



PRUNUSKE CHATHAM, INC.

Exhibit K

MEMO

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To: Creekside Park CEQA Evaluation File
From: Laura Saunders
Subject: Conversations with Law Enforcement

Preliminary conversations with law enforcement indicated that the only element of the proposed park with potential to impact law enforcement is the skate park. In order to assess the potential impact of the skate park, PCI interviewed three law enforcement officers with skate park experience. Captain Matt McCaffrey, Sonoma County Sheriff's Department, was able to give a broad perspective on the County and the range of skate park experiences. Lieutenant Kevin Young, Sonoma County Sheriff's Department, Guerneville Substation, has experience with the lower Russian River community and previous experience with the change in enforcement levels with the addition of a skate park. Jeff Weaver, Chief of Police, Sebastopol Police Department, has experience with the Sebastopol skate park and was able to provide a broad perspective on community enforcement as well as statistics since the advent of their new computer system in May 2009.

Overall, the amount of law enforcement required for skate parks is highly variable. Skate parks in Sonoma County range from parks with very few enforcement issues, no more than any other park, to areas that have become locations for vandalism, alcohol and drug use, and related violent crimes at a level that excludes youth users. Skate parks with high amounts of criminal activity can generate a large number of neighbor complaints regarding suspicious persons, public drunkenness, and noise related to altercations between park users.

The Sebastopol skate park seems to represent the low-impact end of the spectrum. Since May of 2009, a period of 20 months, Sebastopol police officers have issued 150 citations at the skate park, of which 143 were for not wearing helmets while skating. Non-safety enforcement included vandalism, petty theft, indecent exposure, sexual conduct, and possession of alcohol by a minor. Two incidents were violent crimes, including a molestation. This is comparable to enforcement efforts at other Sebastopol parks that generally have low crime levels. The Sebastopol skate park includes two other uses, a community garden and a shooting range, that bring additional adults to the park.

Lieutenant Kevin Young predicts that, should the skate park have enforcement issues at the high end of the scale, he may need up to two additional deputies to address the expected number of calls. No construction of new facilities would be required.