

Attachment 8

Preliminary Survey of How Other Counties Address Zip Lines

A preliminary, informal survey of other county's requirements for zip lines was completed. The following information was reported back from those responding counties:

Napa County – Currently processing a discretionary application for zip lines, as a “rural recreation” use. Additional findings are required for rural recreation uses in Agriculture.

Monterey County – Currently have one proposed zip line in a County Park. The County is considering calling the use an “aerial trail” and only requiring construction permits. However, the details of the operation of this use are still being determined and because of that no formal determination has been made at this time.

Sonoma County – Zip line business has occurred within an established organized camp as a stand-alone business. Currently evaluating whether the use can come under the organized camp's permit. If zip line not proposed within an organized camp then it would be treated it as a recreation use.

San Diego County – Classify zip lines as Participant Sports & Recreation, Outdoor. Requires a discretionary Major Use Permit. County Zoning Ordinance does not contain Agriculture zoning.

Although responses were not received from all of the California counties, from this sample, it is clear that there isn't a consistent method for handling zip lines.