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April 19, 2001

AGENDA: May 1, 2001

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

SUBJECT: CONCEPTUAL HIGHLANDS PARK MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT

Dear Members of the Board:

On February 6, 2001, your Board approved a contract with the firm of Joni Janecki and Associates to provide landscape architectural services to amend the Highlands Park Master Plan to include a skate park element. The initial public input for the project occurred on February 12, 2001 before the Parks and Recreation Commission at the Highlands Park Seniors Center. The public meeting consisted of a presentation by the consultant of the proposed skateboard element including the anticipated location, size and probable project scheduling. During the first public meeting the Parks and Recreation Commission received public questions and comments to bring out the issues and concerns from which the consultant could establish the framework for the master planning process.

Following the initial public meeting, a user/skater work shop was conducted on February 26, 2001 at the Highlands Park Center to provide feedback from the actual users on which features the skateboard element should contain. The skateboard element component ideas were generated through a "hands-on" user/skater exercise with modeling clay.

On March 12, 2001, a second public meeting was held before the Parks and Recreation Commission at the Highlands Park Senior Center. During the second public meeting two preliminary design options were presented by the consultant for feedback from the public and Parks and Recreation Commission. The Commission once again received public questions and comments on issues and concerns. Following the feedback from the second public meeting, the consultant refined the design options into one plan referred to as the Conceptual Highlands Park Master Plan Amendment.

The master plan amendment provides for the inclusion of a skate board element at Highlands County Park. Attached please find graphic representations of the Conceptual Highlands Park Master Plan Amendment.

On April 9, 2001, the Parks and Recreation Commission held a public hearing at the Board of Supervisors Chambers to receive public testimony and to consider approval of the Conceptual Highlands Park Master Plan Amendment. After receiving public testimony and closing the public hearing a motion was made by Commissioner Rosenberg and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve the conceptual master plan amendment as presented to include a skate facility at Highlands Park. The motion carried 4/0.

On April 17, 2001, your Board scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday, May 1, 2001 to consider the Conceptual Highlands Park Master Plan Amendment. Presented before your Board today for approval, is the Conceptual Highlands Park Master Plan Amendment as recommended to your Board by the Parks and Recreation Commission on April 9, 2001.

Once the Master Plan Amendment is approved by your Board, the design consultant will complete the construction drawings for the skate park element and plans will be submitted to the Planning Department for environmental review and permits. The initial cost estimate for constructing the 8,591 square foot facility and adjacent site improvements is $377,069.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board conduct a public hearing and consider approval of the Conceptual Highlands Park Master Plan Amendment.

Sincerely,

Barry C. Samuel / CH

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Director
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RECOMMENDED:

Susan A. Mauriello

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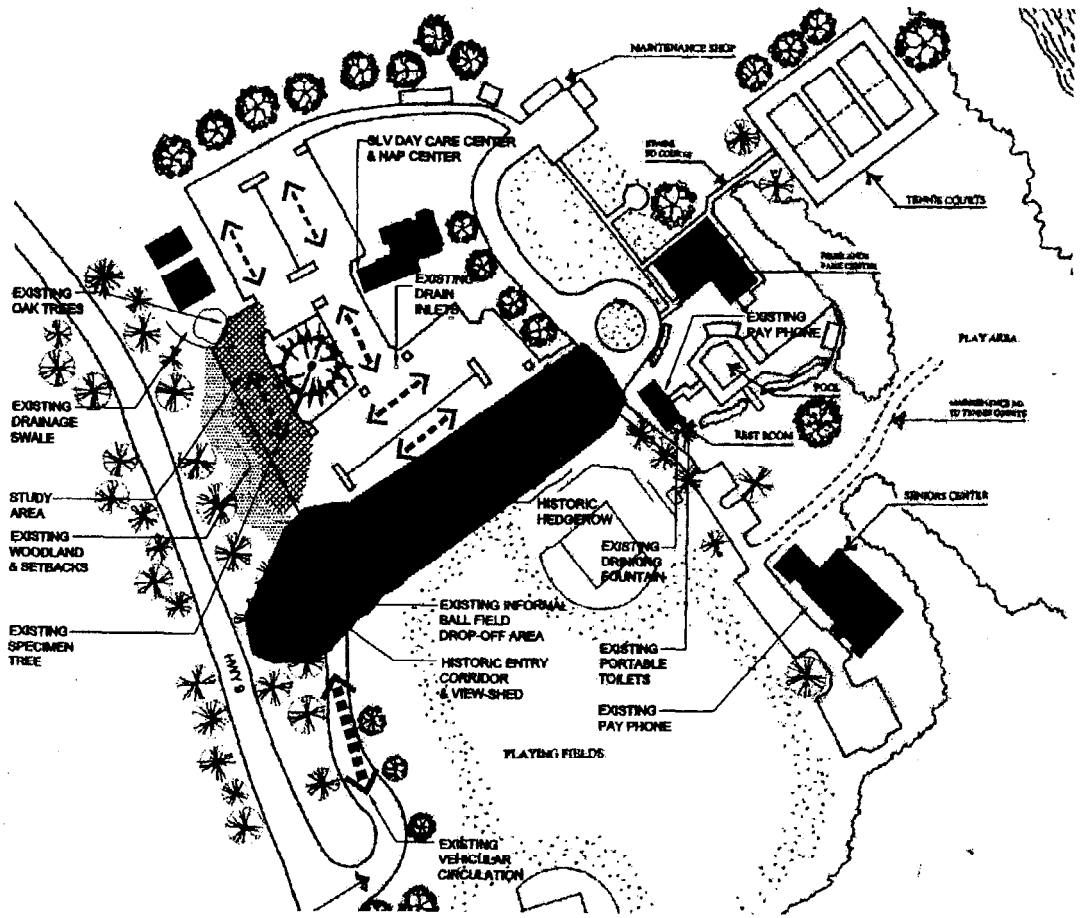
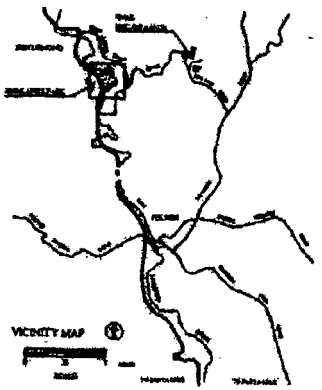
County Administrative Officer

