



County of Santa Cruz

PARKS, OPEN SPACE, AND CULTURAL SERVICES

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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA

Monday, August 18, 2014
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Simpkins Family Swim Center
979 17th Avenue
Santa Cruz, CA 95062

- I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL
- II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS OR LATE ADDITIONS
- III. CONSENT AGENDA (Action)
 - A. Approve minutes from April 21, 2014 1
 - B. Consider Reports:
 1. Maintenance Section – Status Report..... 2-3
 2. Facilities Section – Status Report 4
 3. Planning Section – Status Report Handout
 4. Recreation Section – Status Report..... 5-9

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Opportunity for persons to address the Commission on matters which are within the scope of responsibility of the Commission but not on today's agenda. Presentations must not exceed three (3) minutes in length, and individuals may speak only once during Oral Communications.

- IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
- V. REGULAR AGENDA – Informational Items
 1. Discussion of Potential Open Space District with County Treasurer Fred Keeley (Pages 10-14)
 2. Review of the County Ordinance Implementing Measure F for Clean and Safe County Parks (Pages 15-22)
 3. Review of the Santa Cruz County Fiscal Year 2014/15 Proposed Budget and Proposed 2014/15 Capital Improvement Program for Parks (Pages 23-70)
- V. REGULAR AGENDA – Action Items
 1. Consider Report Outlining Next Steps for the Santa Cruz Playground Project at Chanticleer Avenue Neighborhood Park and authorizing the Chair to sign a Letter of Support for the Santa Cruz Playground Project Efforts to Install an Inclusive Playground at Chanticleer Avenue Neighborhood Park. (Pages 71-74)

2. Consider McGregor Park Project Update & Setting a Public Hearing For October 20, 2014, or a Later Commission Agenda to Name the Park. (Pages 75-76)
3. Take Nominations for Appointment to the Board of Directors of Friends of Santa Cruz County Parks (Pages 77-78)
4. Authorize the Chair to Sign a Letter of Support for the Twin Lakes Beachfront Project (Pages 79-81)

VII. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE LISTING (Page 82)



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JOHN J. PRESLEIGH
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION Minutes of April 21, 2014, 7:00 p.m. meeting 979 17th Avenue Santa Cruz, California

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Steven Bennett, Kate Minott, Mariah Roberts, Dave Mercer
Absent: Jim Lang (Excused)
Staff: Betsey Lynberg, Gretchen Iliff

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS: none

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approved Minutes from February 24, 2014, meeting.
- B. Accepted and filed Reports.

Motion/Second: Minott/Mercer

AYES: 4
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT –Directors report was given.

V. REGULAR AGENDA – Informational Items

1. Commission reviewed the County Parks Naming Policy and nominations for naming of the new Seacliff area park site commonly referred to as McGregor Park.
2. The Santa Cruz Playground Project gave a presentation regarding a proposal to build an inclusive playground at Chanticleer Avenue Park.
3. The Friends of Anna Jean Cummings Park gave a presentation regarding a proposal to improve public access to and preservation of open space at Anna Jean Cummings Park.

REGULAR AGENDA – Action Items

1. The Commission nominated Mariah Roberts as Chair and Kate Minott as Vice-Chair.

Motion/Second: Minott/Mercer

AYES: 4
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0



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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

DATE: August 1 2014

TO: PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
ARTS COMMISSION

FROM: GRETCHEN ILIFF, MAINTENANCE DIVISION

RE: STATUS REPORTS ON CURRENT PROJECTS

PARKS, BUILDING, AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

NORTH COUNTY PARKS (Highlands, Ben Lomond, Felton Covered Bridge, Probation, Michael Gray Field, Quail Hollow Ranch and the North Coast)

Tennis Court fencing was repaired after a large Oak tree fell on it at Highlands Park

Two new skylights were replaced at the Highlands Park Senior Center.

Six new concrete tables were installed at Ben Lomond Park. The funds were received from a State Park Grant.

MID-COUNTY PARKS (AJC, Government Center, Emeline Complex, Twin Lakes, Brommer, Felt, Floral, Coffee Lane, Soquel Lyons, Jose Avenue, Winkle Farm, Willowbrook Lane, Moran Lake, Maplethorpe, Santa Cruz Gardens, Mid-County beach access areas)

Mid County staff assisted with trash collection related to the 4th of July week-end and Save Our Shores beach clean ups.

A portable restroom and some new beach rules signs were added near the entrance to Sunny Cove Beach.

Staff are working with volunteers at the Veteran's Memorial Building on new courtyard landscaping.

SOUTH COUNTY PARKS (Polo Grounds, Valencia Hall, Hidden Beach, Seascape, Aptos Village, South County Beach access areas, Scott Park, Scott Estate, Aldridge Lane, Mesa Village, Pinto Lake, Freedom Government Annex)

Some corral fencing was replaced at Aldridge Lane Park.

The athletic fields were aerated and fertilized this month.

South County staff have put extra effort into controlling gophers at Polo Grounds, Aptos and Pinto Lake parks.

SIMPKINS FAMILY SWIM CENTER AND GENERAL PARK AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

Stormwater maintenance area inspections were completed at all Park Maintenance shops this month.

Staff received training on hand tool safety and ladder safety this month



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DATE: August 1, 2014
TO: Parks & Recreation Commission, Arts Commission
FROM: Gretchen Iliff, Facilities Management Division
RE: Status Report on Current Projects

Summary for reservations in the Parks for the months of July and August 2014, (excluding SFSC):

Attendance at Reserved Facilities:

The season continues to be very busy during the months of July and August in the office and at the park sites. There were over 840 bookings of the various Parks sites, including reservations of picnic areas, meeting rooms, wedding locations, special events and athletic field rentals. Staff estimates that over 70,500 park visitors attended events in reserved facilities during the months of July and August.

Center and Meeting Room Rentals in July and August 2014:

Park Centers host a variety of events, including wedding receptions, family events and various non-profit events. The months of July and August have hosted 40 weddings, receptions and events held at our various Park Centers with rental revenues totaling \$35,000.00. These two months also included 26 meeting room rentals totaling \$550.00.

Picnic Areas in July and August 2014:

Picnic area rentals continued to be busy during these two summer months. 73 picnic rentals took place and revenues totaled \$5,000.00. Fifteen of these picnics (20%) are annual picnics for various non-profit organizations.

Athletic Fields in July and August 2014:

While soccer leagues maintain full use in spring through fall, most spring baseball leagues have finished their seasons of play. Over 550 individual field bookings in 18 athletic fields took place in July and August, including the annual Cabrillo Crushers Blast by the Bay softball tournament in July at Anna Jean Cummings Park and the Breakers Cup soccer tournament, which took place during two full weekends in July and August for boys and girls youth soccer at Polo Grounds and Anna Jean Cummings Parks. Revenues totaled \$31,000.00.

Special Events and ongoing programs:

The public at large as well as non-profit organizations have benefited from the wide variety of special events and ongoing programs in County Parks. The month of July hosted the annual **4th of July Celebration** (Aptos Chamber of Commerce) at Aptos Park, along with the **White Hawk Dancers** at Pinto Lake County Park and **HHH Ultimate Frisbee tournament** (Ultimate Players Association) at Highlands Park. August events include a two-day **CA Beer Festival** (Gen Giammanco Foundation) at Aptos Park, the **Jim Walters Memorial Tournament** (Scotts Valley Boosters) at Highlands Park.

Ongoing programs include a variety of fitness and recreational programs. The new **Fit and 50** fitness program takes place twice weekly at Seascape Park. Save Our Shores coordinated weekly clean-ups through the **Adopt-A-Beach** program at Davenport Beach, along with another successful July 5th clean-up at beaches throughout the county, collecting over 2000 pounds of trash and recycling between Davenport and Carmel. **Together in the Park** programs, sponsored by Mountain Community Resources and Santa Cruz Adult School, provide for weekly parent-child play groups at Felton Covered Bridge, Felt Street and Jose Avenue Parks. The **Lucky Steppers Square Dance** group enjoys another fun summer of dancing at the Ben Lomond Park. **National Night Out** events took place at Mesa Village and Ben Lomond Parks in August. **Santa Cruz Pickleball** continues weekly use of Willowbrook Park courts and has added a new park site at Brommer Street Park beginning in August.



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DATE: August 4, 2014
TO: Arts Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Kathy DeWild, Program Coordinator
RE: Recreation and Cultural Services Division Status Report – August 2014

ARTS AND CULTURAL

Outside the Box – Artists were selected for Phase 5 of Outside the Box, and work has been completed on four of the eight Phase 5 boxes. The other four are in progress.

Art Exhibitions – Nana Montgomery will show her art quilts at the Simpkins Family Swim Center / Parks office from mid-August until mid-October, 2014.

Artist of the Year 2014 – John Babcock, 2014 Santa Cruz County Artist of the Year, is an internationally-recognized visual artist whose medium is paper. He is the County's 28th artist to be so honored. Mr. Babcock will give a "Profile Performance" at the Museum of Art and History (MAH) in downtown Santa Cruz on Friday, August 8 at 7:00 PM, where he will speak about his work as a documentation of feeling, emotional responses to an idea, as well as the act of making paper, the building of the medium from cellulose and water. An exhibition of his work, titled "Poets, Symbols and Songs," will be on display the MAH in the Forum Gallery from August 1 through October 26, 2014. It will consist of many varieties of artist made paper, exploring the spirituality of mountains and ocean, and symbols of love and despair, seen as a journey of both rhythm and song.

ADULT AND SENIOR PROGRAMS

August is an exciting month! We'll begin with a trip to Ardenwood Historic Farm, where we will be treated to a guided tour of the Patterson house, a prosperous 19th century estate with a beautiful Victorian mansion and elaborate Victorian gardens. After lunch, we'll travel to Sunol, where we will board the Niles Canyon Railway Wine Train. While enjoying a scenic trip through the Niles Canyon, participants will be served a specially-selected flight of wines from the Livermore Valley, paired with breads, cheeses, fruit and chocolate.

Later in the month, we'll take a bus full of eager participants to the San Jose Center for the Performing Arts to see Broadway San Jose perform *Wicked*. This will be our first time working

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with this company and, based on the customer response, great group rates and hopefully a pleasant experience at the theater, we expect to work with them again in the near future.

Upcoming trips include: Giants game (Sept.), 2-Night Yosemite Trip (October), Napa Valley wine tasting, lunch and touring (October), Petaluma River Cruise & Schulz Museum (October)

We also have 2 participants registered for the Best of Eastern Canada tour with Collette Vacations on August 24-31 and a participant registered for the British Landscapes tour on Sept. 25 – Oct. 4.

AQUATIC PROGRAMS

The summer pool schedule, which runs June 14-August 24, is as follows:

Lap Pool hours:

Mondays through Friday from 6:00 am to 7:30 pm.

Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Warm-water Pool - The warm-water pool is available for general use on:

Monday – Friday 6:00 – 9:00 am 1:00 – 3:30 pm (Rec. Swim)

Saturday and Sunday 9:00 am - 10:30 am (adults only)
10:30 am – 12:30 pm (adults & kids 6 years and younger)
12:30 – 4:00 pm (Recreation Swim ~ all ages)

Recreation Swim – This includes the Warm Water Pool and the shallow area of the 50M pool, the slide and climbing wall, and NEW this year FRIDAY FUN DAYS AND SUPER SATURDAYS with a NEW floating play apparatus that will be in the deep end of the pool for all to enjoy! Along with the new play apparatus there will be food vendors for your enjoyment.

Summer Swim Lessons – Summer swimming lessons begin on June 16. Sessions will be available Monday thru Friday evening, Monday/Wednesday/Friday evening, Tuesday thru Friday morning and Tuesday/Thursday morning. Lessons are also offered on Saturdays! Private lessons are available as well!

Adult Fitness Swimming - Adult Fitness Swimming is very popular at the Simpkins Family Swim Center. The best-attended workouts are Tuesday and Saturday mornings; up to 49 swimmers fill the 50-meter pool at these times. Fitness swimmers may choose from several different workout times: Tuesday & Wednesday workouts are at 6:00 am, 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm; Monday, Thursday & Friday workouts are offered at 6:00 am and 12:00 pm; Saturday & Sunday workouts are offered at 9:00 am.

Water Aerobics & Exercise - The water exercise classes this year continue to reach their highest capacity to date. Water exercise is an excellent way for people to meet their fitness goals without impact on the joints. Classes are designed to appeal to all levels of ability including, healthy, pre-natal, seniors, and rehabilitating or cross training fitness enthusiasts. A monthly calendar is available with dates, times and instructors names. Previous swimming or water-exercise experience is not required for participation in any of the water exercise classes.

Water Polo - Sundays from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. Participants must be a member of USAWPA to participate in the program.

Pool Junior Lifeguard Program – The pool Junior Guard Program is very popular and is full for all sessions, with a total of 435 children!

The Little Guard program is designed for children ages 5 and 6. They spend the day at the pool and do a variety of activities with emphasis on improving their swimming ability, and safety awareness. The little guards get to participate in a variety of activities including: stand up paddle boarding, kayaking, and fitness based games. They also get to experience sitting in a lifeguard chair, the buoyancy of a lifeguard tube, and they practice performing reaching assists. The little guards also enjoy a day on the beach with the big Junior Guards, and have their own special field trip to the Central Fire Station where they get to hold the fire hose as a firefighter sprays water.

The Junior Lifeguard program continues to be an incredible experience for children ages 7-13. This program gives children an insight into the fun and rewarding job of protecting and saving lives at the pool. The program strengthens their swimming ability and confidence in and around the water, and introduces them to lifeguard rescue skills. Participants also enjoy special activities such as: kayaking, stand up paddle boarding, CPR demonstrations, climbing wall and slide time, a day at the beach, and a field trip to Golfland in San Jose.

Junior Lifeguard Volunteers

Our Junior Lifeguard volunteer program continues to be successful and rewarding for young adults ages 13 – 15. The program encourages past participants that have reached the age of 13 to volunteer their time helping with the younger children in the program and assisting the leaders. The volunteers allow the program to offer more hands on teaching, and assist the leaders in their daily tasks. The volunteers learn a new level of responsibility, and it gives them a closer look at what being a lifeguard at Simpkins Family Swim Center is all about. Not only do the volunteers benefit but the junior guard program benefits as well, as we are able to improve the quality of the program without adding staffing costs. Rebecca Hurley, Aquatic Coordinator, received over 25 applications and accepted 23 to help throughout the summer.

Lifeguard Training Exercises - Throughout the summer the lifeguards will practice skills and in-water rescues, as well as swim lesson refresher sessions.

Aquatic Staff Recruitment - We are currently recruiting for Head Lifeguards.

