

UPDATE ON FACILITIES SEPTEMBER 8, 2004

The Superintendent's Administrative Leadership Team met with Paul Hendricks on August 23. Nicki Harrington also attended the meeting to provide input on possible connections with Yuba College sharing the facility.

We discussed the space needs, timeline for development, and possible locations for the facility. Paul stated that there is not a great deal he can do with the plan design until he knows a specific location for the building. Site orientation will determine where doors, windows, etc. are placed.

As a follow-up on the location issue, I left several messages for Garnett Vann regarding the possibility of proceeding with the County Office facility on its own, instead of waiting for the larger project, the sports complex. Garnett passed my message to the developer who is working on his behalf, Steve Toft. I spoke with Steve, who was receptive to the idea of beginning the County Office project, but with limitations relative to the requirements of the City of Colusa. The Vann project would be open to selling the land to us, depending on the amount of land needed. He was hopeful that the process for the agreement with the City would move along quickly.

I talked with City Manager Joan Phillippe about the process and timeline for the project. It is to be called a "regional park," not a sports complex. Joan explained that the City is already involved in revising its City Plan, and has begun the environmental impact study. One of the requirements for land use is a new law that requires the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to review the capacity to serve and give final approval for land use. This process takes from six to twelve months, and would be applicable regardless of the land we might use for our facility. This LAFCO is already in process, and may be the best opportunity for beginning our building project in a relatively short time. If work proceeds before all of the City work is done, the City would provide a pre-annexation agreement, to be converted when the final plans come through.