Attachments: Conceptual Highlands Park Master Plan Amendment Graphics

cc: Auditor-Controller, Office of the County Counsel, CAO, Parks, Consultant





DESIGN CONSTRAINTS

- PARKING LOSS
- DRAINAGE
- SETBACKS FROM EXISTING WOODLAND VEGETATION:
  20 Foot Setback from Woodland Edge
  10 Foot Non-structure Buffer
- COST / FUNDING
- HISTORIC CHARACTER OF PARK ENTRY

Highlands Park Master Plan Amendment
Skatepark Element

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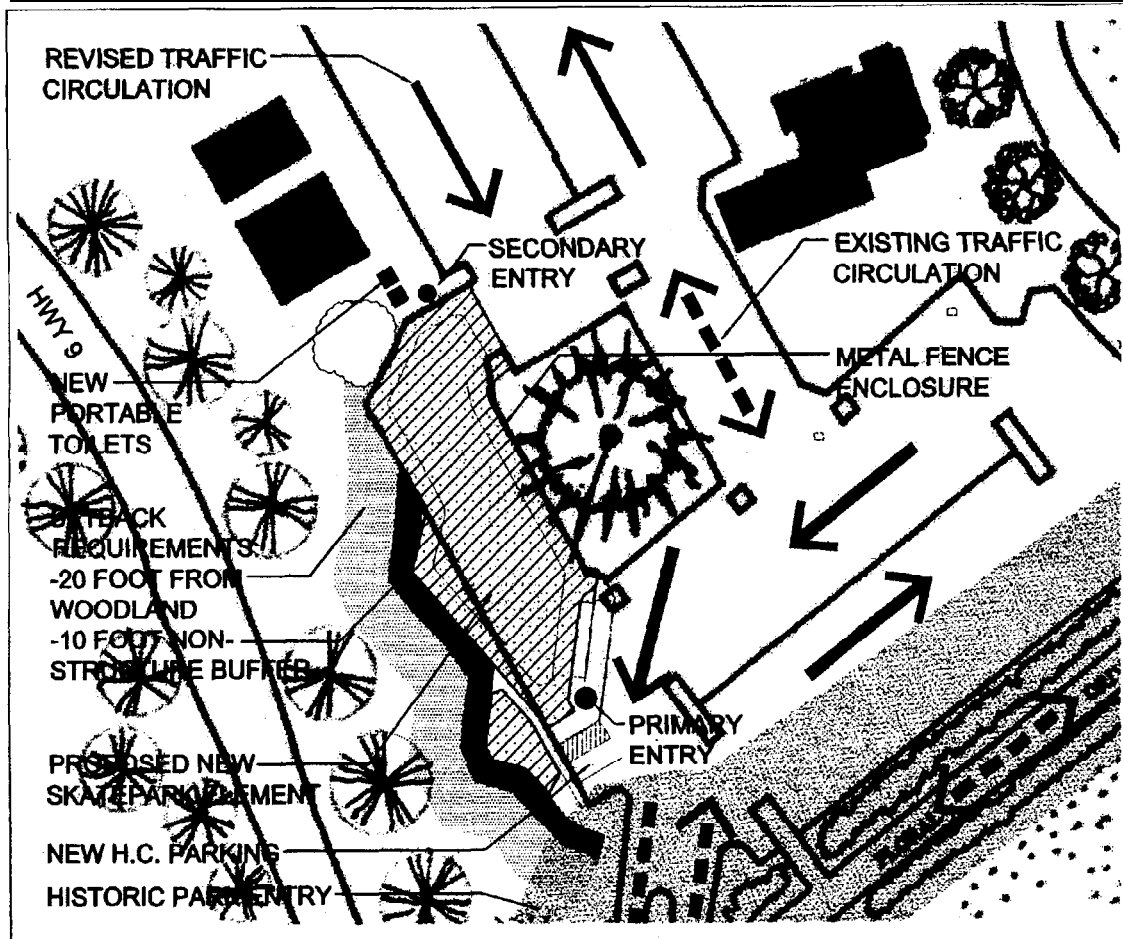
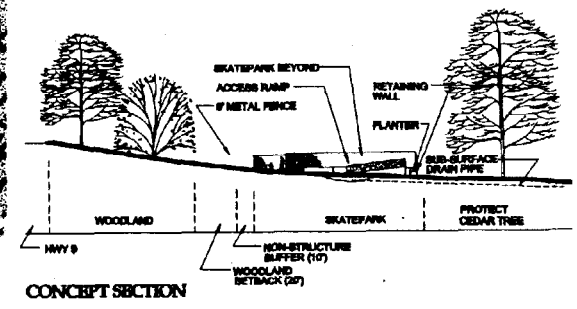
SITE CONTEXT