Swim Teams - The Cabrillo Threshers and Santa Cruz County Aquatics swim teams continue to rent lanes in the 50-meter pool. The swim teams offer school-age competitive swimming programs Monday through Friday from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Private Pool Parties – Private Pool Parties are available on Saturdays and Sundays starting March 1 through August 31, 2014. A variety of aspects of the facility may be rented for Private Pool Parties, from just the warm pool to aspects accommodating up to 110 people. Private Pool Parties are scheduled on weekends, spring, summer and fall, after the facility has closed to the public.

QUAIL HOLLOW RANCH INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS

Recent and Upcoming Interpretive Programs and Activities:

1. Patti Milhaus' 2nd and 3rd class visited from Boulder Creek Elementary for a program on the difference between insects and spiders. Lee Summers led 29 kids and parents on a bug hunt by the pond on Friday, June 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
2. A Beginning Birding program took place on Sunday, June 8 from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. with Eric Feuss leading the walk. A total of 10 people attended the walk.
3. Chicks in the City and Hens in the Hood, a program about raising chickens was offered by Candice McLaren on Sunday, June 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
4. Orchids! – a program all about ... orchids – took place on Sunday, June 15 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. with Sandi Fox sharing all she know about raising these beautiful flowers as well as their natural history.
5. A final Broom Bash took place on Saturday, June 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with five hardy restorationists following Linda Brodman and Chuck Baughman.
6. A day camp volunteer training took place on Tuesday, July 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lee Summers, led four teenagers in preparing for the upcoming Time Travelers day camp.
7. Time Travelers Summer Day Camp took place Monday through Friday, July 7 to 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Campers learned about a “cause and effect” theme as they enjoyed Ohlone speaker, Kanyon Sayers-Roods, made and ate acorn mush, created domestic animals, played a culture advancing game, found pirate treasure with their orienteering skills, visited New Brighton State Park and Boulder Creek History Museum, made paper, played with slime, panned for gold, created a boomtown, dissected electronic equipment, danced in a sock hop, performed in a campfire skit, and hiked all the park trails. Volunteers, Sasha Townsend, Alec Adamson, Shelby Slaughter, and Sophia Zachau were instrumental in assisting with the program.
8. Simon Stapleton and Sue Procter led a workshop on Hypertufa garden planters on Sunday, July 21 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and later the same afternoon, led a workshop on Succulent gardening.
9. A second day camp training session with Lee Summers took place on Tuesday, July 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
10. Science Sleuths Summer Day Camp is in session through August 8. This year's theme is the Polarity Principle. Children will learn about cause and effect of animal adaptations as they create their own animals; action vs. reaction through several chemistry and physics experiments; micro vs. macro worlds through microscope,

binocular, and telescope viewing; truth vs. false as they look for evidence of Sasquatch; aquatic vs. terrestrial life as they visit Natural Bridges State Beach, Seymour Center, Twin Lakes State Park and Simpkins Swim Center; predator vs. prey as they learn about hunting and protection techniques through games; winners vs. losers in animal territories as they house hunt for various animals; endangered vs. common plants and animals as they learn about the many rare species that make Quail Hollow their home; and work vs. freedom as they make their way up the sunset trail on their last day. Lee Summers will lead activities along with the help of volunteers Madi Ahrens, Alex Polland, Savannah Zachau, and Tyler Hawes.

Staff and volunteers geared up for the end of the Nest Box Monitoring season. This year a number of outside groups from the neighborhoods around Anna Jean County Park to Monterey (as well as the Wisdom in Nature program participants) shadowed the program volunteers to learn about the species, the techniques, and materials needed to replicate this successful program. It is hoped that next year we may extend the target species to include kestrels (with the help of other bird club members).



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AGENDA: AUGUST 18, 2014

August 13, 2014

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSISON

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SUBJECT: POTENTIAL SANTA CRUZ COUNTY OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

Members of the Commission:

During County budget hearings in June, the County Administrative Officer (CAO) submitted a report to the Board of Supervisors regarding an opportunity to review our community's natural resources, park and recreation assets, needs for conservation and habitat preservation, and coastal enhancement (see attached Last Day Budget Report). As the result of that report, County Treasurer Fred Keeley was asked to work with the CAO to lead this effort.

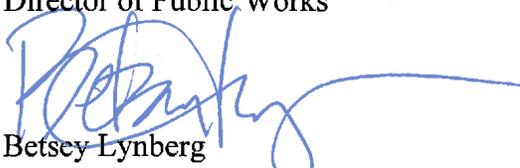
Mr. Keeley is uniquely qualified to lead this effort. He has substantial experience in this field having represented the Monterey Bay area in the State Assembly and authoring two of the largest park and environmental protection bonds in the nation's history. In addition, Mr. Keeley is current President of the Sempervirens Fund, a Trustee of the California Ocean Science Trust, and a Trustee of the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Keeley will be present at the Commission meeting to discuss with you Santa Cruz County parks, recreation, open space, and natural and cultural resources.

Yours truly,

JOHN J. PRESLEIGH
Director of Public Works

By:


Betsey Lynberg
Director of Capital Projects

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SUSAN MAURIELLO, J.D., COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

June 20, 2014

AGENDA: Last Day Budget Report

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

County of Santa Cruz

701 Ocean Street

Santa Cruz, California

RE: Budget Hearing Report Back Regarding Potential Open Space District

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

Community Need:

On the first day of hearings on the proposed 2014-15 Fiscal Year County Budget, several members of the public commented on the need to take a thorough look into how we, as a County government and a community, could improve our County parks, recreation, public spaces, and our vast natural resources, including beaches, streams and rivers, wetlands, forests and other precious habitat areas.

The Board of Supervisors directed that this office report back to the Board during Budget Hearings on how such a goal might be achieved. This report is intended to fulfill that direction.

Currently and as a result of the serious and sustained downturn in the national, regional and local economies, the former Department of Parks, Open Space, and Cultural Resources has unfortunately been reduced to a program within the Department of Public Works. While the very limited staff and programs associated with parks, recreation, open spaces and cultural resources have done an excellent job under extremely difficult circumstances, there are several quantitative measurements that indicate there are vast unmet needs. Whether that is the County's own evaluation of unmet capital needs, the good work of the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County, or any of the many other public and non-profit entities that have evaluated unmet needs, the message is the same: Our community needs a greater focus on the improvement of our programmatic and capital investment in parks, recreation, open space, natural resource, and cultural resources.

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With regard to public attitudes concerning these matters, there is good news. In Santa Cruz County, voters on June 3, 2014, approved by a roughly 75% to 25% vote, the continuation and increase of CSA 11 parks fees. The increase itself was small, but the exceptional support for our local parks was very significant.

Santa Clara's Experience:

Also in June, in our neighboring Santa Clara County (and parts of San Mateo County and a single precinct in Santa Cruz County), Mid-Peninsula Open Space District voters approved a General Obligation Bond measure by a vote of 68.81 % to 31.19%. We see this as another bit of recent evidence that voters in and near our community support parks, open space, and related measures.

Open space districts exist in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. These agencies were brought into existence by acts of the legislature and were ratified by the voters in those communities.

The Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority (SCVOSA) was established in 1992 under Senate Bill 2027 and came into existence on February 1, 1993, without a funding mechanism. The governing board then adopted a resolution establishing an assessment district to fund some of the activities of the SCVOSA, which was immediately challenged by a local taxpayers association. The SCVOSA's action was upheld by the courts. In 1999, the SCVOSA bought 3,207 acres on Palassou Ridge, next to the existing Bear-Ranch-Coyote Lake County Park, and disbursed its first round of funding to the cities of San Jose and Santa Clara. Much more has been accomplished since then. Today, the SCVOSA provides programs and services throughout the Santa Clara Valley, including trails, natural preserve areas, urban open spaces, and active recreation.

San Francisco's Response:

In 1972, in response to rapid development on the mid-San Francisco peninsula area, voters approved Measure R, which stated, in part, the following:

"Measure R will preserve open space by creating the Midpeninsula Regional Park District (*now named the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District*). Open space is our green backdrop of hills. It is rolling grasslands-cool forests in the Coast Range-orchards and vineyards in the sun. It is the patch of grass between communities where children can run. It is uncluttered baylands where water birds wheel and soar, where blowing cordgrass yields its blessings of oxygen, where the din of urban life gives way to the soft sounds of nature. This is the serene, unbuilt, unspoiled earth that awakens all our senses and makes us whole again...it is room to breathe."

Mid-Pen, as it is often called, expanded its boundaries in 1992 to include northwestern Santa Clara County, southern San Mateo County, and a very small portion of Santa Cruz County (essentially those areas that have Los Gatos addresses). Following adoption of the Coastside Protection Program in 2004, the District's boundaries were extended to include the San Mateo

County coast. Mid-Pen, similar to SCVOSA, provides a wide range of services to the community, including open space preserve area, active recreation, trails.

Open Space Districts:

Such open space districts are not the only possible organization of government able to provide park, open space, natural resource preservation, and active recreational opportunities. Traditional methods of using joint exercise of powers agreements (JPA's) are also available to local governments. Also, public-private partnerships between local governments and non-profit organizations have attempted to address these targeted needs, however, they have met limited success.

It is clear that our community is consistently supportive of parks, open space and natural resource preservation, and a wide variety of active and passive recreational activities. Our local population utilizes these resources, as does the very substantial visitor population.

California's Important Park System:

At this time, the California Department of Parks and Recreation is undergoing a comprehensive review of its mission, resources, funding, assets, and future demands. Governor Brown and Natural Resources Secretary John Laird have established the Parks Forward Commission, and have charged that entity with reporting to them in the near future regarding how California's challenged parks system can be strengthened to meet future demands.

Back Home: What We Can Do:

In a similar manner, the Board of Supervisors may want to conduct a review of our community's natural resources, park and recreation assets, needs for conservation and habitat preservation, and coastal enhancement.

Such a review, which can be accomplished through a community-wide outreach and communication project, would include the existing Santa Cruz County Parks and Recreation Commission, and the many other parks and natural resources entities (such as the Boulder Creek Recreation District, the La Selva Beach Recreation District, and non-profit organizations such as Land Trust of Santa Cruz County, Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks, and Watsonville Wetlands Watch, to name a few).

We are so fortunate to have an individual who has substantial experience in this field, and may soon have time to dedicate to this effort. Current County Treasurer Fred Keeley is President of Sempervirens Fund, is a Trustee of the California Ocean Science Trust, a Trustee of the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation in Washington, D.C., and, when he represented the Monterey Bay area in the State Assembly, was the author of the two largest park and environmental protection bonds in the nation's history. Mr. Keeley was also personally responsible for raising \$50,000 for the Yes on F campaign which certainly helped in the passage of Measure F on the June ballot. In discussions with Mr. Keeley over the last year, it has become clear that he would respond

favorably to a request by the Board of Supervisors to lead an evaluation and recommendation effort concerning parks, recreation, open space, and related matters.

Recommendation:

It is therefore recommended that the Board of Supervisors take the following actions:

1. Accept and file this report;
2. Request that Mr. Keeley be asked to work with this office, and to lead, on an uncompensated basis, the public effort to help meet the goals of the Board of Supervisors regarding parks, open space, active and passive recreation, and natural resource preservation, enhancement and conservation; and
3. Direct the County Administrative Officer, working with Mr. Keeley, to consult with the appropriate department heads of County government and the County Parks and Recreation Commission, and report to the Board of Supervisors in November regarding a process and content for evaluating the unmet needs of the community in terms of parks, open space, active and passive recreation, and natural resource preservation, enhancement and conservation.

Very truly yours,



SUSAN A. MAURIELLO
County Administrative Officer



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AGENDA: AUGUST 18, 2014

July 30, 2014

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSISON
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**SUBJECT: MEASURE F –FUNDING FOR SANTA CRUZ COUNTY PARKS 2014-15
BUDGET AND IMPLEMENTING ORDINANCE**

Members of the Commission:

On June 3, 2014, voters in the unincorporated areas of Santa Cruz County approved Measure F – Funding for Santa Cruz County Parks with 76% of the vote, well exceeding the 66% minimum requirement. Pending the final certification of the June 3, 2014 election, an ordinance implementing the provisions of Measure F was conceptually approved by the Board of Supervisors on June 17, 2014, with the second reading and final adoption on the June 24, 2014 agenda. Attached for your information is the June 17, 2014 Board report with the proposed ordinance which is now in effect. Property owners in the unincorporated areas of Santa Cruz County, outside of the La Selva Beach, Opal Cliffs, Alba, and Boulder Creek Recreation and Park Districts will be levied a charge of \$8.50 per improved parcel commencing with the 2014-15 fiscal year property tax statements. This parcel tax is anticipated to generate up to \$355,000 a year in revenues for the purpose of providing, maintaining, and preserving County parks and open space and to operate recreation and cultural programs.

In anticipation of this new revenue, a supplemental budget request was prepared for consideration by the Board of Supervisors during the Fiscal Year 2014-15 budget hearings. Attached for your information is the Supplemental Budget Request for Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services indicating anticipated Measure F revenues and expenses.

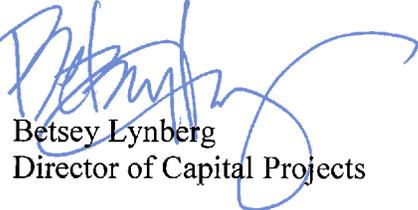
Measure F funds are required to be held and accounted for separately from other County funds. An annual report is also required setting forth the amount of tax collected and expended and the status of any projects funded with the tax proceeds. In addition, the Auditor-Controller will perform an annual audit to assure accountability of the proper disbursement of the tax proceeds.

Finally, I wish to acknowledge and thank Commissioners for their important contributions to the successful outcome of Measure F. The Measure F outcome signals clear voter support for Santa Cruz County Parks. It also provides a permanent source of funding that will provide on-going funding for safe and clean parks and open spaces and quality cultural services for the community.

Yours truly,

JOHN J. PRESLEIGH
Director of Public Works

By:


Betsey Lynberg
Director of Capital Projects

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County of Santa Cruz 0509

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AGENDA: JUNE 17, 2014

June 6, 2014

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, California 95060

**SUBJECT: ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 4.22 TO THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
CODE REGARDING FUNDING FOR SANTA CRUZ COUNTY PARKS**

Members of the Board:

On February 25, 2014, your Board called and ordered a special election to be held throughout the unincorporated County, outside of existing recreation and park districts, on Tuesday, June 3, 2014, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters the question of whether the County should be authorized to levy a parcel tax of \$8.50 per each improved parcel within County Service Area (CSA) No. 11 for the purpose of providing, maintaining, and preserving County parks and open space and to operate recreation and cultural programs. Although the election has not been certified, preliminary results indicate that the measure has received most favorable results and has exceeded the two-thirds required by 10 percent from the voters in the election.

The County Clerk anticipates certification of the vote of the June 3, 2014, election on the August 5, 2014, Board agenda. Attached for your Board's consideration is an ordinance adding Chapter 4.22 to the Santa Cruz County code regarding funding for Santa Cruz County Parks, contingent upon certification of the June 3, 2014, election. Approval of the ordinance in concept at this time, with return on June 24, 2014, for final action, will allow for the collection of the parcel tax commencing with the 2014/15 fiscal year.

