



City of Santa Barbara
Parks and Recreation Department

Memorandum

DATE: March 20, 2007

TO: City Council
Planning Commission
Park and Recreation Commission

FROM: Creeks Restoration and Water Quality Improvement Program
Citizens Advisory Committee

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UPPER STATE STREET STUDY

On March 14, 2007, the Creeks Restoration and Water Quality Improvement Program Citizens Advisory Committee (Creeks Committee) conducted a public meeting to discuss and make recommendations on the Upper State Street Study Report. In addition to receiving a presentation by Barbara Shelton, Project Planner, the Creeks Committee discussed the Study Report and took action on a series of recommendations regarding creek-related issues presented in the Study Report. The purpose of this memorandum is to advise the City Council, Park and Recreation Commission, and the Planning Commission of its recommendations. The Creeks Advisory Committee concurs with:

1. Implementation 1, incorporating Recommendations for Creeks 1, 2, 3, and 4 (as listed on Page 3-14 of the Study Report) into the Upper State Street area design. The Committee recommends that Recommendation 1 have a greater emphasis on water quality efforts and a larger repertoire of BMPs, as well as an emphasis on native planting and integrated pest management. (5/0)
2. Implementation 2, regarding street signage. (5/0)

The Creeks Advisory Committee also discussed adding recommendations to the report, and took action regarding these items. The Committee recommends:

1. Encouraging the City to implement programs and incentives to work with property owners to achieve goals stated in the Study Report Recommendations. (5/0)

2. That City Council see these Recommendations and Implementations as the stepping stone for citywide implementation of creek protective development guidelines. (5/0)

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