Plan the Park!

Mountain Gate Park - Recreation and Revitalization

<u>Purpose</u>: The Antelope Valley RPAC, in partnership with CA Department of Fish and Wildlife and the National Park Service is soliciting public-input to help plan recreation opportunities and the restoration/revitalization of Mono County's Mountain Gate Park and the "West Walker River Parkway" waterfront.

Based on comments received from the Antelope Valley RPAC at the regularly scheduled April meeting, it was determined that the RPAC would be the appropriate host organization to move this project through Public Outreach and Planning. The attached document provides a visual representation of what this process may look like. Additional comments are requested of the AV RPAC to help better frame this process and solicit widespread support for a community-led action plan.

<u>Vision:</u> Our working-vision is 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.

Public Outreach Plan (DRAFT):

* Outreach materials and supporting documents will be available in Spanish wherever possible

- 1. Plan and prepare [April May]
 - a. Create advertising materials
 - i. Mailers (Round 1 and 2)
 - ii. Website
 - iii. Informational email for stakeholders (Round 1)
 - b. Prepare for Round 1 meetings etc.
 - i. Tentatively schedule meetings
 - ii. Plan meetings & events
 - iii. Create survey and/or map packet [online and paper versions]
- 2. Advertise Round 1 [May-June]
- 3. Gather community ideas and input (Round 1) [June July]
 - a. Hold community meeting(s) TBD June, TBD July
 - b. Hold on-site tour event TBD June or July
 - c. Distribute and collect survey/map packet online & paper ongoing throughout period (set deadline)
 - d. One-on-one meetings with specific agencies & groups schedule as-needed

4. Synthesize ideas for community feedback [August]

- a. Create summary of input received
- b. Filter for feasibility (including agency/tech expert advice if needed)
- c. Create bubble diagram(s) and other visuals showing possible site experience & uses based on community input
- 5. Advertise Round 2 (see outreach plan) [August-September]
- 6. Gather community feedback on summaries (Round 2) [September October]
 - a. Hold community meeting(s) TBD September, TBD October
 - b. Distribute and collect survey/map packet online & paper ongoing throughout period (set deadline)
 - c. One-on-one meetings with specific agencies & groups schedule as-needed
- 7. Update site concepts based on community feedback [November]
- 8. Pause is another round of community & stakeholder input needed? If so, adapt process to include
- 9. *Develop plan document* [December February 2022]
 - a. Complete draft

- b. Review of draft by RPAC? County staff? Agencies? Key stakeholders? Community?
- c. Revise and finalize

10. Implement

- a. Complete technical studies and construction documents as needed
- b. Pursue public & private funding sources
- c. Identify volunteer opportunities
- d. [etc]