It is therefore recommended that the Board of Supervisors take the following actions:

1. Adopt in concept the attached ordinance adding Chapter 4.22 to the Santa Cruz County Code regarding funding for Santa Cruz County Parks.

2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to place the ordinance on the June 24, 2014, agenda for final action.

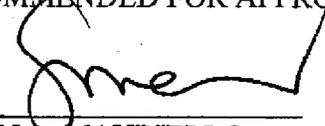
Yours truly,


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RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:



SUSAN A. MAURIELLO
County Administrative Officer

Copy to: Parks
 Public Works (Program Administration)
 County Administrative Office
 County Counsel
 Auditor-Controller
 Treasurer Tax Collector

**ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 4.22 TO THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
CODE REGARDING FUNDING FOR SANTA CRUZ COUNTY PARKS**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz ordains as follows:

SECTION I

The Santa Cruz County Code is hereby amended by adding Chapter 4.22 to read as follows:

**Chapter 4.22
County Parks Funding**

Sections:

- 4.22.010 Title and purpose.**
- 4.22.020 Definitions.**
- 4.22.030 Tax levy.**
- 4.22.040 Purposes and uses of tax.**
- 4.22.050 Exemptions.**
- 4.22.060 Computation and collection of tax – Interest and penalties.**
- 4.22.070 Accountability.**
- 4.22.080 Examination of books and records and annual audit.**
- 4.22.090 Refund of tax, penalty, or interest paid more than once, or erroneously or illegally collected.**
- 4.22.100 Savings clause.**
- 4.22.110 Regulations.**

4.22.010 Title and purpose.

This chapter may be cited as the “County Parks Funding Ordinance.”

4.22.020 Definitions.

The following words and phrases whenever used in this chapter shall be construed and defined in this section as follows:

(a) “Director” shall mean the Director of Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services , or his/her designee.

(b) “Owner” shall mean the legal owner of any parcel of real property, except when the legal owner of the real property is such due to the holding of a mortgage, note or other security, in which case the “owner” shall be deemed to be the beneficial owner of said parcel of real property.

(c) “Parcel” shall mean the smallest, separately segregated lot, unit or plot of land having an identified owner, boundaries and surface area which is documented for property tax purposes and given an assessor’s identification number by the county of Santa Cruz tax assessor.

(d) “Possessory interest” shall mean possession of, claim to, or right to the possession of land or improvements and shall include any exclusive right to the use of such land or improvements.

4.22.030 Tax levy.

The tax as set forth in this section is hereby levied as follows, commencing the fiscal year 2014-2015, on all improved parcels within the boundaries of the unincorporated area of the County of Santa Cruz outside of recreation and park districts.

(a) For each improved parcel, the annual tax rate shall be eight dollars and fifty cents (\$8.50).

(b) The tax imposed by this chapter shall be assessed to the owner unless the owner is by law exempt from taxation, in which case the tax imposed shall be assessed to the holder of the possessory interest in such parcel, unless such holder is also by law exempt from taxation.

(c) For the purposes specified in Section 4.22.050, the tax shall be levied so long as it is necessary to pay for services as specified in Section 4.22.050.

(f) The tax is levied pursuant to California Government Code Section 50075 et seq. and is a tax upon each improved parcel of property.

(g) The amount of the tax is not measured by the value of the parcel.

4.22.040 Purposes and uses of tax.

(a) There is hereby established a special segregated fund entitled "County Parks Parcel Tax Fund" to be maintained and administered by the County.

(b) Proceeds of the tax, together with any interest and penalties thereon (collectively, the "tax proceeds"), shall be collected each fiscal year and deposited in said special fund, and shall be used exclusively for the purpose of providing, maintaining, and preserving County parks and open space and to operate recreational and cultural programs within County Service Area No. 11, or securing the payment of any indebtedness incurred for these purposes.

(c) The tax proceeds may also be used to enforce and administer the tax, including costs for submission of any measure to the voters for the establishment or alteration of the tax, and any costs associated with the collection of the tax.

4.22.050 Exemption.

The tax imposed by this chapter shall not be construed as imposing a tax upon any person when the imposition of such tax upon that person would be in violation of either the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the State of California.

4.22.060 Computation and collection of tax – interest and penalties.

(a) The Director or his/her designee or employee is hereby authorized and directed each fiscal year, commencing with the fiscal year 2014-15, to determine the tax amount to be levied for the next ensuing fiscal year for each taxable parcel of real property within the unincorporated area of the County of Santa Cruz outside of recreation and park districts, in the manner and as provided in Section 4.22.040. The Director is hereby authorized and directed to provide all necessary information to the Auditor-Controller of the County of Santa Cruz to affect proper billing and collection of the tax, so that the installments of the tax shall be included on the secured property tax roll of the county of Santa Cruz. Unless otherwise required by the board, no board action shall be required to authorize the annual collection of the tax as herein provided.

(b) The tax shall be collected in the same manner as ordinary ad valorem taxes are collected and shall have the same lien priority, and be subject to the same penalties and the same procedure and sale in cases of delinquency as provided for ad valorem taxes collected by the County of Santa Cruz; provided, however, that the board may provide for other appropriate methods of collection of the tax.

(c) The tax shall constitute a lien upon the parcel upon which it is levied until it has been paid. Any unpaid tax due under this chapter shall be subject to all remedies provided under the Santa Cruz County Code and as provided by law.

4.22.070 Accountability.

Pursuant to Sections 50075.1 and 50075.3 of the California Government Code, the specific purposes of the tax and the requirement that the tax proceeds be applied to such purposes and the establishment of a special fund for the tax proceeds are as set forth in Section 4.22.050. So long as the tax is collected hereunder, commencing no later than July 1, 2014, the Auditor-Controller is hereby authorized and directed to cause to be prepared and filed with the board a report that shows the amount of tax collected and expended and the status of any projects funded with the tax proceeds. For purposes of this section, the Auditor-Controller is authorized to retain such consultants, accountants or agents as may be necessary or convenient to accomplish the foregoing.

4.22.080 Examination of books and records and annual audit.

(a) The Auditor-Controller or Director of Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services or their designee is hereby authorized and directed to examine assessment rolls, property tax records, records of the Santa Cruz County recorder and any other records of the County of Santa Cruz deemed necessary in order to determine ownership of parcels and computation of the tax.

(b) The Auditor-Controller will perform an annual audit to assure accountability of the proper disbursement of these tax proceeds in accordance with the objectives stated herein.

4.22.090 Refund of tax, penalty, or interest paid more than once, or erroneously or illegally collected.

When the amount of the tax, any penalty, or any interest has been paid more than once, or has been erroneously or illegally collected or received by the county under this chapter, it may be refunded provided a verified claim in writing therefore, stating the specific grounds upon which the claim is founded, is filed with the auditor-controller within one year from the date of payment. If the claim is approved by the Auditor-Controller, the excess amount collected or paid may be refunded or may be credited against any amounts then due and payable from the person from whom it is collected or by whom paid, and the balance may be refunded to such person, his/her administrators or executors.

4.22.100 Savings clause.

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to any person, or to any property as to whom or which it is beyond the power of the county to impose the tax herein provided. If any provision, sentence, clause, section or part of this chapter is found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall affect only such provision, sentence, clause, section or part of this chapter and shall not affect or impair any remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this chapter. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the County that this chapter would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid provision, sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

4.22.110 Regulations.

The Auditor-Controller and the Director of Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services are hereby authorized to promulgate such regulations as she or he shall deem necessary in order to implement the provisions of this chapter.

SECTION II

With respect to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq., the Board hereby finds and determines that the purpose of the special tax is to provide continued funding for Santa Cruz County Parks. As such, the tax merely provides a funding mechanism and does not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. Therefore, the proposed special tax is not a "project" as defined by CEQA. (CEQA Guideline section 15378(b)(4).)

SECTION III

This ordinance shall take effect as provided by law. This ordinance shall become effective according to law only if at least two-thirds of the voters voting at a Special Election to be held on June 3, 2014, vote to approve a measure authorizing the County to levy an annual special tax of \$8.50 on all improved parcels within the boundaries of the unincorporated area of the County of Santa Cruz outside of recreation and park districts to be used exclusively for the purpose of providing, maintaining, and preserving County parks and open space and to operate recreational and cultural programs within County Service Area No. 11.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2014, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS
NOES: SUPERVISORS
ABSENT: SUPERVISORS
ABSTAIN: SUPERVISORS

Chairperson of the Board

Attest: _____
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Asst. *JM Heats 6/3/14*
County Counsel

Copy to: County Administrative Office
Public Works
Parks
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AGENDA: AUGUST 18, 2014

July 30, 2014

SUBJECT: SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 BUDGET

Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission:

Attached is the Santa Cruz County Fiscal Year 2014-15 Proposed Budget for Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services. The entire County Fiscal Year 2014-15 Proposed Budget is available on-line at

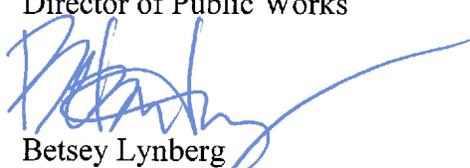
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As described in the attached letter from the County Administrative Officer, the County is beginning to slowly recover from the recession. As you know, in 2011-12 County parks was temporarily merged with Public Works as a cost saving measure. The 2014-15 budget restores parks to a separate department including restoring the Parks Director, Secretary, Payroll/personnel Clerk, and funding the Resource and Development Manager and a new Clerk position. In addition with the passage of Measure F on June 3, 2014, in order to improve the ability of parks to provide clean and safe parks, the Board of Supervisors approved restoration of Parks Maintenance Worker positions and a Park Planner, as well as limited funding to address deferred maintenance. The attached narrative describes the accomplishments of the Parks Division over the last fiscal year and recommendations for the coming fiscal year. Also attached are park dedication funds included in the budget and as presented in the Capital Improvement Program. The proposed budget was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on June 24, 2014.

Yours truly,

JOHN J. PRESLEIGH
Director of Public Works

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April 30, 2014

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
 County of Santa Cruz
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COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2014-15 PROPOSED COUNTY BUDGET

Dear Members of the Board:

This letter transmits the County Administrative Officer's Fiscal Year 2014-15 Proposed Budget for your consideration during Budget Hearings which are scheduled for June 16 through June 24, 2014. The Proposed 2014-15 Budget totals \$639 million and the total General Fund budget of \$414 million, a 1.7 percent increase over 2013-14.

2014-15 COUNTY BUDGET

A breakdown of all funds with the County budget is as follows:

Total Requirements - All County Funds for 2014-15

Item	2013-14 Allowed	2014-15 Recommended	Change	%
General Fund	\$ 407,410,361	\$ 414,171,020	\$ 6,760,659	1.7%
Special Revenue Funds	\$ 42,125,030	\$ 42,070,121	\$ (54,909)	-0.1%
Less Than County Wide Funds	\$ 8,961,054	\$ 10,445,539	\$ 1,484,485	16.6%
Special Districts	\$ 70,461,212	\$ 53,237,269	\$ (17,223,943)	-24.4%
Enterprise Funds	\$ 19,567,683	\$ 19,899,891	\$ 332,208	1.7%
Internal Service Funds	\$ 93,224,731	\$ 99,072,887	\$ 5,848,156	6.3%
Total All County Funds	\$ 641,750,071	\$ 638,896,727	\$ (2,853,344)	-0.4%
Budgeted Positions	2,350.90	2,364.70	13.80	0.6%
Unfunded Positions	105.05	104.05	(1.00)	-1.0%

Although the Economy is Improving, A Structural Deficit Still Remains

Since FY 2008-09, the County has faced significant budget challenges as a result of the Great Recession. These challenges were managed using several strategies including layoffs, furloughs, retirement benefit changes and reductions in services provided to the community. The County also drew upon fund balances and reserves for economic downturns to soften the downward spiral caused by the reduction in revenues, particularly property tax revenues.

Managing through this tumultuous period required the leadership of the Board and tremendous support of County management and our labor partners. We appreciate the cooperation of our labor representatives during these challenging times and the exceptional work of the County staff.

As we prepare for the upcoming year, there are notable changes reflected in the Proposed Budget. Revenues are slowly improving; however, they have not recovered to a degree that the County's expenditures and revenues are balanced. We continue to rely on fund balances to address the shortfalls. This year's budget focuses on the restoration of the final hours of furlough and stabilizing the County's services. Rebuilding reserves will commence when the remaining structural deficit is eliminated in the next few years.

The structural deficit has been reduced from \$9.8 million in 2013-14 to \$6.7 million in 2014-15, closing the gap by one-third. This was largely accomplished through the increase in general purpose revenues and providing for prudent growth in operations and core reserves. As a result of limited resources, recommendations in the Proposed Budget require:

- County departments to absorb increased costs,
- increases in fees and charges to reflect the actual cost of doing business, and
- modest increases in General Purpose revenues.

A total of 2,365 positions are recommended which represents a net increase of 14 positions. The increase results from 17 mid-year additions mainly in Human Services to implement the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and related health care programs offset by 36 deletions primarily in Health Services due to the mid-year transfer of the Low Income Health Program under the ACA. In addition, the budget includes 33 new positions primarily for increased needs in Health and Human Services and Public Safety as detailed in the Personnel Summary included in the Proposed Budget. Vacant positions are proposed to be eliminated July 1, 2014, and filled positions will be deleted effective August 9, 2014. Affected employees will have access to the County's placement services in hopes that placements can occur.

The recommended Proposed Budget meets the requirements of the County General Fund Budgeting Principles adopted by your Board and prioritizes the public safety, health and welfare of the residents of the County.

2014-15 STATE BUDGET

On February 25, 2014, we provided your Board with an overview of the Governor's Proposed 2014-15 Budget. A "mini-surge" of additional state revenue in mid-April bodes well for California's overall fiscal status. State revenue appears to be adding up to almost \$1 billion more than the Governor anticipated in his January budget proposal, bringing the projected budget surplus to about \$8 billion total. The State is expected to release its May Revision on May 14th and we will include an updated report with our Supplemental Budget request.

