

February 7, 2016

County of Nevada Community Development Agency, Planning Agency
Attention: Brian Foss
950 Maidu Avenue
Nevada City, CA 95959

Re: Oak Tree Community Park Recreation Mitigation Funding

Dear Mr. Foss

It has come to my attention that the expiration date for the Recreation Mitigation Funding for the Oak Tree Community Park and Recreation District (OTPRD) is nearly upon us. I am hereby requesting an extension of 15 months.

OTPRD needs additional time to complete the project as the use of the Mitigation Funding is dependent upon first obtaining approval for a Use Permit to develop new use areas at the Oak Tree Community Park prior to commencing construction of the pavilion and picnic areas project. Upon submission of its preliminary materials to the Planning Agency for the Use Permit it became evident that the OTPRD needed to rethink many aspects required for the Use Permit. The preliminary plan which the OTPRD submitted to the Planning Agency posed numerous potential environmental impacts associated with locations and types of future use areas. After months of back and forth the OTPRD decided to eliminate and/or relocate future use area, including relocating the pavilion use area, to avoid environmental impacts. This required the OTPRD to redesign the site of the park use areas, as well as the current use areas to accommodate the desired future use areas. Using only volunteers and limited funding this process took longer than expected. Now the OTPRD feels, through cooperation with the Planning Agency, that the Park will have a better end product for the community and a more realistic scope of work for the Use Permit. The site redesign was a major hurdle for the Oak Tree Community Park and the Park finds is necessary to extend the implementation schedule for the Pavilion project.

Therefore, OTPRD is requesting an additional fifteen months beyond the current expiration date, or May 12, 2017, to complete the pavilion project. This additional time will allow two months for OTPRD and the Planning Agency to finalize the Use Permit application, six months to go through the Use Permit process, two months to obtain a building permit and select a contractor, 3 months to complete construction, and two months to close out the grant and finalize payment requests.

The Oak Tree Community Park and Recreation District strongly believes that with redesigning the Park site and this additional time the Mitigation Funding will be able to be used in a way that serves the San Juan Ridge Community best.

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Wayman, OTPRD Board