

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
CALIFORNIA**

For the Agenda of:  
June 9, 2009

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Department of Regional Parks

Subject: Report Back - Budget Workshop Of May 13, 2009

Supervisory  
District: All

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**BACKGROUND**

During the Budget Workshop on May 13, 2009 the Board requested information on the Department of Regional Park's proposed budget and operations. The following discussion provides that additional information.

**DISCUSSION**

**Can volunteer organizations help fund the maintenance cuts on the American River Parkway caused by lay offs?**

Yes – The American River Parkway Foundation has a program currently in place that augments existing staffing and supply resources on the American River Parkway, “*Adopt-A-Mile Program*”. Friends of Gibson Ranch have also funded maintenance projects, such as painting, at Gibson Ranch. These volunteers augment existing staff resources, and do not replace paid employees. Volunteers pick up trash, paint, and remove invasive plants, but do not assist with cleaning restrooms, emptying trash cans, mowing turf and firebreaks and other routine maintenance tasks, or maintenance tasks that utilize heavy equipment.

**Discuss with SHRA, SETA and other partners, options to fund Therapeutic Recreational Programs at Florin East Grammar School and Jean Harvie Community and Senior Center.**

Parks staff will initiate meetings with these agencies to discuss funding opportunities.

**Report back on additional opportunities for concessions and other ways to raise funds.**

Parks staff will analyze possible parks and locations for new concession operations.

A report will be provided to the Recreation and Park Commission, and with the Commission's support, staff will pursue public bids for possible new concessions.

**Reexamine recommendation to decrease Special Events staff since they generate revenue.**

Parks has streamlined services and enhanced fees to retain the recreation staff which support special events.

**Report back on establishing a policy that the County must have the ability and funding to operate and maintain new acquisitions when they are brought into the system.**

Parks staff will develop a draft policy which will be presented to the Recreation and Park Commission and Board of Supervisors.

**Does Measure A funding include any Ranger Patrol services?**

Yes. Measure A funding will provide for an additional 1.0 FTE for the American River Parkway trail.

**How much does SAFCA contribute to programs (current and proposed)?**

Approximately \$36,000 for Ranger Patrol services in Dry Creek Parkway in the current and Fiscal Year 2009-10 Budgets.

Respectfully submitted,

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