

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Continuation of the July 19, 2011 public hearing to establish user fees to be charged by the Parks and Recreation Division of Public Works.

Due to the rising costs of maintenance associated with the growing use of County facilities and parks it has become necessary to establish new user fees to help offset these expenses. Currently the hourly cost of maintenance services averages \$38.22 per hour. Reports indicate that for June 2011 labor expenses to maintain restrooms and rented buildings and parks cost approximately \$4,700.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

As local governments face increased fiscal limitation due to increased costs of operation and decreased revenues, it is the desire of the Parks and Recreation division of the Public Works Department to offset some of the rising costs of providing services to the community by increasing its current user fees and implementing new fees. A user fee is a payment made by an individual or a group for services provided by the County that primarily benefits that individual or group.

The new fee schedule is not intended to cover the full cost to the County for providing facilities, labor, and administrative overhead. It is intended only to generate some off-setting revenue. Currently, it is thought that a full cost recovery fee schedule for providing services would be, simply put, cost prohibited to members of the community. Thus, for now, the County's General Fund will continue to substantially subsidize many services that benefit users.

The County can impose fees under the authority granted by California Government Code 66000 et. Seq. ("Code") and it is required by the Code to hold at least one public hearing as part of a regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting to allow for public comment on its proposed fees. Therefore, a public hearing and authorization for the attached schedule is requested.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Approve the preparation of a new fee schedule

Do not approve. Not authorizing the fee schedule would mean the loss of additional revenue to the General Fund. The revenues from the new fees have been included in the proposed 2011/12 budget for Parks and Recreation.

Financial Impact? () Yes (x) No	Current FY Cost: \$	Annual Recurring Cost: \$
Budgeted In Current FY? () Yes () No () Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget: \$		List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Additional Funding Needed: \$		1. Fee schedule
Source:		2. Rate chart for other local public entities
Internal Transfer		3. User Fee Schedule
Unanticipated Revenue	4/5's vote	
Transfer Between Funds	4/5's vote	
Contingency	4/5's vote	
() General () Other		

CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Res. No.: 11480 Ord. No. _____
Vote - Ayes: 4 Noes: _____
Absent: _____
Approved _____
(x) Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary

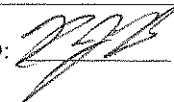
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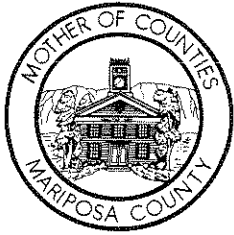
Requested Action Recommended
 No Opinion
Comments:

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: _____
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California

By: _____
Deputy

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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: PETER REI, Interim Public Works Director

FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board *MW*

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING to Establish User Fees to be Charged by the Parks and Recreation Division of Public Works. (Hearing Continued from August 9, 2011)

RES. 11-480

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on September 27, 2011

ACTION AND VOTE:

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PUBLIC HEARING to Establish User Fees to be Charged by the Parks and Recreation Division of Public Works. (Hearing Continued from August 9, 2011)

BOARD ACTION: Peter Rei and Shannon Hansen/PWD-Parks and Recreation Manager, provided the staff report and advised of the information that was obtained as requested at the last hearing. Staff responded to questions from the Board relative to the day camp fees; the fitness over 50 program; the fees for the amphitheater; status of not including Catheys Valley Park in the fees; whether any written comments have been received; fees and costs for lighting the ball fields; estimated revenue from the fees and whether the revenue is included in the budget; status of the costs for lighting the Grizzly field; and swim team pool rental fees. Rick Benson clarified that there is no change in the swim fees.

The public portion of the hearing was opened and input was provided by the following:

Pete Judy, stated he is present as President of the Mariposa Girls Youth Softball League. They appreciate the support they receive from the County and from Parks and Recreation. He commented on his review of the impacts and potential unintended consequences of the fees for the league – regular and post-season costs are about \$1,200 without factoring in the lighting fees and this would wipe out their budget. They recognize the need for some fees; and he stated he feels it is disproportionate to charge the same fee for all of the sports as the number of players vary and the impacts on the fields vary. He would hate to see everyone trying to save by not paying for the lights and noted the safety concerns that would create. He stated he and others help weed whack and take care of the facilities and they do not complain; however, he feels that this type of service might be lost with the fees. Supervisor Bibby asked about consideration of a flat fee for post-season play.

Kate Cannon stated she directed and produced the show "Mid Summer Nights Dream" in the amphitheater this summer and she is very eager to continue having classes and productions. She is working with Mt. Crisis benefits. She noted the different uses of lights in the amphitheater for practice versus production. She commented on the proposed fees and suggested that options be considered; questioned how requests for one or two day events will be handled if the facility is rented for the month; suggested that the fees be gradually increased and that a percentage of the box office be considered. She noted there is no heating or venting/cooling in the amphitheater and that better lighting is needed. She wants to make this a full-time production house.

The public portion of the hearing was closed and the Board commenced with deliberations. Staff responded to questions from the Board relative to handling a monthly rental and other uses during that time at the amphitheater; recommendation for the recommended fees for the amphitheater; and relative to the water and lighting costs – staff will obtain this information.

(M)Bibby, (S)Stetson, to adopt the recommended fees, with changes to the post-season play fee to be zero for non-profits, \$250 monthly fee for private use and \$150 monthly fee for non-profit use of the amphitheater – with the fee to be revisited on an annual basis. Supervisor Stetson asked for an amendment to the motion to give Parks and Recreation the ability to negotiate timeframes for monthly use of the amphitheater. Peter Rei suggested that wording could be added to the fee to state "or as negotiated." Discussion was held. Supervisor Bibby stated she was not agreeable with amending the motion. Supervisor Stetson withdrew his second, and the motion died.

