



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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CONSENT  
October 13, 2009

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Title:** Jack Rea Park Master Plan (L19204000)

**Location/Council District:** 355 Redwood Avenue/Council District 2

**Recommendation:** Adopt a **Resolution** approving the Jack Rea Park Master Plan.

**Contact:** Dennis Day, Associate Landscape Architect, 808-7633;  
J.P. Tindell, Park Planning & Development Manager, 808-1955

**Presenters:** Not applicable

**Department:** Parks and Recreation

**Division:** Park Planning & Development Services

**Organization No:** 19001121

### Description/Analysis

**Issue:** Long term designs of public facilities are to be reviewed and approved by the Mayor and City Council. Jack Rea Park (Rea Park) is an existing 0.35 acre neighborhood park located in North Sacramento on 355 Redwood Avenue and is one of the parks originally developed by the previous City of North Sacramento which was annexed into the City of Sacramento in the 1970s, and it consists of essentially grass and trees. To help ensure that Rea Park is an asset to its neighborhood, the park has been master planned to provide positive uses to increase the use and attraction to neighborhood children and families and to eliminate negative uses such as camping and loitering in the park.

A summary of the Rea Park project history is included as Attachment 1 (page 4), a location map is included as Attachment 2 (page 6), and the proposed master plan is included as Exhibit A (page 8). Funding is available to renovate the park based on the new park master plan.

**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 the Rea Park Master Plan were provided to the community (Policy 2.0 and 13.37 of the *Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2005-2010*). This is part of the Park Development Process as stated in the *Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2005-2010*.

**Committee/Commission Action:** On August 17, 2009, the Park Planning and Development Services Committee reviewed and supported the Rea Park Master Plan as proposed. On October 1, 2009, the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) reviewed and supported the Rea Park Master Plan (Exhibit A, page 8) as proposed.

#### **Environmental Considerations:**

**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):** The Environmental Services Manager has reviewed this project and determined that it is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines (Title 14 Cal. Code Reg. § 15000 et seq.) sections 15301, 15302, 15303, and 15304 because it involves the minor alteration of existing public facilities; replacement or reconstruction of existing structures or facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced; new construction of small structures; and new landscaping, including replacement of existing conventional landscaping with water efficient landscaping.

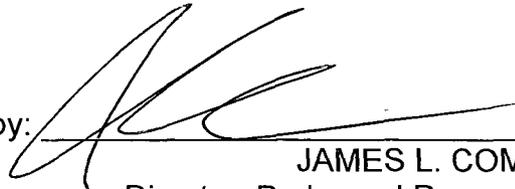
**Sustainability Considerations:** The Rea Park Master Plan project has been reviewed for consistency with the goals, policies, and targets of the City Sustainability Master Plan (SMP) and the Parks and Recreation Sustainability Plan (PRSP). If approved, the project will advance the following goals, policies, and targets of these plans by: reducing greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution through the addition of trees and other plantings; and, improving the health of residents through access to a diverse mix of wellness activities. Individual products and manufacturers have not been chosen at this level of development but the design will incorporate low-water use planting, native plants, new butterfly garden, and shade coverings for less heat gain. The park development will also be consistent with sustainable design through the use of water efficient irrigation controlled by the centralized irrigation system, plant material, products purchased from local vendors, and by utilizing local contractors.

**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 implications associated with approval of a park master plan; its approval does not constitute approval of the development of the facility. There are sufficient Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) and a grant from Sacramento County's First Five program to construct the proposed master plan improvements. Staff will return to City Council to establish a Capital Improvement Program project and approve a construction contract. This is an existing City park for which maintenance and operations services have already been budgeted.

**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:

*for*   
RAY KERRIDGE  
City Manager

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**Attachment 1**

**Background Information**

Jack Rea Park (Rea Park) is a 0.35 acre neighborhood park and is one of the parks originally developed by the previous City of North Sacramento which was annexed into the City of Sacramento in the 1970s, and it consists essentially of grass and trees. To help ensure that Rea Park is an asset to its neighborhood, the park has been master planned to provide positive uses to increase the use and attraction to neighborhood children and families and to eliminate negative uses such as camping and loitering in the park. Funding is available to renovate the park based on the new park master plan.

A public meeting was held on July 20, 2009, to discuss the Jack Rea Park (Rea Park) Master Plan. The community was in favor of the proposed master plan with no changes. On August 17, 2009, the Rea Park Master Plan (Exhibit A, page 8) was presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission's (PRC's) Park Planning and Development Services Committee and was reviewed and supported as proposed. On October 1, 2009, the Parks and Recreation Commission supported the plan without further revision.

The master plan (Exhibit A, page 8) includes the following amenities: a children's bug themed playground with a concrete sculpture lady bug, accessible rubberized surfacing, a colorful butterfly shaped shade canopy, open turf area, a group picnic area shaded by existing mature trees, perimeter 3' high tubular steel fencing with 6' tall fence on one side, walkways, new park sign, an educational butterfly garden with decomposed granite path and low water-use shrubs, perennials and flowering trees which attract butterflies, site landscaping and shade trees, and new site furniture (picnic and game tables, grills, benches, and trash receptacles).

Within the one half mile service area radius for Jack Rea Park are the following existing City owned parks, including one community park, two neighborhood parks, two City parkways, one non-city parkway, and no regional parks:

<i>Park Name</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Acreage</i>
AMERICAN RIVER PARKWAY	Non City	13.56
REDWOOD PARK	Neighborhood	3.12
SACRAMENTO NORTHERN PARKWAY	Parkway	13.87
TRIANGLE PARK	Neighborhood	1.00
UEDA PARKWAY	Parkway	19.00
WOODLAKE PARK	Community	3.08

The demographic information for the Rea Park one half mile service area has been provided below, illustrating that the population consists of 31.4% children and teens

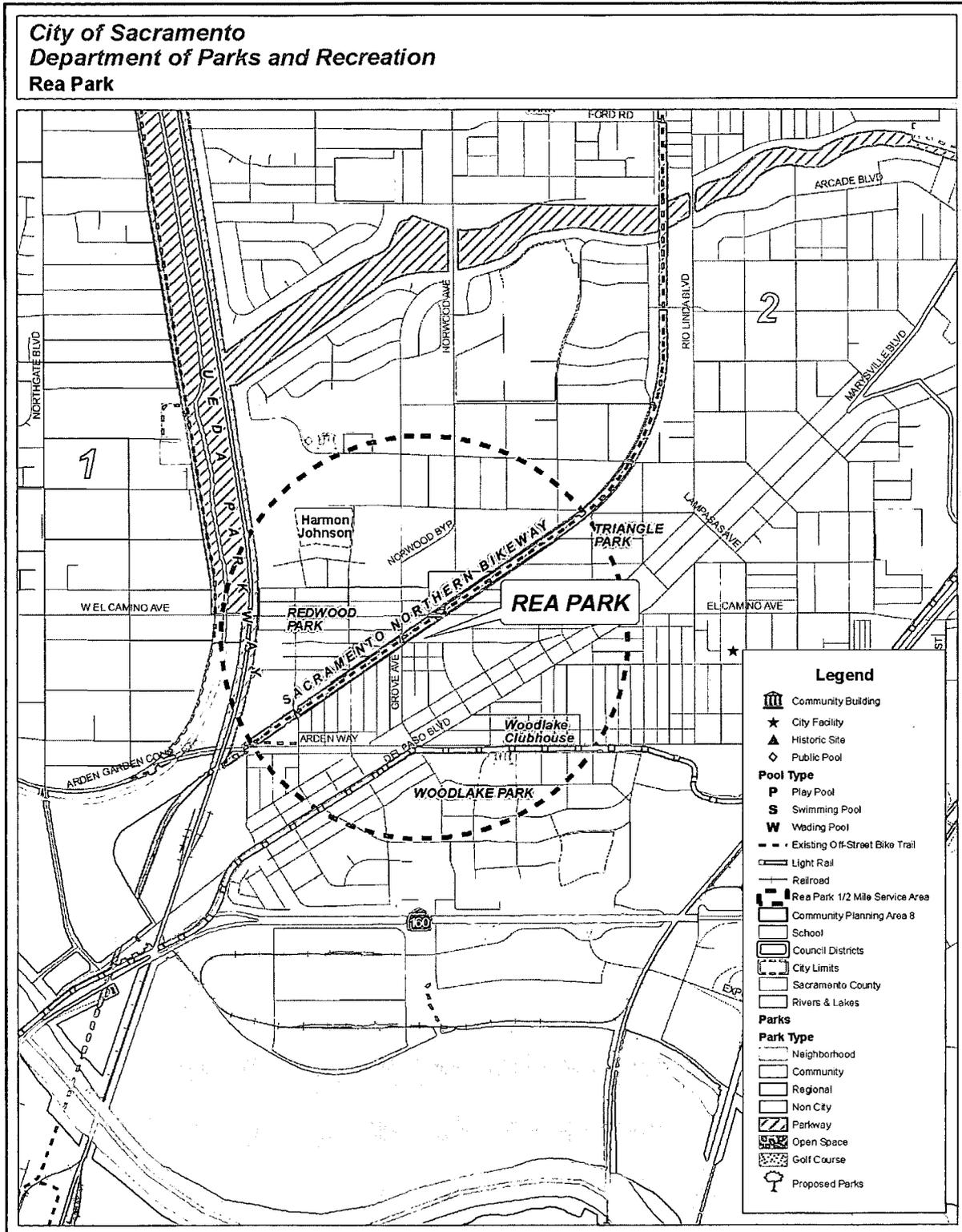
(ages 0-19), 55.2% adults (ages 20-59), and 13.4% older adults (ages 60+). The project has been specifically designed to provide a new and safe play area for children.

<b>Rea Park Neighborhood Service Area Age Distribution (2009)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
0-4	472	9.5%
5-9	382	7.7%
10-19	654	13.2%
20-29	860	17.4%
30-39	733	14.8%
40-49	629	12.7%
50-59	556	11.2%
60-64	190	3.8%
65+	478	9.6%
<b>Total population within one half mile radius</b>	<b>4,954</b>	<b>100%</b>

*Source: Applied Geographic Solutions, Thousand Oaks, CA, 2004 via City Economic Development Department website*

Construction is scheduled to begin in late spring 2010 and to be complete before fall 2010.

Attachment 2



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**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**October 13, 2009**

**APPROVING THE JACK REA PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE (L19204000)**

**BACKGROUND**

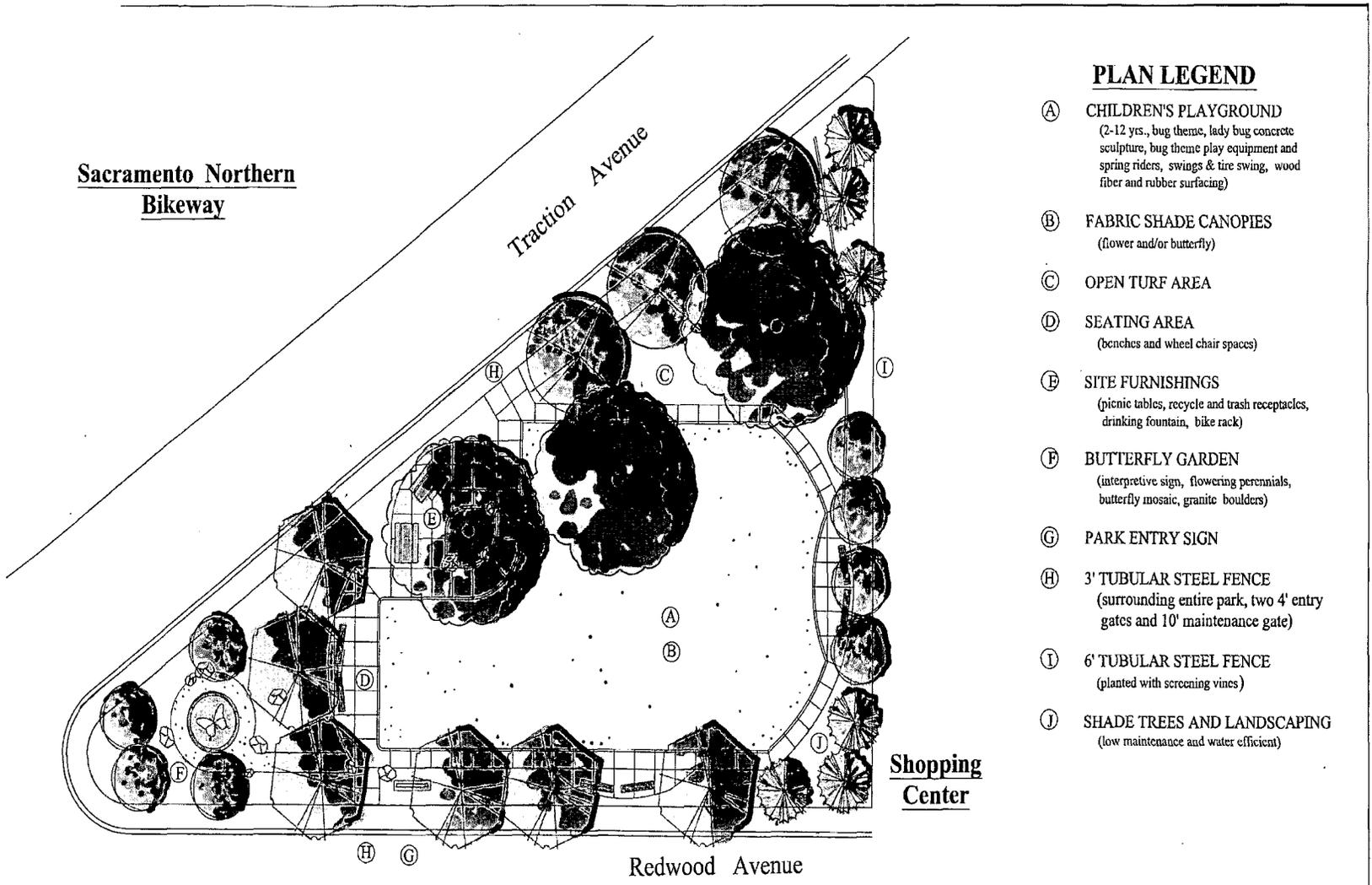
- A. Long-term designs of public facilities are reviewed and approved by City Council.
- B. Jack Rea Park is a 0.35 acre neighborhood park located in North Sacramento on 355 Redwood Avenue. The Rea Park Master Plan was reviewed and supported by the Parks and Recreation Commission on October 1, 2009.
- C. The Environmental Services Manager has reviewed this project for compliance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and determined that it is exempt from CEQA pursuant to sections 15301, 15302, 15303, and 15304 of the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14 Cal. Code Reg. § 15000 et seq.).

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

Section 1. The Jack Rea Park Master Plan, attached as Exhibit A, is approved and is a part of this resolution.

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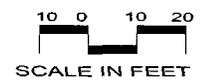
Exhibit A – Jack Rea Park Master Plan



**PLAN LEGEND**

- (A) CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND  
(2-12 yrs., bug theme, lady bug concrete sculpture, bug theme play equipment and spring riders, swings & tire swing, wood fiber and rubber surfacing)
- (B) FABRIC SHADE CANOPIES  
(flower and/or butterfly)
- (C) OPEN TURF AREA
- (D) SEATING AREA  
(benches and wheel chair spaces)
- (E) SITE FURNISHINGS  
(picnic tables, recycle and trash receptacles, drinking fountain, bike rack)
- (F) BUTTERFLY GARDEN  
(interpretive sign, flowering perennials, butterfly mosaic, granite boulders)
- (G) PARK ENTRY SIGN
- (H) 3' TUBULAR STEEL FENCE  
(surrounding entire park, two 4' entry gates and 10' maintenance gate)
- (I) 6' TUBULAR STEEL FENCE  
(planted with screening vines)
- (J) SHADE TREES AND LANDSCAPING  
(low maintenance and water efficient)

MASTER PLAN FOR:  
**JACK REA PARK**  
 CITY OF SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA



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 D. DAY  
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 J. BOWMAN/D. DAY  
 DATE:  
 JUNE 2009

  
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