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Study Session - Councilman Stewart Facilitator

Proposed Laguna Linear Park - Participants:

Joe Rodota, ✓ Sonoma County - Regional Parks Director

Miles Ferris, ✓ Santa Rosa - Deputy City Engineer
Dan Carlson, ✓ " " Wastewater Engineer

Robert Sharp ✓ - Laguna Committee, Chairman
Suzanne Nelson ✓ - " " "
Richard Nichols - " " "

Joan Vilms ✓ - Sonoma Land Trust

Bill Cox ✓ - Fish & Game Department

Greg Jacobs - Sebastopol Park & Recreation Commission
Gene Nelson - " " " "
John Taylor - " " " "
Patty Holden - " " " "
Karen Christensen - " " " "

Anne Magnie ✓ - City of Sebastopol Mayor
Richard Johnson ✓ - " " Councilman
Tom Miller ✓ - " " "
Bill Roventini ✓ - " " "
Nichols Stewart ✓ - " " "

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City of Sebastopol
Study Meeting of 10/11/88

10/18/88

SUMMARY OF
SUGGESTIONS & IDEALS FOR A LAGUNA PARK

Will serve as, or needs to serve as:

- Miles Ferris: Groundwater preservation
Expand wetlands

- Richard Johnson: Greenbelts
Recreation

- Joe Rodota: Multi-use
Coordinated Management/Planning
Wildlife
Wastewater
Recreation
Public Use with Water Waste Treatment
Proposition 70 Funding-coordinated plan

- Bill Cox: Restoration - Wildlife Habitat
Educational Programs
Public Use

- Joan Vilms: Mosaic of uses to demonstrate diversity
Public/Private partnership
Elks - Grizzlies Really!
Open Space Resource District
(Agency?)

- Anne Magnie: Native Opportunities at Home
Enhance/Restore
Wildlife Lab

- Mel Davis: Umbrella Agency- one is needed
Educational - Scouts & other youth groups

- Bruce Robinson: Agriculture - City - Wildlife

- Mindi Marshall: Kids access to Laguna
Space for kids

- Richard Johnson: Thousands of acres of restoration
Sebastopol as a new "Bidwell Park"
destination for nature lovers

- Nichols Stewart: Venice of the West
Interface with Sebastopol
Make marshes of old sewage ponds

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- Bill Cox: Access - get beyond the fences
Make Morris St. the edge of Laguna
Laguna & Corridor highways as focal
points for nature
- Anne Magnie: Paths along channel
Boats on Laguna)
Sebastopol Boat Works) No motors!
Boat Rentals
Enhance entire Santa Rosa water system
West Side-People/East Side-fauna
- Joan Vilms: Define Laguna - diverse wetlands
system
include; vernal pools
feeder streams
- Richard Johnson: Focus on WATER
brings fish, birds, . . .
Multiple uses - hike-in camping
- picnics
- hiking trail (from
Santa Rosa)
Varying Intensity of use
Urban-Intense/Rural-Preserves
Phases -
Ownership - public
uses
- Miles Ferris: Controlled Access with clear management
responsibility/authority
Control poachers/defilers
- Joe Rodota: Multiple Agencies
- Sebastopol
- County
- State - Fish & Wildlife
- Wildlife Conservation Board
- State Parks
- Federal (Wildlife Refuge)
- Santa Rosa - water agency/wastewater
Need an overall agency in charge
- Joan Vilms: Youth Conservation Corp.
- patrol Laguna
- Richard Johnson: "Limited Access" - control litter
by restricting auto access,
encourage hiking

- Anne Magnie: Bring in public in stewardship role

- Don Carlson: Santa Rosa expanding uses on its irrigation properties
 - marshes
 - forests

- Nichols Stewart: Natural Systems/Artificial Water flows
 - Surface water delivery to irrigation fields

- Bill Cox: Phase acquisition program
 - most biologically significant first
 - most agriculturally marginal
 - flood-prone areas
 - start fencing to allow natural succession
 - modify practices on Santa Rosa fields
 - preserve oaks/limit irrigation
 - limit grazing

- Joan Vilms: Commitment to resolution of conflicting interiors

- Bill Cox: Golf course with oak woodland roughs
 - Planning mixed/appropriate uses in various Laguna area projects

- Bill Cox & Miles Ferris: Create a Laguna Specific Plan

- Anne Magnie & Joan Vilms: Collaborative efforts - community initiative

- Bill Cox: Mitigation "Bank"

- Joan Vilms: We need a map of Laguna system for preservation

- Joe Rodota: Federal appropriation for Laguna planning

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Bill Cox:

Use Santa Rosa's upcoming EIR as opportunity
for Laguna Planning

- Collaborative effort
- agricultural uses
- maps
- resource inventories

Richard Johnson:

Sebastopol Laguna plan as microcosm
for larger system?

Poker Games - get all to ante-up before
we've got a full plan

MASTER PLAN

- I. Inventory
- II. Maps - overlays - Define Laguna Area
 - biotic
 - flood
 - Santa Rosa irrigation
 - public lands
 - Water Agency
 - agriculture
- III. Uses
 - ↳ diverse agency needs
 - ↳ diverse recreational uses
 - ↳ private uses/agriculture
- IV. Management
 - mosaic of responsibilities/authority
 - coordinating management committee
- V. Finances
 - public lands
 - mitigation "bank"
- VI. Implementation Strategy

How to work as a task force to create Laguna Plans

Take Master Plan to County for General Plan Amendment

If a "plan" demonstrates coordinated agreement, does that open the Federal cookie jar?

Task force would need to have authorized representation so that plan has real buy-in from jurisdictions

To get "buy-in", you need something specific Master Plan

Consensus to next have a "scoping" session on 10/24/88 on a 1st draft Master Plan