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Demobilization of the Auburn Dam construction support effort by Reclamation has resulted in land and facilities being leased to local governmental agencies to operate and maintain.

Auburn Area Recreation and Park District (ARD)

On December 16, 1999, Reclamation and ARD signed an agreement to cover the following facilities and land previously used for constructing Auburn Dam.

1. Railhead Park (Pacific Avenue) developed by Auburn Area Recreation and Park District (ARD) on land to be used for the delivery of materials by railroad. Termed the "railhead area" by Reclamation, this is the name given this multi-purpose park containing two large and lighted soccer fields, a small pond, picnic area, play area, restrooms, and parking. Also called Pacific Park. Work on the park started several years before the comprehensive agreement signed in 1999.

2. American River Canyon Overlook Park (855 Pacific Avenue) facilities including skate park, restrooms, and meeting building. This is the former Auburn Dam Overlook which once had temporary buildings for the visitor center. The buildings were removed. ARD renamed the location American River Canyon Overlook Park and the shorthand name is Overlook Park.

3. Canyon View Community Center (471 Maidu Drive) is the former construction administration building for Auburn Dam. This facility is used for seminars, meetings, workshops, conferences, receptions, and events.

(SOURCE: Information collected from <http://auburnrec.com> accessed on June 22, 2008, and personal conversation on June 18, 2008, with Bill Wauters, former Board member of Auburn Area Recreation and Park District.)

Placer County Water Agency (PCWA)

In 1993 Placer County Water Agency started using part of one Reclamation building. In March 2000 obtained use of the entire complex and an agreement was signed for the facilities described below.

1. Using part of motor pool building (Maidu Drive) began in 1993. In 1995 PCWA obtained use of entire motor pool building.

2. In March 2000 PCWA leased the remaining buildings consisting of laboratory and construction shops located in the complex on Maidu Drive. This complex is located in another location on Maidu separate from the Canyon View Community Center.

(SOURCE: Michael Nichol, Director, Field Services Department, Placer County Water Agency on June 17, 2008)