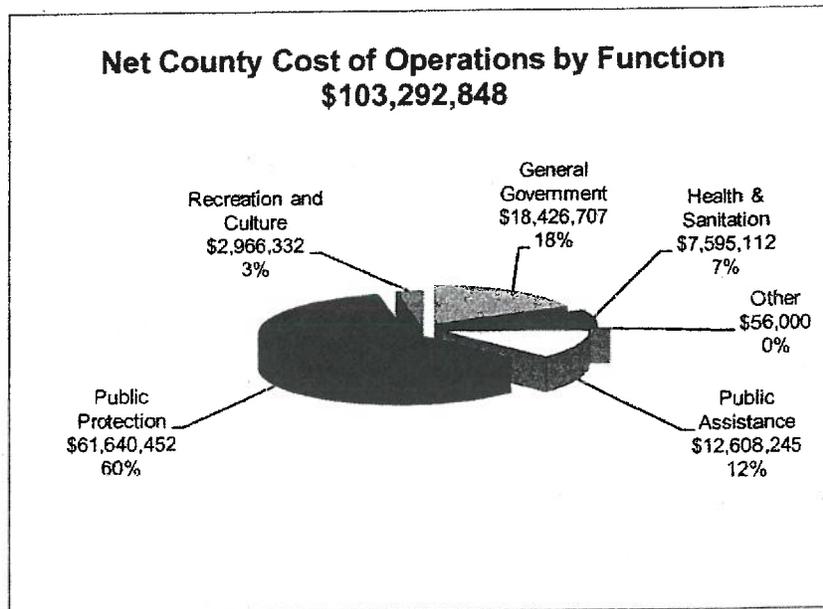
2015 FEDERAL BUDGET

The annual federal appropriations process is in progress, and appropriations committees in the House and Senate have been holding preliminary hearings on spending bills. A number of programs of importance to counties will be addressed during this process, including a possible cap on the value of certain tax benefits, including the potential for changes to treatment of tax exempt interest on municipal bonds, proposed reductions in funding for US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development and Community Development Block Grant Programs,

and the proposed elimination of State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) funds, which is a Department of Justice program that reimburses states and counties for the costs of incarcerating undocumented individuals. Once the Federal Budget is finalized we will report back on any departmental impacts.

2014-15 PROPOSED BUDGET & ALLOCATION OF GENERAL FUND NET COUNTY COST

The 2014-15 allocation of \$103,292,848 Net County Cost (NCC) of operations included in the Proposed Budget is illustrated in the following chart:



At 60 percent of NCC, Public Protection continues to dominate the use of the County's funds.

2014-15 DEPARTMENT CHANGES

Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector

The Auditor-Controller has begun implementing the replacement of the County's nineteen year old Financial and Procurement System with an expected "go live" date twelve months later. Effective January 5, 2015, the Auditor-Controller's office will consolidate with the Treasurer-Tax Collector's office as approved by the Board of Supervisors on November 5, 2013. A detailed report will be included in the Supplemental Budget to address this transition and reorganization.

Assessor-Recorder

Beginning in 2009 with the market disruption caused by the Great Recession and decline of the housing market, and as required by State law, the Assessor began widespread downward assessed value adjustments of real property within the County under Proposition 8 (approved in 1978) thereby lowering property tax collections. In 2013, the Assessor began restoring the Proposition 8 adjustments to recover a portion of the property tax loss. The Assessor has indicated that he intends to continue to restore value in 2014 as the local real estate market continues to improve. These restorations have been anticipated and the revenue is included in the Proposed Budget. In 2013-14, Recording Fee revenues statewide declined an estimated 30

to 40 percent from the prior year and reduction in Recording Fee revenue of 38 percent for the County is projected.

County Clerk-Elections

The County Clerk-Elections Department became certified by the Secretary of State's office to be a ballot printer and will print supplemental vote-by-mail, counter and satellite office ballots for the June 2014 Primary Election in an effort to lower ballot printing costs and to minimize wasted resources. By June, the department will also automate the vote-by-mail ballot process to contain extra help staff expenses and to improve the process for tallying and reporting election results. Only one election, the November 2014 General Election, is scheduled for 2014-15.

County Library Fund

The County of Santa Cruz and cities of Capitola and Scotts Valley, which comprise the County Library Fund, are in the process of working with the City of Santa Cruz to revise the Library Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) that governs the provision of library services in these jurisdictions. A new Library JPA will allow the City/County Library System to move forward with a revenue measure to fund needed facility improvements, including new branches in Felton and Capitola and major upgrades in Aptos, if approved by the voters.

Information Services

In 2014-15, the Information Services Department will start a multi-year deployment of the new Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) phone system to County departments. The department will also begin data migration from the County General Ledger and Purchasing mainframe systems to the replacement system and complete new interfaces with County applications.

Animal Shelter

In 2013-14, the Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter received grants totaling \$136,000, allowing the organization to further its efforts to increase dog licensing compliance, responsible pet ownership and public awareness and to provide low cost animal services to County residents. These activities will continue through 2014-15.

District Attorney

The District Attorney and the County Administrative Officer have been unable to jointly review budget recommendations for 2014-15. As a result, additional recommendations will be addressed in the Supplemental Budget, if required.

Sheriff-Coroner

The Sheriff's Office is anticipating the completion of the Center for Public Safety mid-year FY 2014-15. Preliminary work for the construction of a 64-bed transitional housing unit and program space to reduce recidivism for inmates will begin due to the award of \$24.6 million from the Board of State and Community Corrections. The Sheriff's budget is primarily focused on rebuilding service capacity throughout the County. To this end, four Deputy Sheriff positions that were previously unfunded within the Patrol section have been funded for FY 2014-15. In addition, three new Criminalist positions are being added in the Investigations section, thereby allowing the two Deputies and one Sergeant currently performing those duties to return to Patrol work. The previously unfunded Forensic Pathologist position has also been funded and the current contract for this work will be eliminated in June.

Probation

The Probation budget is focused on the completion of a number of initiatives for continuous improvement in the department. These include piloting the next generation of predictive pretrial risk assessment tool through the auspices of the Laura and John Arnold Foundation; the replacement of the current pre-trial data system with an integrated data system that will adequately measure pretrial outcomes; the completion of a cost/benefit analysis for services in conjunction with the Pew/MacArthur Foundation Results First Initiative and completing the implementation of a tool designed to match the needs of offenders with resources available by our local service providers. In addition, the department will be constructing an enclosed recreation facility at Juvenile Hall which was approved for grant funding by the State in 2009.

Health Services Agency (HSA)

The health care system is experiencing significant changes at the national, State, and local level, the highlights of which, for the Health Services Agency, include a substantial reduction in Health Realignment funds, anticipation of additional demand for behavioral health and primary care services as a result of Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) implementation, and impacts to serving the remaining uninsured not covered by the ACA.

- Health Benefits will sustain a decrease of nearly \$6.3 million associated with the cessation of matching federal funds due to the ending of the MediCruz Advantage Program and the loss of approximately \$3.5 million in Health Realignment pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 85, which redirects this funding to social service programs.
- As a result of ACA implementation, demand for primary care and behavioral health services is anticipated to increase substantially, including increased demand for Clinic services from the newly insured and projected increases in Drug Medi-Cal contracted services.

Human Services Department (HSD)

The recommended budget includes a \$4.9 million increase in salaries and benefits primarily due to the addition of 24.5 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions, including 17.0 FTE positions added mid-year 2013-14. The added positions are primarily in support of implementation of the Affordable Care Act. There is a \$4 million increase in revenues due to projected increases in 1991 and 2011 Realignment revenue and Medi-Cal revenue. The Leaps and Bounds federal grant in the amount of \$740,018 has expired and is not reflected in the 2014-15 Budget. Staffing at the Watsonville Veterans Hall was increased by one day per week in March.

Department of Public Works (DPW)

The recommended budget includes a reorganized Capital Projects division that is responsible for the administration of contracts for the construction of major public buildings projects and to ensure contract compliance with plans, specifications and applicable codes related to those projects. Staff in this division will provide oversight of various upcoming projects, including Twin Lakes Beach, Heart of Soquel and the renovation of the Rountree Medium Detention Facility.

Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services

As a cost saving measure in FY 2011-12, the Parks Department was temporarily reorganized as a Division of the Department of Public Works (DPW). While this arrangement has achieved the financial goals, and operational considerations underscore the importance of beginning to restore the Department. The 2014-15 Budget continues to place priority on maintaining core park services, facilities, and programs on a year-round basis and assumes a phased approach to

restoring the Department to an independent status. In addition, the budget transfers two positions to the DPW Capital Projects Division.

On June 3, 2014, the voters will be asked to approve a parcel tax of \$8.50 on all improved parcels, replacing the expiring service charge within the County's Park and Recreation District – CSA#11. The parcel tax on all improved parcels will provide approximately \$355,000 per year for our County parks, maintenance, operations and programs. We will return to your Board with a Supplemental Budget report regarding the outcome of the measure.

Planning

Staffing levels for the Code Compliance section are proposed to increase and two Planner positions will team up with Code Compliance Investigators and a Planning Technician to implement a re-invented code compliance section. In addition to the regular caseload, the team will undertake a Legalization Assistance Permit Program (LAPP), and with Earth Sciences/Environmental Planning staff and Environmental Health staff, the team will undertake more environmental code compliance activities, especially enforcement of illegal grading in rural, open space and forested areas.

The Policy and Special Projects section is now designated as the Sustainability, Special Projects and Economic Vitality Division. The Principal Planner position has been designated as the County's Sustainability Manager and will lead a team approach to implement the Climate Action Strategy (CAS) and other sustainability initiatives. Team members will include the Manager, a portion of a Planning III position in this Division, Resource Planner staff time from the Earth and Natural Sciences/Environmental Planning section and staff from the Environmental Health Division of the Health Services Agency, General Services, and Public Works Departments.

A key effort in 2014-15 will be the completion of a Strategic Plan in accordance with the Hearth Act, in collaboration with United Way of Santa Cruz County, and Smart Solutions, among others. This effort will bring together a number of existing organizations, agencies, and programs with the aim of formulating a coordinated, long term approach to homelessness in our community.

Redevelopment Successor Agency

In 2013-14, the Redevelopment Successor Agency continued winding down activities, including the preparation and submittal to the State of the Long Range Property Management Plan for the remaining three sites owned by the Successor Agency. These sites include Capitola Road at 17th Avenue, Brommer Street at 7th Avenue, and Commercial Way excess right of way. The State Department of Finance currently has the review of the Long Range Property Management Plan scheduled for the summer of 2014. The Asset Transfer Audit conducted by the State Controller's Office was approved and staff expects the final report in May 2014.

LOOKING FORWARD

The 2014-15 Recommended Budget makes progress towards attaining financial stability and structural balance. The County faces uncertainty with several programs including the roll out of ACA, AB 109, Parks funding, Road Funding, and restoration of reserves. It is important to note that the budget does not provide funds to increase the County's reserves, which remain at the minimum level established by your Board. County facility and park maintenance projects, currently estimated at a cost of approximately \$27 million, are again being deferred into the

future. During the budget crises, the County used fund balances and resources previously allocated for capital projects infrastructure needs to pay for ongoing services. Departments absorbed cost increases and reductions in the NCC portion of their budgets while at the same time absorbing certain increases in costs. In the future, the Board will need to begin to strategically restore some of the curtailments through available future revenue.

CONCLUSION

The recommendations set forth below do not represent adoption of the County Budget, but the approval of the budget estimates as a basis for full consideration at the time of final budget hearings scheduled to begin on June 16, 2014.

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED that your Board approve the figures in this document as those that constitute the Proposed County Budget for 2014-15, order publication of the required notices, set June 16, 2014 as the date the Public Hearings on the 2014-15 Proposed County Budget will begin.

Very truly yours,



SUSAN A. MAURIELLO
County Administrative Officer

cc: Each Department Head
Employee Organizations

PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND CULTURAL SERVICES

John J. Presleigh, Director of Public Works

Index Numbers: 491100 - 495900

Fund: General Fund
 Functio Recreation
 Title: Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services

Requirements	Actual 2012-13	Appropriated 2013-14	Estimated 2013-14	Requested 2014-15	Recommended 2014-15	Change From 2013-14
Salaries & Benefits	\$3,706,823	\$3,840,535	\$3,842,606	\$4,181,309	\$4,181,309	\$340,774
Services & Supplies	\$1,823,055	\$2,005,099	\$1,976,572	\$1,657,613	\$1,657,613	(\$347,486)
Other Charges	\$0	\$24,615	\$24,615	\$13,780	\$13,780	(\$10,835)
Fixed Assets	\$0	\$56,888	\$56,888	\$0	\$0	(\$56,888)
Intra-Fund Charges	(\$128,181)	(\$86,279)	(\$86,279)	(\$86,279)	(\$86,279)	\$0
TOTAL EXPEND	\$5,401,697	\$5,840,858	\$5,814,402	\$5,766,423	\$5,766,423	(\$74,435)
Less: Revenue	(\$3,208,130)	(\$3,507,702)	(\$3,481,269)	(\$3,242,780)	(\$3,242,780)	\$264,922
NET COUNTY COST	\$2,193,567	\$2,333,156	\$2,333,133	\$2,523,643	\$2,523,643	\$190,487
Positions		33.80	33.80	37.80	37.80	4.00
Positions Unfunded		1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00

As your Board is aware, as a cost saving measure in FY 2011-12, the Parks Department was temporarily reorganized as a Division of the Department of Public Works (DPW). While this arrangement has achieved the financial goals, escalating costs with DPW and operational considerations underscore the importance of restoring the department at the earliest opportunity.

The Parks Division continues its mission to acquire, develop and provide safe, well designed and maintained parks while offering a variety of recreational and cultural opportunities for the community. This includes the operation of the County's 1,400 acre park system, Simpkins Family Swim Center, a variety of after-school and summer recreational programs, as well as cultural services programs. The Parks Division is also responsible for providing staff to the County's Parks and Recreation Commission and the County's Arts Commission.

Benefits of Parks and Recreation include:

- Park and recreation facilities make communities desirable places to live, work, play, and visit, thereby contributing to the ongoing economic vitality of communities throughout our country. Annually, Santa Cruz County provides over 6800 facility bookings including field reservations and picnic areas.
- Programming provided through park and recreation agencies combats the national obesity epidemic through the development of healthy lifestyles, strong minds, and fit bodies. In FY 12-13, County Parks had over 6700 registrations for various programs and over 155,000 visits to the Simpkins Family Swim Center.
- Park and recreation activities help to deter crime and help our youth develop into contributing members of our communities. County Parks offers many after-school and summer recreation programs for youth including art and science camp and junior guard programs.
- Park and recreation experiences help older members of our community continue their life experiences. County Parks had over 500 senior trip registrations and hundreds participated in classes and programs.
- Parks, greenways, and open spaces are critical components to protecting and preserving our natural environment. County Parks oversees over 1170 acres of open space.

The mission of the department is better served by dedicated professional staff with proven administrative parks and recreation skills.

On June 3, 2014, the voters will be asked to approve a parcel tax of \$8.50 on all improved parcels, replacing the expiring service charge within the County's Park and Recreation District – CSA#11. The parcel tax on all improved parcels will provide approximately \$355,000 per year for our County parks, maintenance, operations and programs. These funds would ensure that parks are clean and maintained by providing funding necessary for frequent cleaning of park restrooms, frequent pickup of garbage at all County parks, beaches and open space areas, and the maintenance and repair of recreational and restroom facilities. In addition, the funds would be used to continue to offer safe and healthy activities for the community. We will return to your Board with a Supplemental Budget report regarding the outcome of the measure.

