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To: Planning Commission  
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Beginning with the hillside planning process in the 1990s, through the 2000s with an aggressive acquisition plan, then the development and ultimate adoption of the Hillside Wilderness Preserve Resource Management Plan (RMP) in 2012, Monrovia has been engaged in a three decade long conversation about open space in the community. Throughout these processes there has been a considerable amount of input and feedback from Monrovia residents.

Based on direction of the City Council, the Community Services Commission began work on a Park Master Plan to guide future decisions related to the City's public parks. This process has incorporated a substantial amount of public input. As this is directly related to the goals and policies of the Open Space Element of the General Plan, it seemed like a great opportunity to update the Element concurrently.

A draft of the Element has been prepared and will be scheduled for public hearing at the March meeting of the Planning Commission. In preparation for the hearing, Staff will be providing an overview of the Element, its role as part of the General Plan and a brief summary of the content of the Park Master Plan. A copy of the documents will be provided at the meeting including the draft Negative Declaration. The Planning Commission serves as an advisory capacity to the City Council on the Open Space Element and CEQA. The Community Services Commission's role is to advise on the Park Master Plan.

