



County of San Luis Obispo, California

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
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SUBJECT: Review Camp Mabel French Report and make recommendation(s) regarding use of \$51,000 of Lopez Lake Project Reserves.

DATE: 1/23/2014

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend use of \$51,000 of Lopez Lake Project Reserves to fund the first year of the Camp Mabel French Improvements project.

Discussion

On June 20, 2013, Boy Scouts of America (BSA), Los Padres Council Executive Committee requested GSA-County Park's assistance to create an exit strategy to place Camp French operations with GSA-County Parks. GSA-County Parks, Real Property Services, Public Works and County Counsel worked collaboratively with BSA in order to develop an appropriate exit strategy for BSA.

On November 21, 2013 the District Advisory Committee, Zone 3 endorsed the first amendment to the current Operating Agreement between the District and GSA-County Parks to include Camp French within the Lopez lake Recreation Area (LLRA) and also recommended that Camp French fees be discounted by 20% for all youth oriented Non Profit 501(c3) organizations.

On December 12, 2013, the San Luis Obispo County Parks and Recreation Commission recommended that the Board approve the first amendment to the current Operating Agreement between the District and GSA-County Parks to include Camp French within the LLRA and also recommended that Camp French fees be discounted by 20% for all youth oriented Non Profit 501 (c3) organizations.

On January 14, 2014 the Board of Supervisors approved the first amendment to the current Operating Agreement between the District and GSA-County Parks include Camp operations and management in the LLRA if and when BSA terminates the Lease prior to December 31, 2014. This amendment added the approximate 100 Camp acres to the 4,276 acres (200 acres active and 4,076 natural area) currently maintained by GSA-County Parks for public recreation within the LLRA. This amendment would be valid until December 31, 2014 and would only be placed into effect if BSA terminates their Lease.

The Board provided no direction regarding the recommended 20% decrease on fees for all youth oriented Non Profit 501 (c3) organizations. However, Parks would those discounts would be as

Promotional Discounts if and when the change in management occurs. A discounted fee would be included in the first Fee Schedule that is considered by the Board following transfer of the Camp to County.

BSA has discussed their exit plans with staff and they intend to provide a letter of termination in spring of 2014. In light of this information, Parks would like to move forward with funding request from Lopez Lake Project reserves to make improvements to the Camp for park visitors. The improvements in the first year of the plan will cost \$51,000 as noted below in Table 1.

Table #1

Facility Condition Assessment Plan Camp French							
	Sq Ft	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	
Event Center	3000	\$0	\$0	\$2,500	\$0	\$0	\$2,500
Bathroom 1	150	\$4,500	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$6,500
Bathroom 2	150	\$4,500	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$6,500
Bathroom 3	150	\$4,500	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$6,500
Bathroom 4	150	\$4,500	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$6,500
Bathroom 5	150	\$4,500	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$6,500
Shower Building	840	\$6,500	\$2,500	\$0	\$0	\$7,000	\$16,000
Mobile Home	1440	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$500	\$0	\$4,500
Lift Station 5		\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000
Misc. Small Equip		\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$5,000
Access Road		\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000
Total		\$51,000	\$5,500	\$4,500	\$11,500	\$8,000	\$80,500

Staff is requesting Park and Recreation Commission support for this transfer of funds so that we will be able to move quickly in completing projects such as ADA improvements and repairs as noted above. Board of Supervisors action will be required to accomplish movement of these funds.

Other Agency Involvement:

On June 20, 2013, Boy Scouts of America (BSA), Los Padres Council Executive Committee requested assistance with an Exit Strategy.

On November 21, 2013 the District Advisory Committee, Zone 3 reviewed a report on this topic and supported the recommendations of staff and also recommended a 20% discount for local youth oriented 501 (c)3 groups.

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Financial Considerations:

The current balance of Lopez Lake Project Reserves is \$250,000.

If the requested \$51,000 is approved for Camp Mabel French improvements the remaining amount in the fund will be \$199,000.

Results:

Thousands of recreational hours are enjoyed by hundreds of children and adults each year at Camp Mabel French. Approval of the Amendment would ensure a smooth transition and continuance of services at the Camp if the Boy Scouts of America decide to terminate their Lease on or before December 31, 2014.

Continuing to provide these services is consistent with the GSA-County Park's mission of providing diverse opportunities for recreation and the personal enrichment of the County's residents and visitors while protecting its natural, cultural and historic resources. Continuing to provide these recreational services also supports the Board's goals of providing a healthy and livable community.

Attachments

1. Attachment 1 - Camp Mabel French and LLRA Site Plan