The Parks Division is divided into four areas with the following responsibilities:

Maintenance and Facilities

This section provides maintenance to 59 park locations and hosts over 912 organized events annually. Park sites range in location from Pinto Lake Park in the south, to Greyhound Rock in the north, and from beach access points along the coast to the 410 acre Miller property located in Boulder Creek. In addition, maintenance staff maintain the landscaping around all County Government facilities. Facilities staff administer the use and rental of all park buildings, beaches and park sites, manage concessionaires and the rentals of private houses in County park sites, provide oversight of community gardens and, horse-boarding activities, and work closely with maintenance staff to maximize the use of public facilities.

Aquatics

Aquatics Program staff manage the Simpkins Family Swim Center programs, including lap and recreational swimming, swim lessons, Junior Lifeguards, Little Guards, Spring Camp, lifeguard training classes, water aerobics classes, adult fitness, and adult drop-in water polo. In addition, the Swim Center hosts a Therapeutic Swim Program through Dominican Hospital, Cabrillo and Santa Cruz County Aquatics swim teams, private swim lessons, physical education swim classes for Shoreline Middle School students, 4th of July free swim, the Super Kid Triathlon and over 40 private rental pool parties each year. In all, Swim Center visits exceed approximately 155,000 a year. Staff continues to develop new program opportunities to meet the needs of the community and increase participation at the Swim Center.

Recreational and Cultural Services

Recreational Program staff administer Youth Programs, including summer camps and after-school programs; interpretive nature programs centered at Quail Hollow Ranch; Senior Programs, including a variety of well-attended day trips to events such as a Giants game or the Cantor Arts Center and the Capitola Mall Walking and Exercise Program; Cultural Services and Arts Programs, including managing the selection process and installation of public art, coordinating art exhibitions in various County buildings, installation of new pieces of work for the permanent County art collection, and selection of the County Artist of the Year. Finally, Recreation and Cultural Services Program staff conduct a number of annual special events, such as the Holiday Art and Craft Fair.

Resource and Development

Resource and Development staff oversee a variety of park planning and park improvement projects and necessary facility repairs. Work continues on grant funded park improvements, including habitat and community garden improvements at the Farm Park; re-roofing of the historical Felton

Covered Bridge; play area and picnic area improvements at Ben Lomond, Willowbrook, and Pinto Lake parks and preparation of grant proposals for other park improvements.

During FY 2013-14, two project managers were transferred to the Capital Projects Division of DPW which is now responsible for completion of the final redevelopment funded capital improvement projects as well as planning for phased construction of improvements at McGregor and Chanticleer Avenue park sites. Of these projects, construction of the Behavioral Health Center, East Cliff Drive Parkway and Upper Porter Street are now complete. The Center for Public Safety project is under construction, and final design is underway on Twin Lakes Beachfront and Heart of Soquel projects. Coordination continues with the Live Oak School District and the Boys and Girls Club for a new Youth Center on the Shoreline Middle School campus in Live Oak and with the City of Santa Cruz for the Arana Gulch Pathway project now under construction.

2014-15 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

In order to begin the transition of Parks to restore it to a stand alone departmental status, the Proposed Budget reflects the first phase of the plan to restore positions which were temporarily deleted when combined with Department of Public Works. The 2014-15 recommended budget provides for a decrease of \$74,435 in expenditures and a decrease of \$264,922 in revenues, for an increase of \$190,487 in Net County Cost. Given the severely constrained status of the budget it was not possible for Parks to absorb the cost of the furlough restoration and budget increases associated with the cost of doing business. The 2014-15 budget continues to place priority on maintaining core park services, facilities, and programs on a year-round basis and assumes a phased approach to restoring the department to an independent status. In addition, the budget transfers two positions to the Capital Projects Division.

Expenditures

The recommended increase in salaries and benefits in the amount of \$340,774 is primarily due to increases in salaries and benefits to support current staff, and the 2013-14 mid year transfer of the positions from Public Works fiscal division with offsetting reductions to DPW services and restoration of the positions for the Parks Department. In addition, the budget includes a Clerk II which was converted from extra help to provide ongoing support to facility reservations and administration offset by a mid-year deletion of one project manager position reflecting the completion of the Behavioral Health Unit in December 2013.

Decreases in the amount of \$347,486 in services and supplies accounts is primarily the result of reduced DPW management service charges offsetting the cost of staffing provided to Parks from Public Works now restored and reduced grant funded professional services for design work associated with the Farm Park and Heart of Soquel projects transferred and accounted for in the State Park Bond fund.

Revenues

The recommended decrease in revenues of \$264,922 is primarily attributed to the transfer of grant project funds to the State Park Bond Fund and the transfer of revenues for the project managers to Public Works – Capital Projects Division offset by increases in charges for services and increases in fees for after-school programs, and increased Swim Center revenues as the result of being open twenty additional days in 2014-15. The proposed budget is expected to achieve the following efficiencies and have the following impacts:

FY 2014-15 Objectives

Phase I of the Heart of Soquel and the Farm Park community garden plan to be open during fiscal year 2014-15. The impacts of a declaration of a state of drought for Santa Cruz County to parks maintenance and use are unclear at this time and will be addressed in future reports when they are better understood.

The recommended budget includes adjustments to the pool schedule which result in the Swim Center being open seven days a week for nine months from March 1 through the Thanksgiving holiday, with the exception of the Memorial Day holiday. Operational efficiencies will be achieved with two long weekend closures at Thanksgiving and Christmas only, and Sunday closures December through February. Overall, the pool will be open 342 days, with 23 days of closure, and the option to close during inclement weather, as in previous fiscal years.

These recommendations result in an overall increase in hours that the Swim Center is open and will result in twenty additional days of increased use and programming.

Year-round after-school and summer recreation youth programs will be the same as in fiscal year 2013-14. Enrollment policies and staffing continue to be revised as necessary to manage these programs to achieve full cost recovery. Quail Hollow will include summer camps, volunteer support and weekend programs supported in part by a State Habitat Conservation Wildlife Activities Grant. Classes continue on a year-round basis, including Spanish language, and Kreative Kids at Wilder Hall. Arts related programs will include rotating and permanent exhibits at the Governmental Center and the Swim Center, Outside the Box, Artist of the Year, and public art installations per the adopted art program. Participation in senior day trips remains good, and staff continues to revise and expand trip offerings in response to demand.

Efforts will focus on maximizing County resources for park and facility management, as well as needed improvements by leveraging these resources with outside funding sources where possible and by engaging in community collaboration and partnerships. The Capital Projects Division will continue work on a number of projects utilizing grant funding including the Farm Park Habitat Restoration and Community Garden project and the Heart of Soquel, both planned for 2014-15 construction, as well as design and permitting of Quail Hollow Brook Stream and Habitat Restoration project. Construction of Phase I of McGregor Park is also planned for 2014-15. In addition, staff will continue work on the phased development of Chanticleer Avenue Park and Phase 2 of the Cabrillo – Nisene to the Sea Trail.

Significant progress has taken place on the final redevelopment funded capital improvement projects. The remaining work will focus on completing construction of the Center for Public Safety, and construction of the Heart of Soquel and Twin Lakes Beachfront projects.

STAFFING

The recommended budget reflects the 2014-15 Phase I restoration of staff to the dedicated Parks Department: Director of Parks, Administrative Services Mgr., (transferred from DPW), Accounting Technician (transferred from DPW), Personnel/Payroll Clerk, and a Secretary. The Administrative Services Mgr. will also provide financial and administrative support for the Redevelopment Successor Agency. In addition a 1.0 Clerk II in Facilities/Administration is converted from extra-help. One position remains unfunded at this time, a Parks Maintenance Worker II. This restores funding for five of the original twelve positions deleted or unfunded when the Parks Department was merged with Public Works. As resources become available additional positions may be restored.

POSITION	Salary Range	2013-14 Allow	2013-14 Mid-Year	2013-14 Total	2014-15 Request	2014-15 Recomm	Change From 13-14	2014-15 Unfunded
Accounting Technician	V2	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00
Administrative Services Mgr. **	B1	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00
Aquatics Coordinator	Y4	1.00		1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
Aquatics Supervisor	52	1.00		1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
Clerk II	BA6	0.00		0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00
Director of POSCS **	04	0.00		0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00
Parks Maint Supervisor	JM	4.00		4.00	4.00	4.00	0.00	0.00
Parks Maint Worker II/I	36/Y8	17.00		17.00	17.00	17.00	0.00	1.00
Parks Maint Worker III	ES	1.00		1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
Parks Manager - Maintenance	LP	1.00		1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
Parks Manager - Resources&Develop	GW9	1.00		1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
Personnel/Payroll Clerk **	FN	0.00		0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00
Program Coordinator	BV	2.00		2.00	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.00
Project Manager *	MY	2.00	(2.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(2.00)	0.00
Recreation Coordinator	Y4	3.80		3.80	3.80	3.80	0.00	0.00
Secretary **	YA	0.00		0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00
PARKS AND RECREATION TOTAL		33.80	0.00	33.80	37.80	37.80	4.00	1.00

*Transferred mid-year to DPW - Capital Projects Division

**Restore from FY 2010-11 to re-establish Department of Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services

COMMUNITY SERVICES
John J. Presleigh, Director of Public Works
 Index Number: 134904

Fund: General Fund
 Function: Recreation & Cultural
 Title: Community Services

Requirements	Actual 2012-13	Appropriated 2013-14	Estimated 2013-14	Requested 2014-15	Recommended 2014-15	Change From 2013-14
Services & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Charges	\$261,847	\$321,493	\$336,900	\$319,266	\$319,266	(\$2,227)
Approp. for Cont.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPEND	\$261,847	\$321,493	\$336,900	\$319,266	\$319,266	(\$2,227)
NET COUNTY COST	\$261,847	\$321,493	\$336,900	\$319,266	\$319,266	(\$2,227)

The Community Services budget funds contracts with the Arts Council of Santa Cruz County, the Museum of Art & History (MAH) at the McPherson Center, and the Santa Cruz County Veterans Memorial Building Board of Trustees.

2014-15 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

The recommended budget for Community Services reflects a decrease of \$2,227 in funding for the three community programs financed in this budget index.

Arts Council of Santa Cruz County: The contract with the Arts Council provides funds for a broad range of arts, entertainment and educational activities benefiting county residents and visitors. These programs include workshops, grants to existing programs such as SPECTRA (Arts in Education), and overall coordination of arts activities in the County. The Arts Commission annually reviews the activities of the Arts Council. The recommended budget allocates \$129,693 for this contract.

The Museum of Art & History at the McPherson Center: The contract with the MAH provides funds for the operation and maintenance of the MAH, liaison services to the Historical Resources Commission, and development of historic preservation services throughout the County. MAH's strategic vision is to share the excitement and passion of trustees, members, volunteers, and staff for both history and contemporary art to all residents through exhibitions, educational programs, and opportunities for research in the organization's archives. Pursuant to the agreement between the County and MAH, the organization retains any revenues generated by activities under the agreement to expand historical services to County residents. The recommended budget allocates \$114,573 for this contract.

Santa Cruz County Veterans Memorial Building (SCCVMB): The contract with the Santa Cruz County Veterans Memorial Building Board of Trustees for the operation and maintenance of the Santa Cruz County Veterans Memorial Building was cancelled on April 2, 2010, due to renovations of the facility. On December 4, 2013, the SCCVMB improvements were completed and the building was reopened for the Veterans and the community. The SCCVMBT have requested \$57,000 from the County for operations and a contribution towards utilities of \$18,000 until the use of the facility has produced enough revenue to cover basic operations. The recommended budget includes appropriations of \$75,000 for the County's share of operations and utilities of the SCCVMB, \$2,227 less than the amount approved for FY 2013-14 for operations plus the one-time cost of the moving expenses for no new increase in Net County Cost. It is anticipated that as rentals of the facility increase that the contribution from the County will be reduced.

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES
John J. Presleigh, Director of Public Works
 Index Number: 134909

Fund: Custodial Funds/Parks
 Function: Recreation & Cultural Services
 Title: Art in Public Places

Requirements	Actual 2012-13	Appropriated 2013-14	Estimated 2013-14	Requested 2014-15	Recommended 2014-15	Change From 2013-14
Appropriations						
Other Charges	\$0	\$125,022	\$125,022	\$0	\$0	(\$125,022)
Fixed Assets	\$40,875	\$208,067	\$208,067	\$23,200	\$23,200	(\$184,867)
Total	\$40,875	\$333,089	\$333,089	\$23,200	\$23,200	(\$309,889)
Increase Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Requirements	\$40,875	\$333,089	\$333,089	\$23,200	\$23,200	(\$309,889)
Available Funds						
Fund Balance Avail.	\$109,612	\$86,589	\$86,589	\$0	\$0	(\$86,589)
Cancel Reserve	\$26,198	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue	(\$8,346)	\$246,500	\$246,500	\$23,200	\$23,200	(\$223,300)
Total	\$127,464	\$333,089	\$333,089	\$23,200	\$23,200	(\$309,889)

The Art in Public Places budget was established to provide art in the design and development of County building and remodeling projects with construction costs exceeding \$100,000. Public art is located in highly visible public areas or in areas regularly frequented by the general public for their enjoyment.

Projects are considered for the Art in Public Places budget as part of the County's annual budget cycle. If approved, a budget allowance up to 2 percent of the total construction costs may be allocated for works of art for projects subject to this policy.