Further discussion was held. Shannon Hansen provided input on the current use of the parks, including uses for private events, and the impacts and the costs to the County. Rick Benson provided input relative to staff requirements to maintain the parks, and recommended that steps be taken to begin charging fees; and he noted that further discussion needs to be held relative to the Grizzly field.

(M)Bibby, (S)Cann, Res. 11-480 was adopted approving the recommended fees, with changes to the post-season play fee to be zero for non-profits, \$150 monthly fee for private use and \$75 monthly fee for non-profit use of the amphitheater. Supervisor Bibby noted that the fees can be revisited with a report from staff in the future. Ayes: Stetson, Bibby, Cann, Allen; Excused: Turpin. The hearing was closed.

Cc: Shannon Hansen, Parks & Rec
Bill Davis, Auditor
Rhonda Scherf, Executive Assistant
File

**Additional Parks & Recreation Fees
NOT BEING CHANGED**

Public Swim Fee

Mariposa - \$1.00

Colusa - \$1.00

Plumas - \$1.00 (children) \$2.50 (adult)

Inyo - \$2.00

Lap Swim Fee

Mariposa - \$1.00

Colusa - \$1.00

Plumas- N/A

Inyo- \$2.00

Aqua Fitness

Mariposa- \$3.00

Colusa- N/A

Plumas- N/A

Inyo- \$5.00

Day Camp

Mariposa - \$7.00 daily

Colusa - \$120.00 (per week from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.)

Plumas - N/A

Inyo - \$35.00 (per week from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.)

Fitness Over 50

Mariposa - \$3.00 per class

Colusa- N/A

Plumas- N/A

Inyo- \$5.00 per class

CURRENT RATE COMPARISON

Community Hall Rental Fees

Mariposa - \$30.00 - \$50.00
Colusa - \$25.00 - \$75.00
Plumas - \$100.00 - \$300.00
Inyo - \$65.00 - \$165.00

Park Rental Fees

Mariposa - \$0
Colusa - \$25.00
Plumas - \$25.00 - \$75.00
Inyo - \$50.00

Swim Team Rental Fee

Mariposa - \$0
Colusa - \$500.00 (3 months)
Plumas - \$45.00 per swim team member
Inyo - \$5,000 (5 months)

Swim Lesson Fees

Mariposa - \$15.00
Colusa - \$35.00 - \$40.00
Plumas - \$25.00-40.00
Inyo - \$35.00

Field Use Fees

Mariposa - \$0
Colusa - \$70.00 per day/ per field
Plumas - \$20.00 per team
Inyo - \$100.00

Field Light Fee

Mariposa - \$0
Colusa - \$20.00 per hour
Plumas- \$8.00 per hour
Inyo - \$15.00 per hour

Amphitheater Fee

Mariposa \$100.00 per day

Colusa – N/A

Plumas – N/A

Inyo- N/A

Mariposa County High School Auditorium- \$47.00 per hour

Merced - \$40.00 per hour, 2 hour minimum

User Fee Schedule

Description	Use	Private Use		Non-Profit Use	
		Current Fee	New Fee	Current Fee	New Fee
Halls	1	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
	2	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$30.00

Amphitheater		\$100.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
			\$500.00		\$250.00

Use of Parks: (Price does not include hall rental)

Mariposa Pavilion (covered seating for 100, 2 lg BBQ's)	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Mariposa Shelter (playground, 1 sm BBQ, 5 benches)	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Arts Park (stage, lg lawn area, 100+seating)	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Courthouse Lawn (lg lawn area)	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Hornitos Park (playground, b-ball, sm picnic, bbq, lg lawn)	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Coulterville Park (playground, lg pavilion/picnic area, b-ball, tennis, stage, lg la	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Red Cloud Park (playground, v-ball, bbq area, sm stage, 5 picnic tables)	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$15.00

Fields	Tournament Use	Post Season
	\$0.00	\$0
	\$25.00 /gm	\$100 ***
	\$100.00	\$100 ***

Ball Park Lights	\$0.00	\$25.00 /hr	\$0.00	\$12.00 /hr
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User Fee Schedule (continued)

Description	Use	Private Use	Private Use	Non-Profit Use	
		Current Fee	New Fee	Current Fee	New Fee
Swim Lessons		\$15.00	\$20.00	N/A	N/A
Pool Use****	2	\$0.00	\$20.00 per day	\$0.00	\$10.00 per day
Public Swim		\$1.00 per person	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lap Swim		\$1.00 per day	N/A	N/A	N/A
Aqua Fitness		\$3.00 per class	N/A	N/A	N/A
Day Camp		\$7.00 per day	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fitness Over 50		\$3.00 per class	N/A	N/A	N/A

Notes: USE 1 and USE 2 are defined in Section 11a - Classification of Activities in the RECREATION FACILITY USE POLICY as:

USE 1 - MEETINGS, "Limited use of facility (no cooking facility)".

USE 2 - REGULAR USE, "Full use of facility, including cooking facilities".

* Non-Profit full season flat fee.

** \$100.00 or \$50.00 per tournament day

*** \$100.00 per month flat fee for post season usage. If usage is for two weeks or less: \$50.00.

**** USE 2 - Use of facilities by a private or non-profit athletic program for one-time use or for multiple days. Groups will be required to provide certified lifeguards and proper supervision for program. **No County staff required.**

***** \$500.00 per month flat fee. If usage is for less than a month a prorated amount will be calculated.