April 9, 2001



MASTER PLAN MODIFICATIONS

- SKATEPARK AREA: 8,590 SF
- PARKING LOSS: 18
- ONE WAY CIRCULATION SYSTEM
- 2 PORTABLE TOILETS
- DIRECTIONAL AND SAFETY SIGNAGE



CONCEPT SECTION

Highlands Park Master Plan Amendment
Skatepark Element

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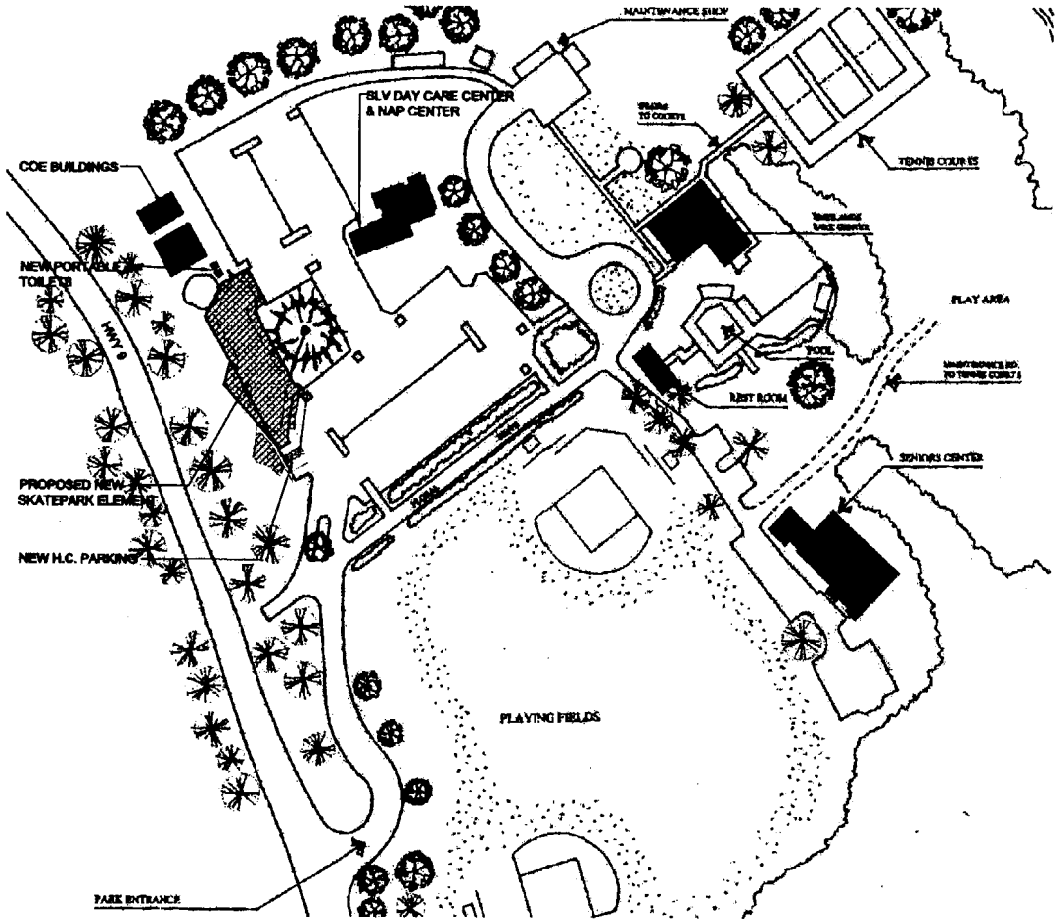
SKATEPARK LOCATION PLAN

April 9, 2001



Highlands Park Conceptual Master Plan Amendment

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