

RECREATION ELEMENT

I. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Combined with the Tourism Element, the Recreation Element provides for the present and future recreational needs of permanent residents and seasonal visitors. The focus of the Recreation Element differs from the Tourism Element in that it emphasizes the needs of the community over the needs of visitors. The types of recreational facilities desired are similar for both groups; as the June Lake community grows, so will the need for traditional community-oriented recreational opportunities.

The Recreation Element focuses on community-oriented recreational needs.

II. ISSUES

1) The existing Gull Lake Park contains a community center/multipurpose room, a tennis court, a basketball court, picnic tables, barbecue pits, children's play area and restrooms. Indoor facilities, such as a swimming pool, ice skating rink and courts for racquet sports, are also desired.

2) As a group, June Lake residents would like the above recreational facilities enhanced.

3) Future growth of the June Lake Loop will increase the need for parks and associated facilities, as well as indoor recreational improvements.

Residents and seasonal residents have differing views on desired recreational facilities.

TABLE 14: INVENTORY OF COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

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	Acreage	Operator	Facilities
Community Center	.62	Mono County	Social hall/multipurpose room, kitchen facilities, library, thrift shop, tennis court, picnic tables, barbecue grills, basketball court, restrooms, playground
June Lake Ballfield	5.0	Mono County	

PROGRAMS

SMALL WORLD DAY CARE

A winter day-care program provided by the June Mountain Ski Area provides outdoor recreational opportunities for children living in June Lake and surrounding communities.

OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS

On an occasional basis groups such as the June Lake Women's Club or Mono County Arts Council host recreation-oriented programs.

The June Lake Artists Guild hosts an annual art show.

III. POLICIES

GOAL

Provide a level of community-oriented recreational facilities and programs that meets the needs of June Lake's population.

OBJECTIVE A

Complement the wide range of outdoor recreational activities by providing traditional recreational facilities for residents (1,2,3).

Policy 1: Provide for the recreational needs of permanent and seasonal residents (1,2,3).

Action 1.1: The County should promote the development of neighborhood and community parks to meet the standards outlined in Table 15, June Lake Park Standards (1,2,3).

Action 1.2: Acquire land for parks and ball fields through the USFS land exchange and special use procedures (1).

Action 1.3: The County should promote the development of a community/neighborhood park near the West Village/Rodeo Grounds Specific Plan and/or Down Canyon areas (3).

Action 1.4: Promote the development and enactment of a Parkland Dedication Ordinance (Government Code Section 66477b) that requires new developers to dedicate land, contribute to a fund, or a combination of both, for parks and recreational purposes. This Ordinance should include fee schedules, acceptable land uses, and restrictions on the expenditure of funds (3).

Action 1.5: Through the specific plan process, the County should provide incentives for developers to dedicate areas for parks and plan for their development (1,3).

Action 1.6: The County should continue pursuing state and federal grant moneys for the acquisition, construction and maintenance of parks or other recreational facilities (1,3).

Action 1.7: The County should pursue grant moneys offered by nonprofit corporations (1,3).

TABLE 15: JUNE LAKE PARK STANDARDS

Neighborhood Parks

Average Size:	.5 to 2.0 acres
Population Served:	1,000 to 3,000 residents. ¹
Park Standard:	A minimum of one acre of neighborhood park per 1000 population.
Location Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Centrally located to serve areas within a half-mile radius. 2) Located off Hwy. 158 or other major roadways. 3) Easily accessible by foot, bicycle or automobile. 4) Take advantage of scenic views, existing vegetation, and waterways, where feasible.
Typical facilities:	Children's play areas, open turf, sitting areas, picnic tables and barbecue facilities, informal fields.
Other facilities: (space permitting)	Paved surfaces for organized games such as tennis, basketball, etc.

Community Parks

Average Size:	3 to 6 acres
Population Served:	1,000 to 5,000 residents.
Park Standard:	A minimum of three acres of community parks per 1,000 population
Location Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Centrally located within two miles of residential. 2) Convenient access off Hwy. 158 and other major materials arterials 3) Ample on-site parking. 4) Accessible by foot, bicycle or automobile.
Typical facilities:	Softball fields, large turf areas for games such as soccer or football, on-site restrooms, paved areas for games such as basketball, and walking paths/fitness trails.
Other facilities: (space permitting)	Children's play areas, sitting areas, picnic tables and barbecue facilities, informal fields.

¹ Temporary or permanent residents based upon anticipated residential density, the number of bedrooms per unit times the persons per bedroom.

Action 1.8: Parks should be designed and located to meet the needs of all residents including the young, elderly and disabled (3).

Policy 2: Continue to work with developers to provide indoor recreational facilities for racquet sports, basketball, volleyball, aerobics, swimming, ice skating and facilities for outdoor education classes on such subjects as photography, fly fishing, natural sciences, astronomy and many others (2).

Action 2.1: Work with developers during the specific plan process to promote the construction of indoor recreational facilities (2).

Action 2.2: When available, the County should pursue grants to help construct and maintain community indoor recreational facilities (2).

OBJECTIVE B

Ensure that community recreation facilities and programs continue providing the services for which they were designed (3).

Policy 1: Improve and maintain community recreation facilities and recreation programs on a regular basis (3).

Action 1.1: The County should work with the community, other agencies and developers to maintain and improve park sites (3).

Action 1.2: The County, to the extent feasible, should work with the community or other groups to operate and maintain parks. This program should include public education and neighborhood-watch programs to minimize vandalism and litter. In addition, cooperative efforts should be used to establish pilot recreational programs (3).

Policy 2: The County shall periodically review the recreational needs of the community and amend the Area Plan accordingly (3).

Action 2.1: The June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee or other community body should work with the County to study and adjust, if necessary, recreational planning policies and parkland standards to reflect the needs of the community (3).

OBJECTIVE C

Locate and design community parks to minimize their effects on surrounding land uses (2).

Policy 1: Minimize incompatibilities between recreational uses and surrounding neighboring uses (2).

Action 1.1: Provide adequate buffer zones around community parks. Measures could include locating facilities where people congregate, such as picnic facilities or spectator areas away from surrounding built areas or ringing the park with streets, trails and greenbelts (2).

Action 1.2: Minimize the use of outdoor lights (2).

Action 1.3: Minimize the potential for crime by providing adequate view corridors to give peace officers or passersby an unobstructed view of the park site and through the use of appropriate park regulations and supervision (2).