2014-15 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

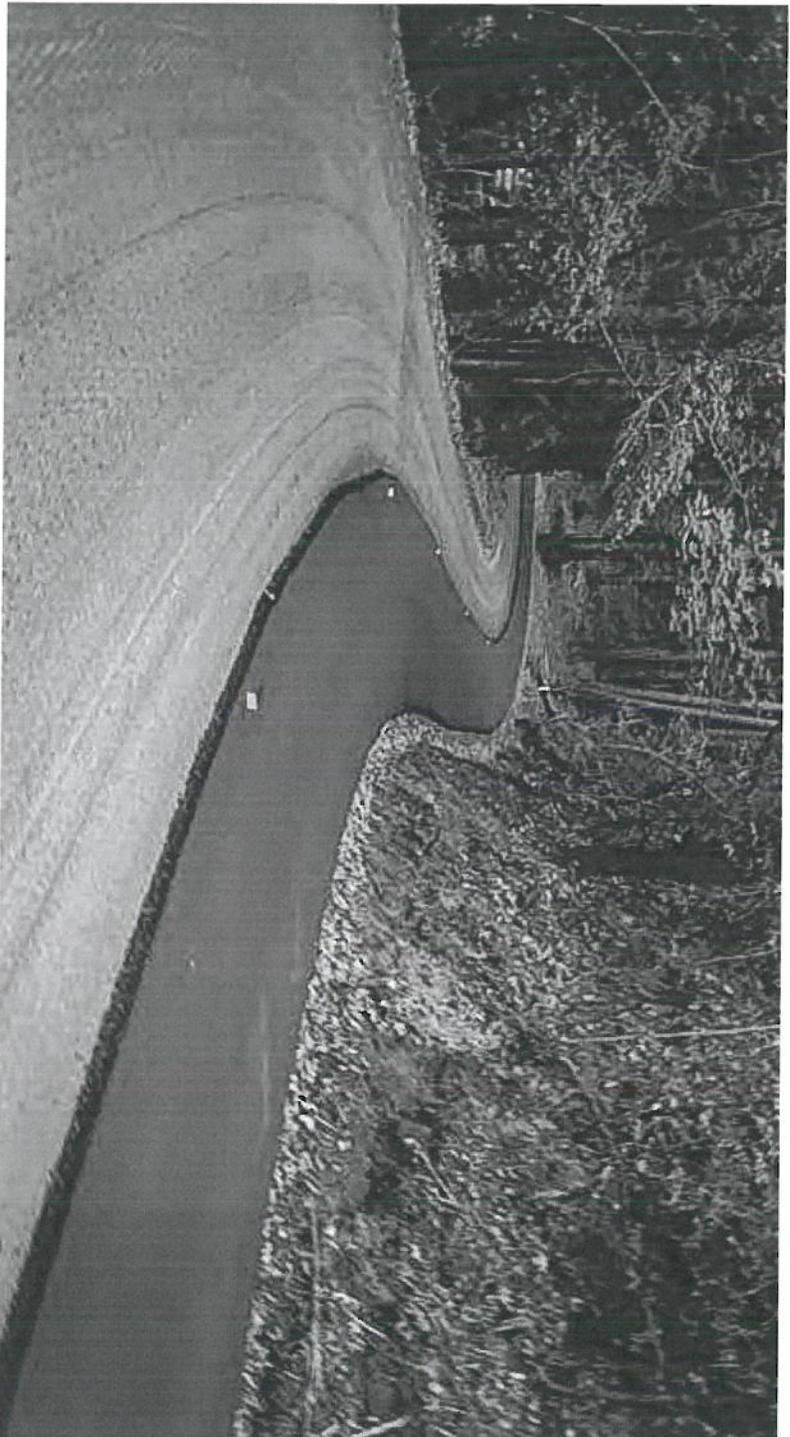
The recommended financing includes a contribution from County Highway Safety Service Area # 9 of \$10,000 for Traffic Box Art, a contribution from Capital Improvement Fund 49 – Aptos District Projects of \$13,100 for art at McGregor Park and interest earnings of \$100. The recommended appropriations are \$23,200, leaving an estimated \$0 in reserves.

<u>Project</u>	<u>14-15 Recom</u>
Traffic Box Art	\$ 10,000
McGregor/Seacliff Park	13,100
Public Art Supplies	<u>100</u>
TOTAL	\$ <u>23,200</u>

Santa Cruz County

PROPOSED 2014/2015 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

5-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM SUMMARY FOR
ROADS, ROADSIDE BETTERMENTS, DRAINAGE AND PARKS
SUMMARY OF IDENTIFIED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
NEEDED AT BUILD OUT OF THE COUNTY'S GENERAL PLAN



FELTON EMPIRE ROAD ASPHALT CONCRETE OVERLAY

Prepared by the Department of Public Works in conjunction
with the County Administrative Office and the Planning Department

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ
 PROPOSED 2014/15 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
 - PROGRAMMED PROJECTS-

GIP #	DESCRIPTION	PROPOSED					ESTIMATED	ESTIMATED	ESTIMATED	ESTIMATED	ESTIMATED	ESTIMATED	ESTIMATED	FUNDING SOURCE
		2013/14 EST ACTUAL	2014/15 EXPEND	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18								
P0045	APTOS PARK CENTER - Water Meter (192015)	40,000	0										APDF	
P0052	McGREGOR/SEACLIFF PARK - Finalize Master Plan Process	68,998	6,000										APDF/PLT	
P0027	POLO GROUNDS - Storage/Pathway	12,843	0										APDF	
P0045	MISCELLANEOUS PARK IMPROVEMENTS	19,594	0										APDF	
P0058	SEASCAPE BEACH ACCESS (Via Palo Alto, others)	50,000	0										APDF	
P0059	SHORE TRAIL - Trail access Improvements	28,623	0										APDF	
P0061	CARMICHAEL TRAIL - Plan, Develop & Mitigation	48,486	0										APDF	
P0062	POLO GROUNDS - Restroom/Concession/Infrastructure Improvements	60,000	0										APDF	
		\$328,543	\$6,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		

GIP #	DESCRIPTION	PROPOSED					ESTIMATED	ESTIMATED	ESTIMATED	ESTIMATED	ESTIMATED	ESTIMATED	FUNDING SOURCE
		2013/14 EST ACTUAL	2014/15 EXPEND	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18							
P0501	VALENCIA HALL & POST OFFICE PRESERVATION OF STRUCTURES	17,703	0										AHPDF
P0505	FREEDOM LAKE WATER HYACINTH REMOVAL	15,000	15,000										AHPDF
P0507	SCOTT PARK IMPROVEMENTS	13,865	0										AHPDF
P0508	GATE AT VALENCIA HALL / POST OFFICE (192170)	4,200	0										AHPDF
P0509	DEMOLISH STRUCTURES @ FREEDOM LAKE	7,643	0										AHPDF
		\$38,411	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	

GIP #	DESCRIPTION	PROPOSED					ESTIMATED	ESTIMATED	ESTIMATED	ESTIMATED	ESTIMATED	ESTIMATED	FUNDING SOURCE
		2013/14 EST ACTUAL	2014/15 EXPEND	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18							
P1003	BONNY DOON SCHOOL PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS	41,922	0										BP/DF
		\$41,922	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	

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CIP #	DESCRIPTION	PROPOSED					EST ACTUAL	EST ACTUAL	FUNDING SOURCE
		2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18			
P1505	MICHAEL GREY PARK - Group Picnic area renovation	22,250	0					CPDF	
P1508	OCEAN STREET EXTENSION - Erosion Control/Fencing	20,000	0					CPDF	
P1509	HAPPY VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - Field Renovation & Walking/Jog Path	25,000	0					CPDF	
		\$67,250	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		

CIP #	DESCRIPTION	PROPOSED					EST ACTUAL	EST ACTUAL	FUNDING SOURCE
		2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18			
P2002	CORRALITOS PARK (CERTS PAYMENT)	14,751	14,784	14,784	15,035	15,162	15,162	CSA11	
P2004	ALDRIDGE LANE PARK IMPROVEMENTS	12,701	10,000					EPD	
P2006	BERT SCOTT ESTATE-Public Access Improvements	138,372	0					EPD/PLT	
		\$165,824	\$24,784	\$14,784	\$15,035	\$15,162	\$15,162		

CIP #	DESCRIPTION	PROPOSED					EST ACTUAL	EST ACTUAL	FUNDING SOURCE
		2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18			
P3032	CHANICLEER PARK - Interim Park Plan Improvements	74,166	0					LOPDF	
P3045	PRINCIPAL & INTEREST ON CERTS - SIMPKINS FAMILY SWIM CENTER	94,263	94,473	96,079	96,892	96,892	96,892	CSA 11	
P3056	MORAN LAKE PARK IMPROVEMENTS (192105)	3,000	0					LOPDF	
P3063	SIMPKINS FAMILY SWIM CENTER - Improvements, Capstones (5 Year Option)	46,419	0					LOPDF	
P3077	SIMPKINS FAMILY SWIM CENTER - Chlorine Generators	30,360	0					LOPDF	
P3063	SWIM CENTER - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS - Trust (134991)	75,000	0					PLT	
		\$323,208	\$94,473	\$96,079	\$96,892	\$96,892	\$96,892		

**COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ
PROPOSED 2014/15 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
- PROGRAMMED PROJECTS-**

NORTH COAST - PROGRAMMED PARK IMPROVEMENTS		PROPOSED		2015/16 ESTIMATED	2016/17 ESTIMATED	2017/18 ESTIMATED	2018/19 ESTIMATED	FUNDING SOURCE
		2013/14 EST ACTUAL	2014/15 EXPEND					
CIP #	DESCRIPTION							
P3508	NORTH COAST BEACHES IMPROVEMENTS	7,078	0					NPD
		\$7,078	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	

PALJARO VALLEY - PROGRAMMED PARK IMPROVEMENTS		PROPOSED		2015/16 ESTIMATED	2016/17 ESTIMATED	2017/18 ESTIMATED	2018/19 ESTIMATED	FUNDING SOURCE
		2013/14 EST ACTUAL	2014/15 EXPEND					
CIP #	DESCRIPTION							
P4014	PINTO LAKE PARK - Picnic area Improvements/Septic repair	89,548	0					PPD/SPB
P4027	PINTO LAKE PARK SEPTIC REPLACEMENT SYSTEM (192135)	20,000	0					PPD
		\$109,548	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	

SAN LORENZO VALLEY - PROGRAMMED PARK IMPROVEMENTS		PROPOSED		2015/16 ESTIMATED	2016/17 ESTIMATED	2017/18 ESTIMATED	2018/19 ESTIMATED	FUNDING SOURCE
		2013/14 EST ACTUAL	2014/15 EXPEND					
CIP #	DESCRIPTION							
P5505	FELTON COMMONS ACQUISITION CERTS PAYMENT	17,234	17,273					CSA11
P5529	BEN LOMOND PARK - Picnic Tables	9,907	0					SPB
P5530	FELTON COVERED BRIDGE	22,234	0					SLVPD/PLT
P5531	BEN LOMOND LIBRARY - Decking/Ramp/Stairs (191080)	3,000	0					PLT
P5533	QUAIL HOLLOW RANCH - Public Access/Parking (191080)	5,000	0					PLT
P3076	HIGHLANDS PARK - ADA Ramp/Railing (191080)	5,280	0					PLT
		\$57,375	\$17,273	\$17,566	\$17,715	\$17,715	\$17,715	

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COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ
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 - PROGRAMMED PROJECTS-

CIP #	DESCRIPTION	EST ACTUAL		PROPOSED						FUNDING SOURCE	
		2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20			
P6605	ANNA JEAN CUMMINGS PARK IMPROVEMENTS (192030)			0							SoPDF
P6622	THE FARM PARK - Gardens & access improvements (194963)	1,131,113	0	0							SoPDF/SPB
P6627	SOQUEL LIONS PARK IMPROVEMENTS - Retaining Wall (194963)	17,675	0	0							SoPDF
P6628	WILLOWBROOK PARK - Play area improvements, surfacing (194963)	95,774	0	0							SoPDF/SPB
P6629	HEART OF SOQUEL - Plaza, traffic & landscape improvements (194963)	719,690	0	0							SoPDF/SPB
P6624	DISTRICT PARK IMPROVEMENTS	15,502	0	0							SPB
		\$1,985,356	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		

CIP #	DESCRIPTION	EST ACTUAL		PROPOSED						FUNDING SOURCE	
		2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20			
P7001	LOMA PRIETA (SUMMIT) SCHOOL PARK - Acquisition Certs Payment	11,080	11,104	11,293	11,389	11,389	11,389	11,389	11,389		CSA11
P7002	LOMA PRIETA SCHOOL FIELD IMPROVEMENTS	18,533	0								SPD
		\$29,613	\$11,104	\$11,293	\$11,389	\$11,389	\$11,389	\$11,389	\$11,389		

COUNTYWIDE PROGRAMMED PARK & LIBRARY IMPROVEMENTS:		2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
		\$3,174,127	\$168,634	\$139,722	\$141,030	\$141,158	\$141,158

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CIP #	DESCRIPTION	PROPOSED					FUNDING SOURCE	
		2013/14 EST ACTUAL	2014/15 EXPEND	2015/16 ESTIMATED	2016/17 ESTIMATED	2017/18 ESTIMATED		2018/19 ESTIMATED
03000	LIVE OAK RESOURCE CENTER	0	Complete					RSA
03001	MISCELLANEOUS RDA PROGRAMS AND STUDIES	0	132,241					RSA
06500	HEART OF SOQUEL	9,800	0					APP
03003	ARANA GULCH	814,000	Complete					FUND 42
03004	SPECIAL STUDIES	68,583	0					FUND 42
		\$892,383	\$132,241	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
		2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	
TOTAL COUNTYWIDE PROGRAMMED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS:		\$32,540,369	\$39,527,125	\$293,389	\$353,697	\$415,825	\$477,825	

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BONNY DOON PARK DEDICATION FUND - 21185																				
CIP #	DESCRIPTION	FISCAL YEAR					PROPOSED	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19									
		2013/14	2013/14	2013/14	2013/14	2013/14														
		AVAILABLE FUND BAL. 6/30/2013	2013/14 CIP EST REVENUE	2013/14 EST ACT REVENUE	2013/14 EXP PR. ENC.	2013/14 EST ACT EXPEND.	FUND BALANCE REVENUES	EXPENDITURES	CARRYOVER											
	AVAILABLE LAND OTHER	\$64,526	\$7,496	\$7,496	\$0	\$41,922	\$30,100	\$2,890	\$32,990	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
P1003	BONNY DOON SCHOOL PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS					\$41,922				\$0										
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:			\$0	\$0	\$41,922	\$32,990	\$2,890	\$2,890	\$2,890	\$2,890	\$2,890	\$2,890	\$2,890	\$2,890	\$2,890	\$2,890	\$2,890	\$2,890	\$2,890
	PARK DEDICATION FEES			ADOPTED	EST ACT															
	OPER TRANSFERS IN FROM CERTS RESERVE			\$2,890	\$2,890		\$2,890	\$2,890	\$0	\$2,890	\$2,890	\$2,890	\$2,890	\$2,890	\$2,890	\$2,890	\$2,890	\$2,890	\$2,890	\$2,890
	TOTAL REVENUES:			\$7,496	\$7,496	\$0	\$2,890	\$0	\$2,890	\$2,890	\$2,890	\$2,890	\$2,890	\$2,890	\$2,890	\$2,890	\$2,890	\$2,890	\$2,890	\$2,890

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LIVE OAK PARK DEDICATION FUND - 21130				PROPOSED					
AVAILABLE	2013/14	2013/14	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	
FUND BAL.	CIP EST	EST ACT	EXP.	REVENUES	EXPENDITURES				
6/30/2013	REVENUE	REVENUE	PR. ENC.	EXPEND	CARRYOVER				
\$112,120	\$41,441	\$54,941	\$0	\$153,945					
CIP #	DESCRIPTION			PROJECTED EXPENDITURES					
	AVAILABLE LAND OTHER			\$43,416	\$30,300	\$30,300	\$30,300	\$30,300	
	P3056 MORAN LAKE PARK IMPROVEMENTS (1922105)			\$0					
	P3063 SIMPKINS FAMILY SWIM CENTER - Improvements, Capstones (5-Yr Option)			\$0					
	P3032 CHANTICLEER PARK - Interim Park Plan Improvements			\$0					
	P3077 SIMPKINS FAMILY SWIM CENTER - Chlorine Generators			\$0					
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:			\$0	\$43,416	\$30,300	\$30,300	\$30,300	
	TOTAL REVENUES:			\$0	\$30,300	\$30,300	\$30,300	\$30,300	
	PARK DEDICATION FEES			\$30,300	\$30,300	\$30,300	\$30,300	\$30,300	
	OPER TRANSFERS IN FROM CERTS RESERVE			\$0					
	TOTAL REVENUES:			\$41,441	\$54,941				
	ADOPTEED			\$8,000	\$21,500				
	EST ACT			\$33,441	\$33,441				

