

## CHAPTER ONE - PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

### 1.1.1 FINAL PUBLIC MEETINGS SUMMARY

The final five (5) locations of the public forums included (98+ residents from the general public attended):

#### DISTRICT 1

- February 24, 2009 in Gilbert, AZ – Maricopa County Southeast Regional Library

#### DISTRICT 2

- February 18, 2009 in Cave Creek, AZ – Desert Foothills Library

#### DISTRICT 3

- February 19, 2009 in Phoenix, AZ – Paradise Valley Community College

#### DISTRICT 4

- February 17, 2009 in Surprise, AZ – Surprise Community Center

#### DISTRICT 5

- February 25, 2009 in Goodyear, AZ – Estrella Mountain Regional Park Nature Center

### 1.1.2 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Citizen comments in response to the presentation for the Maricopa County System Strategic Master Plan report are detailed below.

- Analyze trail development from a comprehensive approach – hiking, biking, equestrian, and multi-use.
- Approach the development plan in a way that allows the public to share in the progress; meaningful progress, not just all policy creation/changes.
- Consider partnering for trail building, and then the county should work through issues together with surrounding cities to plan, mandate/implement guidelines for improvements, upkeep, and edge treatment policies on bordering cities.
- Consumers want a choice these days – perhaps if the county could offer a multi-use punch card or a seasonal/winter visitor pass as some variations on the standard annual or individual passes, it would increase user fees by encouraging more frequent visits and making it more cost effective.
- We would like to see some future park plans for the Wickenburg area. Also, there is a need for more parks in West Valley and Vulture Peak.
- The goal of the park system in regards to marketing and increasing public awareness should be clear - winter events and more information and education on trail etiquette is necessary. The internet (i.e. Google and other search engines) should be utilized to the County's advantage to disseminate information to users, including trail and park maps, amenities and activities.
- Find a balance of providing a variety of services/resources to different users (especially equestrian), would effectively promote specific parks, areas and services and ultimately increase overall visitation, revenues and citizen satisfaction with the County parks system.