



MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: David Boesch, County Executive Officer
By: Jennifer Merchant, Deputy County Executive Officer

DATE: January 20, 2015

SUBJECT: Squaw Valley Olympic Museum Status Update

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JH", is written over the name "Jennifer Merchant" in the "FROM" field.

Action Requested

Receive a status update on analysis of opportunities and constraints related to two potential sites for a future Squaw Valley Olympic Museum.

Background

Placer County has been engaged in assisting future development of a museum dedicated to memorializing the heritage of the 1960 Winter Olympics in Squaw Valley since 2008. More recently, Placer County engaged Ward Young Architects to analyze the Gateway Property on the north side of Squaw Valley Rd. to assess conceptual viability for location of the museum, in concert with redevelopment of existing blighted commercial facilities and uses. The Squaw Valley Ski Museum Foundation prefers to locate a facility in the County's Squaw Valley Park, on the southern corner. County staff and the Foundation made a consolidated presentation of site alternatives considered to date at the Oct. 21, 2014 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Squaw Valley Park was opened in August 2004, following the County's acceptance of 36 acres at the south and northwest corners of SR 89 and Squaw Valley Road from the United States Forest Service in 2000. The Park currently includes two playgrounds, picnic tables, a synthetic turf soccer field, a trail staging area for the Western States Trail and the Squaw Valley Bike Trail, parking and vault restrooms. Plans to construct three pickle ball courts at the Park are currently underway.

Staff received direction from your Board in October to further analyze opportunities and constraints of both sites. Facilities staff has provided an initial review of identified issues, including zoning, United States Forest Service deed restrictions, sewer service, power utilities, aesthetics, traffic and circulation, parking, year-round use, potential conflicts with existing uses, and general site constraints. Certain topics will require more detailed analysis. CEO and Economic Development staff met onsite with Liberty Utilities engineers in late November to review options for relocating power lines on the north Gateway site. They are expected to provide undergrounding and relocation options and costs estimates later this month.

Fiscal Impact

There is no impact on the County's General Fund.

