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 CC: Consultant Team and SC Files
 Date: June 27, 2024
 Re: Fishers Canyon Open Space Youth Engagement Summary

Introduction

This memo summarizes findings April and June 2024 youth pop-up engagement conducted as part of the Fishers Canyon Open Space Master and Management Plan.

Why Pop-Up Youth Engagement?

City staff indicated at the project kick-off that engaging youth and typically underrepresented participants is an important engagement goal. Over 1,000 adults comprised the majority of participants of the first project survey. In order to reach more youth, the planning team met young people where they are at and engaged students in two questions that were used in the first survey about open space values and recreation desires.

How Will Information Be Used?

Results of the youth input on the two pull-out survey questions will be compared to adult results for the same questions to see areas of alignment or difference in youth vs. adult priorities. Youth results will also be compared to initial focus group feedback themes to ensure the plan has wholistically captured what is important to stakeholders, adjacent neighbors, agency partners and youth.

Who Attended?

At the four pop-up youth events, 177 young people participated including typically underrepresented communities from Meadows, Hillside and Deerfield Community Centers.

Youth Pop-Up Engagement Location	Date	Event	Description	# Participants
Hillside Community Center	26-Jun-24	Summer Camp	3-4th graders	15
Meadows Community Center	26-Jun-24	Summer Camp	3-4th graders	12
Teen Camp - Prospect Lake Boathouse	27-Jun-24	Summer Camp	13-16 year old	25
Science Fair - Gold Camp Elementary	11-Apr-24	Science Fair Night	Elementary	125
Total Youth Participants				177

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July 26-27, 2024

Gold Camp Elementary Science Night
Community Center Youth Engagement Survey

Science Fair-Goldcamp Elementary	Hillside	Meadows	Boathouse	Total	%	Response # Open Space Value
	19	5	5	6	35	10% 1 Protect scenic views
	25	2	4	5	36	11% 2 Provide trails to scenic views
	42	4	1	8	55	16% 3 Protect ecosystem health and animal habitat
	34	6	10	21	71	21% 4 Provide resilience to disturbance events like wildfire
	26	17	6	6	55	16% 5 Provide access to recreation
	19	1	1	8	29	9% 6 Provide accessible trails
	14	7	6	3	30	9% 7 Protect spaces for solitude and connection to nature
	16	2	3	4	25	7% 8 Connect to other trails and public lands
	195	44	36	61	336	100%

Science Fair-Goldcamp Elementary	Hillside	Meadows	Boathouse	Total	%	Response # Open Space Value
	31	11	4	7	53	17% 1 Hike or bike on flat trails
	16	3	2	5	26	8% 2 wild remote trails
	27	5	11	6	49	16% 3 challenging trails
	31	11	5	11	58	18% 4 hike with dog
	15	5	1	3	24	8% 5 hike on trails to teach about wildlife and nature
	23	0	6	3	32	10% 6 horseback riding
	23	5	2	12	42	13% 7 bouldering or rock-climbing
	19	5	5	3	32	10% 8 Go to mountain peak, see views
	185	45	36	50	316	100%