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NORTH COAST PARK DEDICATION FUND - 21180																			
CIP #	DESCRIPTION	2013/14				2013/14 EST ACT EXP.	2013/14 EST ACT EXPEND.	FISCAL YEAR											
		2013/14 CIP EST REVENUE	2013/14 EST ACT REVENUE	2013/14 PR. ENC.	2013/14 EST ACT EXPEND.			2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19							
	AVAILABLE	\$6,311	\$768	\$1,346	\$0	\$7,078													
	FUND BAL.																		
	6/30/2013																		
	TOTAL REVENUES:																		
	AVAILABLE LAND OTHER																		
P3508	NORTH COAST BEACHES IMPROVEMENTS					\$7,078													
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:					\$7,078													
	PARK DEDICATION FEES																		
	OPER TRANSFERS IN FROM CERTS RESERVE																		
	TOTAL REVENUES:																		
	ADMITTED																		
	EST ACT																		
	TOTAL REVENUES:																		
	PROJECTED REVENUES																		
	PROJECTED EXPENDITURES																		

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SAN ANDREAS PARK DEDICATION FUND - 21140															
CIP #	DESCRIPTION	2013/14		2013/14		2013/14		2013/14		FISCAL YEAR	PROPOSED	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
		AVAILABLE	FUND BAL.	CIP EST	REVENUE	EST ACT	REVENUE	EXP.	PR. ENC.						
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT - CERTS RESERVE														
	AVAILABLE LAND OTHER														
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:														
	PARK DEDICATION FEES														
	OPER TRANSFERS IN FROM CERTS RESERVE														
	TOTAL REVENUES:														

SAN LORENZO PARK DEDICATION FUND - 21155															
CIP #	DESCRIPTION	2013/14		2013/14		2013/14		2013/14		FISCAL YEAR	PROPOSED	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
		AVAILABLE	FUND BAL.	CIP EST	REVENUE	EST ACT	REVENUE	EXP.	PR. ENC.						
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT - CERTS RESERVE														
	AVAILABLE LAND OTHER														
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:														
	PARK DEDICATION FEES														
	OPER TRANSFERS IN FROM CERTS RESERVE														
	TOTAL REVENUES:														

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PARKS CERTIFICATE RESERVE FUND - 21215						PROPOSED						
AVAILABLE	2013/14	2013/14	2013/14	2013/14	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19		
FUND BAL.	CIP EST	EST ACT	EXP.	EST ACT	PR. ENC.	REVENUES	EXPENDITURES					
6/30/2013	REVENUE	REVENUE	REVENUE	REVENUE	REVENUE	CARRYOVER						
\$11,205	\$0	\$148,039	\$0	\$144,829	\$0	\$18,823	\$18,823	\$18,823	\$18,823	\$18,823		
CIP #	DESCRIPTION							PROJECTED EXPENDITURES				
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT - APTOS			\$34,020								
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT - APTOS HILLS			\$9,037								
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT - BONNY DOON			\$4,606								
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT - CARBONERA			\$9,675								
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT - EUREKA			\$7,546								
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT - LA SELVA			\$2,983								
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT - LIVE OAK			\$33,441								
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT - NORTH COAST BEACHES			\$768								
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT - OTHER			\$0								
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT - PAJARO VALLEY			\$15,149								
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT - SALSIPUEDES			\$811								
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT - SAN ANDREAS			\$0								
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT - SAN LORENZO VALLEY			\$0								
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT - SKYLINE			\$4,910								
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT - SOQUEL			\$14,048								
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT - SUMMIT			\$7,835								
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT - CSA #11			\$0								
	AVAILABLE LAND OTHER			\$0								
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:			\$144,829		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
	ADOPTEED			\$148,039		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
	EST ACT			\$10		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
	INTEREST			\$0		\$801	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
	OPERATING TRANSFERS IN FROM SAN ANDRE,			\$0		\$3,607	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
	OPERATING TRANSFERS IN FROM SLV PD			\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
	OPERATING TRANSFERS IN FROM CSA11			\$144,829		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
	TOTAL REVENUES:			\$148,039		\$0	\$4,408	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0

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Notes:

- *Projects identified in this section are described as follows: Primary Project Site, Project Boundaries, Type of Improvement, Amount of Funding From Each Source (in cases of multiple funding sources only).*
- *The CIP number identifies each project by primary improvement type and planning area. For example, R0001 corresponds to a road improvement project in the Aptos Planning Area. These codes are identified inside the back cover of this document.*
- *It is important to recognize that project costs are based on preliminary estimates only and are not verified through field engineering. However, in aggregate the identified costs are considered reasonable estimates in current dollars.*
- *Fund source codes are listed on the inside front cover of this document.*
- *A fund source glossary and a map of the planning areas are included in Section VI of this document.*

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APTOS - UNPROGRAMMED PARK IMPROVEMENTS			ESTIMATED COST
GP #	DESCRIPTION	PARK TYPE	ACRES
P0001	JENNIFER/HAAS PARK - Land acquisition	NEIGHBORHOOD	6
P0002	JENNIFER/HAAS PARK - Park development	NEIGHBORHOOD	6
P0003	MAR VISTA SCHOOL PARK - Park development	NEIGHBORHOOD	1.5
P0004	APTOS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL PARK - Park development	NEIGHBORHOOD	4
P0006	POLO GROUNDS - Park development	NEIGHBORHOOD	4.2
P0007	POLO GROUNDS - Park development	COMMUNITY	25.8
P0008	APTOS AREA BEACHES - Park development	REGIONAL	13.1
P0010	PORTER SESNON PARK - Land acquisition	NEIGHBORHOOD	5
P0011	PORTER SESNON PARK - Park development	NEIGHBORHOOD	5
P0012	PORTER SESNON PARK - Land acquisition	COMMUNITY	10
P0013	PORTER SESNON PARK - Park development	COMMUNITY	10
P0014	SHORE TRAIL - (Phase II) Development	COASTAL ACCESS	0
P0015	HIDDEN BEACH PARK	NEIGHBORHOOD	5.5
P0052	SEACLIFF PARK - MCGREGOR Park development - Phase 2	NEIGHBORHOOD	1.3
P0063	APTOS VILLAGE PARK - Park development	NEIGH/COMMUNITY	11.0
			2014 ESTIMATED COST: 18,830,000
			2019 ESCALATED COST: 20,713,000
			2024 ESCALATED COST: 22,784,300

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APTOS HILLS - UNPROGRAMMED PARK IMPROVEMENTS

CIP #	DESCRIPTION	PARK TYPE	ACRES	ESTIMATED COST
P0502	CASTRO ADOBE	COMMUNITY	1	500,000
P0504	FREEDOM BLVD PARK - Land acquisition	COMMUNITY	6	2,000,000
P0505	FREEDOM BLVD PARK - Park development	COMMUNITY	6	700,000
P0506	FREEDOM LAKE - Park development	REGIONAL	34	500,000
P0507	BERT SCOTT PARK - Park development	NEIGHBORHOOD	4.2	400,000
P0508	APTOS HIGH SCHOOL PARK - Park development	COMMUNITY	6	70,000
				2014 ESTIMATED COST: 4,170,000
				2019 ESCALATED COST: 4,587,000
				2024 ESCALATED COST: 5,045,700

EUREKA CANYON - UNPROGRAMMED PARK IMPROVEMENTS

CIP #	DESCRIPTION	PARK TYPE	ACRES	ESTIMATED COST
P2001	ALDRIDGE LANE PARK - Park development (Phase II)	NEIGHBORHOOD	3	300,000
P2003	BERT SCOTT ESTATE - Park development	COMMUNITY	31.5	400,000
				2014 ESTIMATED COST: 700,000
				2019 ESCALATED COST: 770,000
				2024 ESCALATED COST: 847,000

LA SELVA - UNPROGRAMMED PARK IMPROVEMENTS

CIP #	DESCRIPTION	PARK TYPE	ACRES	ESTIMATED COST
P2501	PLACE DE MER PARK - Park development	NEIGHBORHOOD	2.7	400,000
				2014 ESTIMATED COST: 400,000
				2019 ESCALATED COST: 440,000
				2024 ESCALATED COST: 484,000

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LIVE OAK - UNPROGRAMMED PARK IMPROVEMENTS		PARK TYPE	ACRES	ESTIMATED COST
P3003	BROMMER MAINTENANCE YARD - Land acquisition	COMMUNITY	8.3	3,000,000
P3004	BROMMER MAINTENANCE YARD - Park development	COMMUNITY	8.3	1,200,000
P3011	LIVE OAK SCHOOL - Land acquisition	NEIGHBORHOOD	0.5	172,000
P3012	LIVE OAK SCHOOL - Park development	NEIGHBORHOOD	0.5	50,000
P3014	LODE STREET PARK - Park development	NEIGHBORHOOD	2.1	210,000
P3015	LIVE OAK AREA BEACHES (inc Corcoran, E. Cliff & Johann's Beaches) - Land acquisition	REGIONAL	20.0	500,000
P3018	MORAN LAKE - Park development	NEIGHBORHOOD	1.0	1,100,000
P3020	KATHERINE LANE - (Santa Cruz Garden) Park development	NEIGHBORHOOD	0.3	150,000
P3022	WINKLE FARM - (Phase II) Park development	NEIGHBORHOOD	2.5	400,000
P3023	MATTISON LANE - Land acquisition	NEIGHBORHOOD	8.8	2,000,000
P3024	MATTISON LANE - Park development	NEIGHBORHOOD	8.8	700,000
P3026	7TH AVENUE AND BROMMER STREET PARK - Land acquisition	COMMUNITY	9.6	1,200,000
P3027	CABRILLO AVENUE PARK - Land acquisition	NEIGHBORHOOD	4.0	1,000,000
P3028	CABRILLO AVENUE PARK - Park development	NEIGHBORHOOD	4.0	500,000
P3029	CHAMINADE UPLANDS - Land acquisition	COMMUNITY	74.5	6,000,000
P3030	CHAMINADE UPLANDS - Park development	COMMUNITY	15.0	1,600,000
P3033	COASTVIEW DRIVE PARK - Land acquisition	REGIONAL	1.3	340,000
P3034	COASTVIEW DRIVE PARK - Park development	REGIONAL	1.3	130,000
P3036	HARPER STREET EAST - Park development	NEIGHBORHOOD	5.1	600,000
P3043	PORTOLA DRIVE/RODEO GULCH PARK - Land acquisition	NEIGHBORHOOD	2.0	500,000
P3044	PORTOLA DRIVE/RODEO GULCH PARK - Park development	NEIGHBORHOOD	5.5	650,000
P3047	TWIN HILLS PARK - Land acquisition	NEIGHBORHOOD	1.0	200,000
P3048	TWIN HILLS PARK - Park development	NEIGHBORHOOD	1.0	200,000
P3078	CHANTICLEER AVENUE PARK - Park Development	COMMUNITY	4.5	4,000,000
P3079	SIMPKINS FAMILY SWIM CENTER - Improvements	REGIONAL	3.9	1,320,000
P3080	SUNNY COVE BEACH - Access Improvements	REGIONAL	2.4	1,000,000
P3081	CORCORAN BEACH - Access Improvements	REGIONAL	2.4	400,000

2014 ESTIMATED COST:	29,122,000
2019 ESCALATED COST:	32,034,200
2024 ESCALATED COST:	35,237,620

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NORTHCOAST - UNPROGRAMMED PARK IMPROVEMENTS

<u>CIP #</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	PARK TYPE	ACRES	ESTIMATED COST
P3511	NORTHCOAST BEACHES - Plan Implementation	REGIONAL	35.0	1,000,000
				2014 ESTIMATED COST: 1,000,000
				2019 ESCALATED COST: 1,100,000
				2024 ESCALATED COST: 1,210,000

PAJARO VALLEY - UNPROGRAMMED PARK IMPROVEMENTS

<u>CIP #</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	PARK TYPE	ACRES	ESTIMATED COST
P4000	PINTO LAKE - Park development	COMMUNITY	15.0	2,500,000
P4001	MISC. SCHOOL SITES	NEIGHBORHOOD/COMM		1,000,000
				2014 ESTIMATED COST: 3,500,000
				2019 ESCALATED COST: 3,850,000
				2024 ESCALATED COST: 4,235,000

SALSIPUEDES - UNPROGRAMMED PARK IMPROVEMENTS

<u>CIP #</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	PARK TYPE	ACRES	ESTIMATED COST
P4511	NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY PARK - Land Acquisition	NEIGHBORHOOD/COMM		2,000,000
P4512	NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY PARK - Park Development	NEIGHBORHOOD/COMM		2,000,000
				2014 ESTIMATED COST: 4,000,000
				2019 ESCALATED COST: 4,400,000
				2024 ESCALATED COST: 4,840,000

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SAN LORENZO VALLEY - UNPROGRAMMED PARK IMPROVEMENTS

<u>CIP #</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PARK TYPE</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>ESTIMATED COST</u>						
P5506	QUAIL HOLLOW RANCH - Park development	NEIGHBORHOOD/COMM	40.0	3,000,000						
P5507	HIGHLANDS PARK - Park development	NEIGHBORHOOD/COMM	26.0	960,000						
P5513	BEN LOMOND RIVER PARK - Expansion land acquisition	NEIGHBORHOOD	6.4	220,000						
P5514	BEN LOMOND RIVER WALK - Land acquisition	NEIGHBORHOOD	1.1	25,000						
P5516	FELTON - Equestrian Improvements per Village Plan	NEIGHBORHOOD	0.0	5,000						
P5518	LOMPICO COMMUNITY CENTER - Development	NEIGHBORHOOD	1.0	400,000						
P5519	ZAYANTE COMMUNITY PARK - Land acquisition	NEIGHBORHOOD	6.0	900,000						
P5519	ZAYANTE COMMUNITY PARK - Development	NEIGHBORHOOD	6.0	600,000						
P5520	BOULDER CREEK JUNCTION PARK - (Downtown, Boulder Creek Recreation District)	NEIGHBORHOOD	0.9	500,000						
P5534	MILLER PROPERTY - Master Plan & Improvements	NEIGHBORHOOD	440	400,000						
P5535	PACE FAMILY WILDERNESS - Park Development	REGIONAL	80.0							
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2019 ESCALATED COST:	7,711,000									
2024 ESCALATED COST:	8,482,100									

