



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

DATE: March 10, 2010  
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council  
FROM: Director of Public Works  
SUBJECT: HISTORY OF SOCCER FIELD USE IN HAHAMONGNA  
WATERSHED PARK

On March 23, 2010 the Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee recommended their support to seek further direction from the City Council for reconsideration of soccer fields as a part of the Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan adopted in 2003. The letter from the HWPAC to the Council is included as Exhibit A.

Staff has assembled the following history regarding soccer fields in Hahamongna to assist the City Council in reviewing the HWPAC request to review on this subject. Exhibit B illustrates the adopted master plan for Hahamongna, with the athletic fields highlighted.

**HISTORY:**

The prospect of athletic fields in Hahamongna is not a new topic of discussion. Proposals for such recreational activity extend back prior to the City's oversight of the area:

1986 – '91 In January 1987 the Devil's Gate Multi-Use Project Advisory Committee was established to further develop and design this plan. Preliminary economic, biological, and feasibility studies were conducted by outside consultants.

The Devil's Gate Joint Power Planning Authority (JPPA), made up of appointees representing Pasadena, La Cañada-Flintridge, Native Americans and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy held a

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series of public meetings during an 18-month period. It also oversaw the development of the Preliminary Plan by Takata Associates which included the consideration of four 'meadows' with open space/play fields in addition to the Oak Grove field. The JPPA held three public workshops as part of the planning process, developed governance and funding recommendations, and obtained \$1.86 million in County Parks bond money through the November 1992 election.

- Dec 1992 The Devil's Gate Multi-Use Project Preliminary Park Plan was approved by the Pasadena City Council. This plan proposed upgrading the existing Oak Grove field and made no recommendation for additional fields.
- 1993 The area was re-named Hahamongna Watershed Park
- Oct 1993 The Pasadena City Council established a Creation Task Force to develop the legal structure for the Hahamongna Operating Company (HOC) which would implement, manage, and operate the project. The transfer of the operation and maintenance responsibility of the Oak Grove Park portion was returned to the City of Pasadena.
- Aug 1996 The Pasadena City Council disbanded the Hahamongna Operating Company Board and transferred all responsibilities of the Hahamongna Watershed Park to the Department of Public Works.
- Nov 1996 Hahamongna Watershed Park was allocated \$1 million for capital improvements as a result of the 1996 Los Angeles County Park Bond Act.
- Jan 1997 Pasadena City Council established the Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee (HWPAC) which was comprised of all members of the City's Recreation and Parks Commission with two additional members representing the Northwest Commission and two members representing the Utility Advisory Commission.
- May 1997 The HWPAC resurrected the approved 1992 Preliminary Park Plan and hosted a series of community meetings to gain input.
- Dec 1997 The HWPAC determined that the Council approved 1992 Preliminary Park Plan provided a good basis for the future of the park. They developed a list of "Park Elements" which represented refinement to that plan based on community consensus and input at that time. The Park Elements list included two athletic fields; the existing Oak Grove field and the conversion of Johnson Field on the east, to a public field.





