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January 29, 1981

City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT:** Amendment to the Open Space and Public Facilities  
and Service Elements of the 1974 General Plan to  
Provide Standards for Park Land Acquisistion (M-533)

### SUMMARY

This is a proposal to amend the Open Space and Public Facilities and Service Elements of the 1974 General Plan. The purpose of the Plan Amendment is to provide specific policy in the General Plan which is necessary to require park land dedication or in lieu fees when approving tentative map applications. The staff and Planning Commission recommend approval of the Plan Amendment.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On January 13, 1981, the Budget and Finance Committee of the City Council approved a Park Land Dedication Ordinance. The ordinance would basically require subdividers to dedicate land or pay fees in lieu thereof for public park facilities. The ordinance is necessary in order to provide adequate public park facilities in areas of the City that are being developed.

The proposed amendment represents a minor modification of the General Plan to set policies for park land dedications. The existing General Plan does not include any established standards for parks and recreation.

### VOTE OF COMMISSION

On January 21, 1981, the Planning Commission, by a vote of nine ayes recommended approval of the General Plan Amendment.

**APPROVED**  
BY THE CITY COUNCIL

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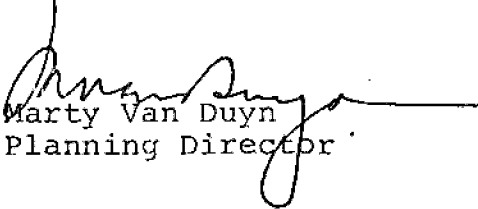
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RECOMMENDATION

The staff and Planning Commission recommend that the City Council approve the Plan Amendment by adopting the attached Resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Marty Van Duyn  
Planning Director

FOR CITY COUNCIL INFORMATION  
WALTER J. SLIPE  
CITY MANAGER

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Attachments  
M-533.

February 3, 1981  
All Districts

# RESOLUTION No. 81-080

Adopted by The Sacramento City Council on date of

FEBRUARY 3, 1981

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 1974 GENERAL PLAN OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO BY AMENDING THE PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICE AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT WITH REGARD TO PARK LAND ACQUISITION (M-533)

WHEREAS, there is a desire to continue to provide a range of opportunities for passive and active recreation in all parts of the City adapted to the needs and desire of each neighborhood and community;

WHEREAS, there is an emphasis to reduce auto use, energy consumption and air pollution and therefore a desire for close-by recreational facilities;

WHEREAS, park and recreation industry officials nationwide acknowledge five acres per one thousand population as a standard for neighborhood parks;

WHEREAS, there is a desire to make higher density living more attractive and satisfying;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Sacramento:

That the City Council hereby amends the Conservation Element of the 1974 General Plan as set forth in Sections 1, 2, and 3 below:

## Section 1.

That subsection 14 be added to page 4-4 of the Public Facilities Service Element of the 1974 City of Sacramento General Plan and is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 - To provide five acres per one thousand population for neighborhood parks to be achieved by the dedication of land or payment of in-lieu fees pursuant to City ordinance.

## Section 2.

That a paragraph is hereby amended on page 6-16 of the Open Space Element (Open Space for Outdoor Recreation) of said General Plan to read as follows:

Perhaps the most useful tools for realizing the long-term effectuation of the recreation system are the residential development fees which allocates funds from new residential

construction to assist in providing for park needs in each of the City's community planning areas, the park land dedication ordinance which provides either the dedication of land or in-lieu fees for park land acquisition; and subdivision requirements which ensure access to lands along the American and Sacramento Rivers.

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3. Fees in lieu of land dedication are applicable when there is no park or recreational facility located in whole or in part within the proposed subdivision. Said fees will be used for recreational and park facilities which will serve the residents of the area being subdivided.
4. The determination of land or fees in lieu thereof, or a combination of both.
5. A time schedule for the use of land/fees. The fees collected must be committed within five years after payment or the issuance of building permits on one-half of the lots created by the subdivision, whichever occurs later.
6. Provisions for credit for privately owned recreational facilities. Developers of PUDs have opportunities to receive credit for up to 100 percent for private recreational land or facilities provided by the developer.

The purpose of the proposed plan amendment is to provide specific policy in the General Plan which is necessary to require park land dedication or in lieu fees when approving tentative map applications. The existing General Plan does not include any established standards for parks and recreation.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission recommend approval of the plan amendment to the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Howard Yee  
Principal Planner

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Attachment