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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 25, 2023

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Janelle Rau, General Services Agency Director

SUBJECT: Parks Fees Adjustments

Pursuant to County Policy No. 47, Master Fee Schedule Policy, and Board of Supervisors direction to bring fees towards full cost recovery, General Services Agency (GSA) is bringing forward fee revisions related to the County's Parks systems. GSA staff have compiled a list of fee additions, changes, and deletions for consideration.

GSA staff have identified two additional consistent park use fees reasonable for the public for consideration. First, the addition of a fee for rental of an electrical power box will assist with cost recovery of utility expenses at the Redwood Valley Lion's Club Park group picnic area. Second, the addition of an annual property use fee which will allow the County to cost recover for the usage of county owned property located within the Redwood Valley Lion's Club Park for organized or planned events taking place which are sponsored by a publicly recognized organization (profit or non-profit), person, business or other entity which invites, advertises, or seeks entrants in excess of 25 participants. This fee is consistent with those charged by local public agencies in our neighboring counties.

In considering the fee increases in the County's overall parks systems, GSA considered national increases in costs due to supply chain issues. Additionally, the County has seen substantial cost increases to labor, utilities, and household goods making the cost to operate the parks rise in turn. Please refer to Attachment A for details regarding historical utility and maintenance costs within the Parks system. Please also refer to Attachment B which illustrates annual industry standard costs to maintain per acre in each of the Parks based upon developed or natural acres. The County will not recover the full costs to operate and maintain the County's parks systems through the collection of fees; however, the proposed fees are reasonable and justified do the costs incurred annually.

The proposed Parks fees increases will bring rates more in line with other similar public facilities, including State Parks. State Parks are currently charging upwards of \$35/per night for overnight camping and up to \$15 per day for developed parking.

The County no longer rents the Bower Park Outdoor Theater or the Low Gap Amphitheater; therefore, GSA staff recommends deletion of these fees.

ATTACHMENT A

		Utility Costs				Maintenance Costs				
		Current FY	FY 21-22	FY 20-21	FY19-20	Current FY	FY 21-22	FY 20-21	FY19-20	
201	Bower Park	\$2,062.90	\$10,024.23	\$4,359.13	\$5,143.42	\$0.00	\$5,232.61	\$621.50	\$3,279.03	\$3,044.38
202	Faulkner Park	\$21.72	\$203.21	\$243.68	\$180.50	\$0.00	\$33.27	\$2,104.60	\$0.00	\$712.62
203	Indian Creek Park	\$50.84	\$1,049.99	\$1,361.60	\$458.79	\$1,417.86	\$1,765.12	\$682.66	\$766.24	\$1,071.34
204	Low Gap Park	\$705.16	\$1,033.16	\$1,084.32	\$1,520.25	\$2,244.17	\$4,585.11	\$2,596.81	\$2,584.60	\$3,255.51
205	McKee Park	\$0.00	\$161.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$812.40	\$1,530.55	\$3,616.62	\$3,221.28	\$2,789.48
206	Mill Creek Park	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,898.56	\$7,698.68	\$8,603.20	\$5,598.95	\$7,300.28
206A	Mill Creek Dams	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$661.19	\$2,080.00	\$200.18	\$13.99	\$764.72
207	Mariposa Swimming Hole	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26.62	\$208.41	\$0.00	\$78.34
224	Lions Park	\$300.19	\$1,218.88	\$2,516.98	\$2,066.89	\$243.42	\$4,261.61	\$5,753.05	\$10,514.54	\$6,843.07
226	Vichy Bridge Recreation Area	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$528.97	\$0.00	\$176.32
TOTAL:		\$3,140.81	\$13,691.28	\$9,565.71	\$9,369.85	\$8,277.60	\$27,213.57	\$24,916.00	\$25,978.63	

ATTACHMENT B

Calculation per square mile - Maint

	Acres	Cost Per Acre		Total
		Developed	Natural	
<u>Community Park</u>		\$ 5,000	\$ 500	
Bower	10	\$ 50,000		\$ 50,000
Lions	4	\$ 20,000		\$ 20,000
Low Gap	80	\$ 75,000	\$ 32,500	\$ 107,500
				\$ 177,500
<u>Regional Park</u>				
Faulkner	40	\$ 10,000	\$ 19,000	\$ 29,000
Indian Creek	15	\$ 25,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 30,000
Mill Creek	400	\$ 50,000	\$ 195,000	\$ 245,000
				\$ 304,000
<u>Access Area</u>				
Mariposa	0.35		\$ 175	\$ 175
McKee	25		\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500
Vichy	2.7	\$ 5,000	\$ 850	\$ 5,850
				\$ 18,525
Total	577.05	\$ 235,000	\$ 265,025	\$ 500,025