Plan

Exhibit A



MASTER PLAN FOR:
VALLEY OAK PARK (8.69 AC)
 CITY OF SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA