



PLAN THE PARK!

Mountain Gate Park

*Recreation and Revitalization
Community Meeting*

Antelope Valley RPAC

Antelope Valley Community Center

July 15, 2021

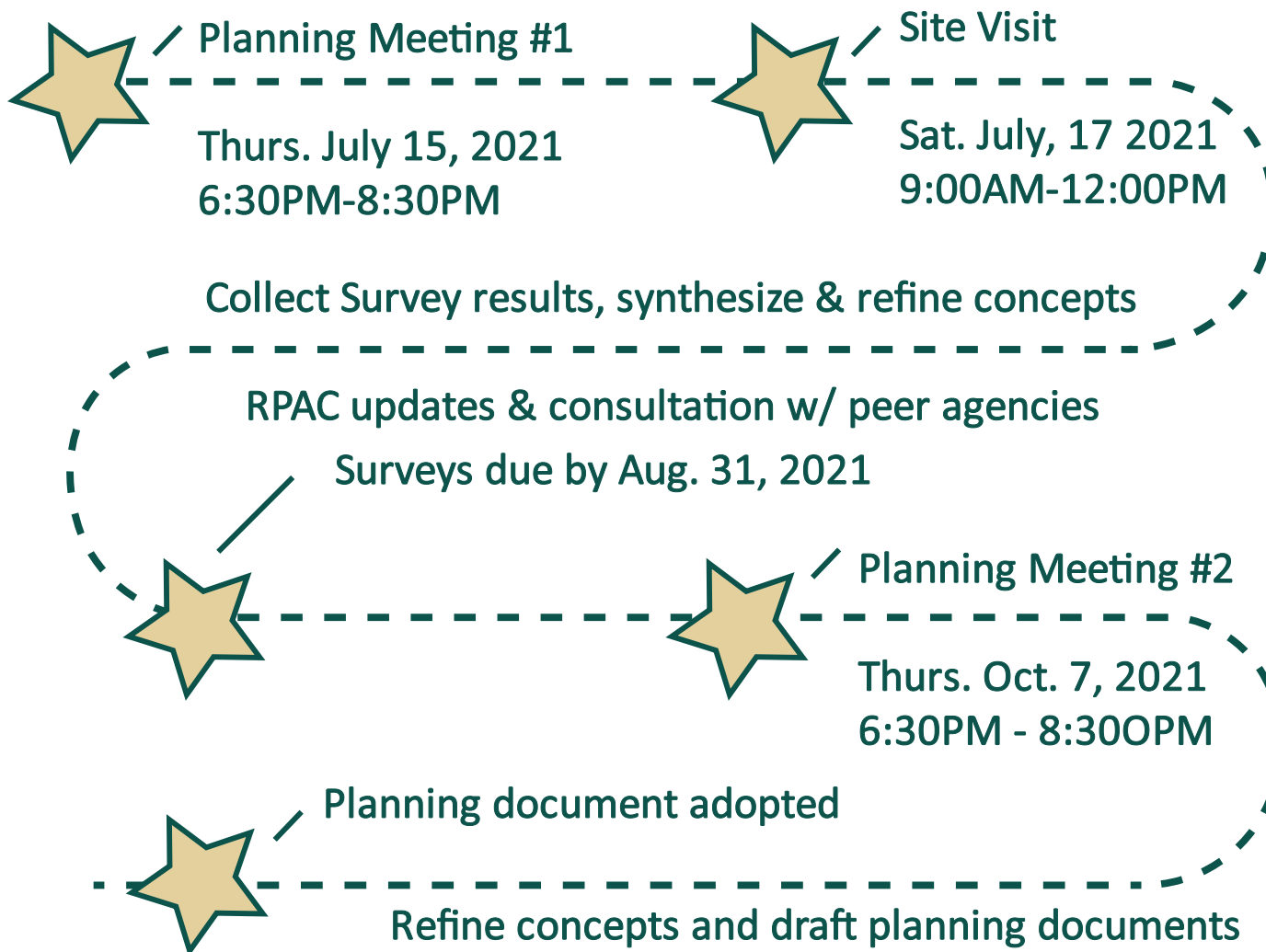
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AV Regional Planning Advisory Committee

PURPOSE: The purpose of Mono County's Regional Planning Advisory Committees is to advise the Mono County Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission and Planning Division on the development, review, implementation and update of the Mono County General Plan and associated area/community Plans. This may include: Conducting and facilitating community planning meetings; Providing assistance in identifying local planning issues, including community development constraints and opportunities; Assisting in preparing, reviewing and commenting on proposed community vision statements [and] planning policy; Assisting county staff in conducting planning studies in support of community planning efforts and plan implementation; Reviewing and commenting on proposed plans; Assisting in the development and review of capital improvement plans; and Serving as a community forum and information clearinghouse on community planning issues.

Planning Process Timeline



Planning Meeting #1:

Community Conversation

- Introduction and Overview
- Background, Project Area, and Maps
- Existing Conditions
- Vision for the Park
- Plan the Park – Programming & Activities
- Next Steps

Opportunities for Public Feedback

1. Public Meetings

2. Survey

Digital survey can be submitted by visiting:

<https://monocounty.ca.gov/rpac-antelope-valley/page/plan-park>

- Paper surveys will be available for individuals to complete and return in person to the Walker General Store located at 106651 US-395, Coleville, CA 96107
- The deadline for submission is August 31, 2021.

3. Website

<https://monocounty.ca.gov/rpac-antelope-valley/page/plan-park>

4. Contact

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Background & History

Following the flooding of Walker Canyon and Highway 395 corridor in 1997, several private lands were deeded to the County of Mono for the purpose of open space preservation and public-access. Mountain Gate Park was dedicated 2015 and includes some formal parking and public access to the West Walker River, an ADA accessible fishing pier, public restroom, barbeques and picnic tables, and outdoor fitness equipment.

In 2016 the Antelope Valley Regional Planning and Advisory Committee (RPAC) provided recommendations for improvements to Mountain Gate Park including a formal trail-system. In 2019, Antelope Valley community members and Mono County Recreation began working with the National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program to begin formal planning and public outreach on desired improvements. The RTCA Program supports community-led natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation projects and their national network of conservation and recreation planning professionals partner with community groups, nonprofits, tribes, and state and local governments to design trails and parks, conserve and improve access to rivers, protect special places, and create recreation opportunities.

To date, the RTCA program has assisted the AV Working Group trail proponents and Mono County to identify existing planning documents and concepts, to coordinate with pertinent state and federal agencies, and to create a framework for community engagement. The geographic scope of this effort (Phase I) includes parcels deeded to Mono County and under the management of California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). Pending the successful completion of Phase I planning, RTCA staff will continue working with Mono County and the local community to conceptually plan outlying trails on Public Lands.

Purpose & Need

The Antelope Valley Regional Planning Advisory Committee and Mono County are **seeking community and visitor input** to plan improvements for sustainable public access along the West Walker River waterfront and Mountain Gate Park.

How this will happen and what the future expanded park will include is up to you.

Current Working Vision Statement

This project aims to enhance the recreational opportunities and ecological features of Mountain Gate Park and West Walker waterfront through the development of sustainable trail system(s) and watershed improvements that promote fish nurseries, bird habitat, and public access. Returning the West Walker River's vitality will benefit the communities of Walker and Coleville, the local economy, and the traveling public.

Existing Policy Citations

The Open Space designation is intended to protect and retain open space for future generations. These lands may be valuable for resource preservation (e.g., visual open space, botanical habitat, stream environment zones, etc.), low-intensity recreational uses, mineral resources, or other reasons.

- ***MONO COUNTY GENERAL PLAN***

Priority 1. Enhance pedestrian facilities along US 395 in Walker consistent with the Design Guidelines and Character Inventory study.

- ***ANTELOPE VALLEY - COMMUNITY PRIORITIES FOR TRAIL DEVELOPMENT, MONO COUNTY TRAIL PLAN***

Develop a main street program for US 395 in Walker. Policy 18.D.1. Create a Main Street plan for Walker to improve the visitor experience, provide for enhanced wayfinding and use of community assets (park, community center, Mountain Gate, etc.) for residents and visitors.