SKYLINE - UNPROGRAMMED PARK IMPROVEMENTS

<u>CIP #</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PARK TYPE</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>ESTIMATED COST</u>						
P6001	COMMUNITY PARK - Land acquisition	COMMUNITY	6.0	600,000						
P6002	COMMUNITY PARK - Park development	COMMUNITY	6.0	900,000						
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2014 ESTIMATED COST:	1,500,000									
2019 ESCALATED COST:	1,650,000									
2024 ESCALATED COST:	1,815,000									

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SOQUEL - UNPROGRAMMED PARK IMPROVEMENTS

CIP #	DESCRIPTION	PARK TYPE	ACRES	ESTIMATED COST
P6530	FARM PARK & COMMUNITY CENTER - Park development	NEIGHBORHOOD/COMM	5.5	12,000,000
P6531	HEART OF SOQUEL - Phase 2 Park Development	NEIGHBORHOOD/COMM		500,000
				0
				0
				15,125,000

COUNTYWIDE UNPROGRAMMED PARK IMPROVEMENTS:

COUNTYWIDE:	2014 ESTIMATED COST:	82,732,000
	2019 ESCALATED COST:	91,005,200
	2024 ESCALATED COST:	100,105,720

COUNTYWIDE UNPROGRAMMED IMPROVEMENTS:

COUNTYWIDE:	2014 ESTIMATED COST:	284,860,722
	2019 ESCALATED COST:	291,346,795
	2024 ESCALATED COST:	320,481,474



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AGENDA: AUGUST 18, 2014

July 30, 2014

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

979 17th Avenue
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**SUBJECT: CONSIDER LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND
PROPOSAL AT CHANTICLEER AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK**

Members of the Commission:

At the April 21, 2014, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, Patricia Potts of the group Santa Cruz Playground Project shared information about the benefits of universally accessible, inclusive playground and expressed interest on the part of her group to pursue fundraising to design and construct an inclusive playground at Chanticleer Avenue Neighborhood Park. Additionally, the Santa Cruz Playground Project had met with the Chanticleer Park Neighborhood Association regarding the installation of an inclusive playground at Chanticleer Neighborhood Park and reported receiving a positive response to the idea.

Since that time Parks staff and Commissioner Roberts met with the Playground Project people to discuss the next steps that would include a community meeting, drafting of a memorandum of understanding (MOU), and approval of the concept by the Board of Supervisors. In preparation for the community meeting the Parks Department would prepare plans which would illustrate the elements of the Board approved park master plan that would need to be constructed along with the inclusive playground to insure that a functional park for the community is in place. It is anticipated that this project would include: an asphalt parking lot, public restrooms, a playground, connecting walkways, a fenced off-leash dog area, some perimeter fencing and landscaping, and needed site utility and drainage improvements. The current bike pump track and the community garden area would remain. A preliminary cost estimate that includes the necessary elements will also be prepared. The County anticipates that there will be some funds available to contribute to the development of the approved park master plan; however it is likely that over 50 percent of the total needed costs will need to be raised from private donations. The MOU will address how the County and the Santa Cruz Playground Project would work together to raise and use the funds and implement the project. A community meeting to introduce and review the concept plan will be held sometime in fall 2014 after families return from summer break and school has begun. The Board of Supervisors would then be asked to approve the overall concept and the MOU.

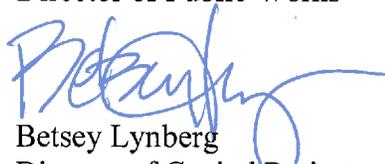
In the meantime, it is requested that the Parks and Recreation Commission authorize the Chair to sign a general letter of support for the Santa Cruz Playground Project and a universally accessible, inclusive playground to be installed at Chanticleer Avenue Neighborhood Park. This letter of support will provide the Santa Cruz Playground Project the opportunity to discuss the proposed project and seek financial support.

It is therefore recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission authorize the Chair to sign the attached letter of support for the Santa Cruz Playground Project.

Yours truly,

JOHN J. PRESLEIGH
Director of Public Works

By:



Betsey Lynberg
Director of Capital Projects

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August 18, 2014

PATRICIA POTTS
SANTA CRUZ PLAYGROUND PROJECT
20 Nunes Road
Watsonville, CA 95076

SUBJECT: SUPPORT OF THE SANTA CRUZ PLAYGROUND PROJECT

Dear Ms. Potts:

The Santa Cruz County Parks and Recreation Commission is writing to express support for the concept of designing and constructing a universally accessible, inclusive playground in Santa Cruz County. The Commission acknowledges that although playgrounds in Santa Cruz County parks meet the basic requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, that a universally accessible playground would provide an enhanced play experience for all children, including children with disabilities, their families and friends.

The Commission applauds the leadership of the Santa Cruz Playground Project to seek the support of organizations such as Shane's Inspiration, as well as the local community and Santa Cruz County Parks, and the willingness to engage in fundraising efforts to make such a playground possible.

As you are aware, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors has approved a park master plan for Chanticleer Avenue Neighborhood Park in Live Oak. The park master plan includes a variety of park features, including a children's playground, picnic areas, fenced off-leash dog areas, community gardens, tennis courts, bike pump track, skate feature, restroom, parking lot and historic home on 4 1/2 acres in a residential neighborhood just south of Highway 1. The project has received review under the California Environmental Quality Act and a master site development permit from the County of Santa Cruz. Unfortunately, funding for construction of the park was dramatically reduced with the dissolution of redevelopment agencies by the State of California. The Parks and Recreation Commission considers the opportunity for Santa Cruz County Parks to partner with the Santa Cruz Playground Project to construct portions of that master plan a "win-win" opportunity for the Live Oak community.

PATRICIA POTTS
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The Santa Cruz County Parks and Recreation Commission looks forward to future reports regarding the outcome of a planned neighborhood meeting and a framework for working with the Santa Cruz Playground Project to implement a universally accessible playground in Santa Cruz County.

Yours truly,

Mariah Roberts, Chair
Santa Cruz County
Parks and Recreation Commission

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979 17th Avenue

Santa Cruz, CA 95062

SUBJECT: SEACLIFF AREA NEIGHBORHOOD PARK UPDATE AND SETTING PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER NAMING THE PARK

Parks and Recreation Commissioners:

On the April 21, 2014, agenda your Commission received information about the park naming policy and a report regarding interest in selecting a name for a new neighborhood park planned for a corner parcel fronting Sea Ridge Drive, McGregor Road and Canterbury Drive in the Seacliff area of Aptos.

A master plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors in 2008. Preliminary plans for the first phase park improvements have been prepared and submitted to the Planning Department for a Coastal Development Permit, however the application has been deemed "incomplete." Revised plans are being prepared and will be re-submitted in August. It is anticipated that the Coastal Development Permit will be considered by the Planning Commission in fall 2014. Additionally staff is pleased to report that the County has received notification of award of a Housing Related Park Grant for over \$146,000 from the State Department of Housing and Community Development to help fund Phase 1 park improvements. It is anticipated that award of these grant funds will be needed in to order to fully fund the planned Phase 1 improvements and that there will not be sufficient funds to expand the scope of work beyond the planned Phase I work. An Art Selection Panel will also be convened this fall to begin the process of selecting an artist for the public art component of the project. Construction documents will be prepared in winter 2014-2015, with bidding and construction to follow in spring and summer of 2015.

At this time it is recommended that the Commission schedule a public hearing regarding the naming of the park for the October 20, 2014, and direct staff to notify the surrounding neighborhood of the public hearing prior to the scheduled meeting.

Yours truly,

JOHN J. PRESLEIGH
Director of Public Works

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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSISON

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Santa Cruz, CA 95062

**SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS TO THE NON-PROFIT
FRIENDS OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY PARKS**

Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission:

As your Commission may recall, Friends of Santa Cruz County Parks (FoSCCP) is a non-profit organization which helps to further park and recreation services by linking community donors and County Parks. For example, throughout 2013 FoSCCP provided scholarships to local area youth for swimming lessons, summer camps, renaissance camp, and pool junior guards.

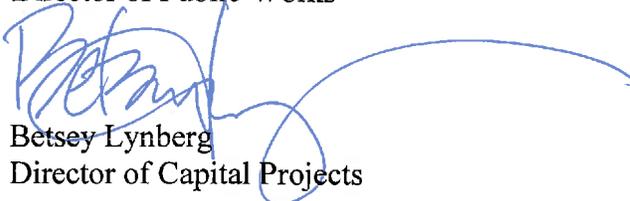
FoSCCP by-laws state that the board of directors shall consist of at least five (5) but no more than fifteen (15) directors, and that directors shall be appointed by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

It is recommended that Commissioners present nominations for members of the FoSCCP board of directors and approve appointments of nominees.

Yours truly,

JOHN J. PRESLEIGH
Director of Public Works

By:


Betsey Lynberg
Director of Capital Projects

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Friends of Santa Cruz County Parks
[FSCCoP]
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SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBER TO THE
NON-PROFIT "FRIENDS OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY PARKS" (FSCCoP)

August 18, 2014

Dear Fellow Santa Cruz County Parks and Recreation Commissioners:

As you may recall, "Friends of Santa Cruz County Parks" (FSCCoP) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that helps to provide support and assistance to Santa Cruz County park, art and recreation programs and services. Since the founding of this non-profit in the 1980s, donations have been raised and gifts made to a range of Santa Cruz County park projects and art and recreation programs. In 2014, for example, FSCCoP provided scholarships to local area youth for swimming lessons and seasonal camp recreation activities.

FSCCoP By-laws state the FSCCoP Board of Directors shall consist of at least five (5), but no more than fifteen (15) directors and that directors shall be appointed by the Santa Cruz County Parks and Recreation Commission.

At the Commission's meeting on August 18, 2014, I will be requesting the Commission consider the nomination and approval of Ray Pereyra to the FSCCoP Board of Directors. A quick overview of Ray background underscores his activism in local commissions and non-profits. Following Ray's 1996 move from San Jose to La Selva Beach, Ray served on two SC County Commissions: Latino Affairs [2003-2007] and the Water Commission [2008-2012]. Concurrent to working on the two SC County Commissions, Ray was a CASA Volunteer [2003 -2010]. These days, when not found on one of our SC County Park pickleball courts, Ray is a SC Red Cross Volunteer and continues to volunteer in other local non-profit organizations.

I highly recommend the SC County Parks and Recreation Commission approve the appointment of Ray Pereyra to the FSCCoP Board of Directors.

Best wishes,

Kate

Katharine P. Minott

Cc: Santa Cruz County Parks & Recreation Dept.
Ray Pereyra <mar@cruzio.com>

The Mission of Friends of Santa Cruz County Parks [FSCCoP] is to provide support and assistance to Santa Cruz County Parks, arts, cultural enrichment events and recreational activities for our diverse community.

FSCCoP is a non-profit 501(c)(3).

*To donate or volunteer please contact FSCCoP at 979-17 Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95062 or 831.454.7901
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SUBJECT: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE TWIN LAKES BEACHFRONT PROJECT

Dear Commissioners:

The Twin Lakes Beachfront Project includes coastal access and roadway improvements on East Cliff Drive between 5th and 7th Avenues. Twin Lakes State Beach and the Harbor Beach receives hundreds of thousands of visitors a year, yet access is haphazard with cars routinely parking on the sand and existing roadway and roadside improvements are inadequate with pedestrians and bicyclists using the travel lanes.

The Twin Lakes Beachfront will improve coastal access with the development of pedestrian walkways and access to the Twin Lakes and Harbor beaches and will implement a part of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Scenic Trail. In addition, parking will be organized and the road improved with bicycle lanes. Storm water quality will be enhanced, interpretive signage will explain the history of the trolley that once ran through this area and across the beach, and a public art piece will be placed in the traffic circle at the entrance to the Santa Cruz Harbor. The project has received local permits and was approved by the California Coastal Commission in August 2013.

Construction documents are being prepared in anticipation of beginning construction in 2015 however additional funds are needed to construct the project. The County has applied for a \$250,000 grant from the California Coastal Conservancy to assist with the funding necessary to construct the coastal access improvements. Grant applicants are encouraged to submit letters of support from local and state elected officials and other project supporters. We are pleased to have received letters of support from Congressman Sam Farr, Senator Bill Monning, Assemblymember Mark Stone, Assemblymember Luis Alejo, O'Neill Sea Odyssey, Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks, Santa Cruz County Conference and Visitors Council and others. Coastal Conservancy staff has also informed us that they intend to recommend approval of our grant request to the Conservancy Board at their October 2014 Conservancy Board meeting.

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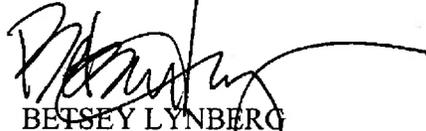
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It is therefore recommended that your Commission authorize the Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission to sign a letter in support of this important County improvement project.

Yours truly,

JOHN J. PRESLEIGH
Director of Public Works

By:



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August 18, 2014

Douglas Bosco, Chair
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

SUBJECT: SUPPORT OF TWIN LAKES BEACHFRONT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Dear Chair Bosco and Conservancy Members:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Cruz County Parks and Recreation Commission to express our strong support for the Twin Lakes Beachfront Improvement Project and to urge your approval of a \$250,000 grant to this important coastal access project.

This project is important because it will significantly improve access to Twin Lakes State Beach in Santa Cruz County. Twin Lakes State Beach and the adjacent Harbor Beach receives hundreds of thousands of visitors a year, yet has no bike lanes, no pedestrian path, and currently lacks easy and safe parking. This public access improvement project will complete portions of the California Coastal Trail and the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network, and will dramatically improve the safety and accessibility of this area.

This is a unique project where local government is proposing to spend millions of dollars improving access to a State Beach. The improvements this project provides will benefit hundreds of thousands of people who visit Twin Lakes State Beach each year – residents and visitors alike.

The Santa Cruz County Parks and Recreation Commission respectfully urge you to support a California Coastal Conservancy grant for Twin Lakes Beachfront Improvement Project. Thank you for your time and consideration to this grant application.

Yours truly,

MARIAH ROBERTS, Chair
Santa Cruz County Parks and
Recreation Commission

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cc: Trish Chapman, Project Manager, California Coastal Conservancy
Supervisor Neal Coonerty, Santa Cruz County Supervisor, 3rd District

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WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE LISTING:

The Written Correspondence Listing is established to act as a report of materials received by the Commission as a whole, but may also include items requested for inclusion by individual Commissioners.

The Parks and Recreation Commission has received the following items of correspondence which require no official action by the Commission at this time:

1. Email from Betsey Lynberg dated May 29, 2014, regarding Community Workshop Announcement for the Draft Santa Cruz County Plan.