- ***OBJECTIVE 18.D; POLICY 18.D.1 – REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN***

Existing Policy Citations

TABLE 6. Potential Projects

Antelope Valley

Facility	Type	From	To	Need	Recommended Improvements	Distance*	Priority
Access to Mountain Gate Park	Class I-III	Eastside Lane	Mountain Gate Park	Connectivity, recreational opportunity	Class I facility, install bike racks	.5 Mile	M
Coleville Schools Network	Class I	Marine Housing	Coleville Schools	Safe access to schools	Class I facility, install bike racks	1.5 Miles	H
Antelope Valley Loop	Class III	US 395 w/ east/west access on Topaz,	Eastside Lane Larson, Cunningham	Recreational opportunity, connectivity, safety	Widen shoulders in designated areas, add signage	12 Miles	H
Information kiosks	-----	Along loop route		Education/tourism	One or more kiosks along the loop route that discuss natural setting and Valley history	-----	L
Eastside Lane Bike Lane	Class II	Eastside Lane	Larson, Topaz, Cunningham	Connectivity, recreational opportunity, safety	Class II	5 Miles	M
Bike Racks	-----	Walker Park	-----	Recreational	Install bike racks at park	-----	
Directional Signage	-----	US 395 north & south of access to park		Improve signage directing cyclists to rest facilities at Community Center/Park	Install standard directional signs	-----	L

*Distance is an approximate estimation.

- PROPOSED BIKEWAY SYSTEM – POTENTIAL PROJECTS

Property Restrictions

(e) Property acquisitions and relocation requirements. Property acquisitions and relocation [projects](#) for open space proposed for funding pursuant to a major disaster declared on or after December 3, 2007 must be implemented in accordance with [part 80](#) of this chapter. For major disasters declared before December 3, 2007, a [project](#) involving property acquisition or the relocation of structures and individuals is eligible for [assistance](#) only if the [applicant](#) enters into an agreement with the FEMA Regional Administrator that provides assurances that:

(1) The following restrictive covenants shall be conveyed in the deed to any property acquired, accepted, or from which structures are removed (hereafter called in section (d) the property):

(i) The property shall be dedicated and maintained in perpetuity for uses compatible with open space, recreational, or wetlands management practices; and

(ii) No new structure(s) will be built on the property except as indicated below:

(A) A [public facility](#) that is open on all sides and functionally related to a designated open space or recreational use;

(B) A rest room; or

(C) A structure that is compatible with open space, recreational, or wetlands management usage and proper floodplain management policies and practices, which the Administrator approves in writing before the construction of the structure begins.

(iii) After completion of the [project](#), no application for additional disaster [assistance](#) will be made for any purpose with respect to the property to any Federal entity or source, and no Federal entity or source will provide such [assistance](#).

(2) In general, allowable open space, recreational, and wetland management uses include parks for outdoor recreational activities, nature reserves, cultivation, grazing, camping (except where adequate warning time is not available to allow evacuation), temporary storage in the open of wheeled vehicles which are easily movable (except mobile homes), unimproved, previous parking lots, and buffer zones.

(3) Any structures built on the property according to [paragraph \(d\)\(1\)](#) of this section, shall be floodproofed or elevated to the Base Flood Elevation plus one foot of freeboard. - **FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE STAFFORD ACT (FEMA DEED)**

Existing Conditions & Park Amenities

Mountain Gate Park Existing Amenities:

- Walker River Angler Access/ Parking
- Par Course Exercise Equipment
- Small Amphitheater
- Vault Restroom
- Picnic Tables

Antelope Valley Community Center Planned Improvements:

- (3) Putting Greens
- (3) Horseshoe Pits
- (1) Shuffleboard Court
- (1) Outdoor Volleyball Court

Values Activity

List three words that describe Mountain Gate Park now:

Your answer _____

List three words that describe how it should be in the future (can be the same words if you'd like):

Your answer _____

- Example Survey Question

Values Activity

How important are the following when it comes to park design?

	Not Important	Neutral	Important
Park reflects needs and interests of Walker community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Park attracts visitors to the area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Park prioritizes nature and passive recreation opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Park offers a mix of nature, passive, recreation, and active recreation opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Park prioritizes active recreation opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Park offers many kinds of recreational facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Park supports wildlife and native plants	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

How important are the following when it comes to the park?

	Not Important	Neutral	Important
River access	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Natural landscape	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Healthy ecosystems	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wildlife habitat	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Solitude, quiet, tranquility	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gathering with others	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Active recreation (hiking, biking, fishing, running, group sports, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Passive recreation (wildlife watching, picnicking, sunbathing, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

- Example Survey Questions

Project Ideas Activity

What could be added to the park that would improve your experience or support the activities you'd like to do there?

Existing Project Ideas & Examples

- Side channel/ pond concept to restore fishery/bird habitat
- Bicycle pump track
- Disc Golf Course
- Post-Fire revegetation
- Trail (potential memorial trail/ boardwalk/ interpretive trail)
- Beach Volleyball
- Horseshoe Pits

Revised Vision Statement

This project aims to ...



THANK YOU!

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