



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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Department Name: Parks  
Department No.: 052  
For Agenda Of: February 15, 2011  
Placement: Set Hearing  
Estimated Tme: 10 minutes on March 1,  
2011 on Dept. Agenda  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Thomas D. Fayram, Interim Parks Director, 568-2461  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Thomas D. Fayram, Interim Parks Director, 568-2461

**SUBJECT: Amendments to Chapter 26 of the County Code**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors set hearing to consider recommendations regarding amendments to Chapter 26 of the County Code, as follows:

- a) Consider the introduction (first reading) of an Ordinance amending Chapter 26 of the County Code on March 1, 2011 to clarify various uses at county parks and adopt new uses at Cachuma Lake Recreation Area consistent with the Resource Management Plan recently completed by the Bureau of Reclamation;
- b) Set hearing for March 15, 2011 on the Administrative Agenda to consider the adoption (second reading) of an Ordinance (Attachment 2) amending Chapter 26 of the County Code; and
- c) Upon adoption, approve a Notice of Exemption (Attachment 3) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, Section 15061(b) (3), finding that the Ordinance is not subject to CEQA because of the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, and further find that there is no possibility that the enactment of the Ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment.

**Summary Text:**

Chapter 26 is the County Ordinance that defines various rules and regulations in effect at all County parks. From time to time, this ordinance requires updating due to changing staff titles, definitions and new or changed use in the parks. This update reflects new staff titles as well as removing obsolete rules that no longer apply to park visitors. The update is also necessary to reflect new uses contained in the newly developed Management Agreement developed by the Bureau of Reclamation.

On February 3, 2011, the Park Commission recommended that the Board approve the amendments to Chapter 26 of the County code clarifying various uses at County Parks and to adopt new uses at Cachuma Lake Recreation Area consistent with the Resource Management Plan recently completed by the Bureau of Reclamation.

**Background:**

The County operates and maintains Cachuma Lake Recreation Area through a Management Agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation. As the authorized managing partner for this federally owned facility, the County is obligated to maintain a safe and enjoyable environment for our park visitors. Chapter 26 is designated as the section of the County Code which authorizes and empowers department staff to enforce various rules and regulations including the authority to issue citations and evict uncooperative visitors from County operated and maintained property.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

None

Budgeted: N/A

Narrative:

There are no negative impacts associated with the proposed changes in terms of additional costs to the Department. However, based on discussions with other Recreation Areas and in discussions with interested parties, it is possible that Cachuma Lake would see some increased revenue from day use and / or camping fees. Bass Tournaments are also tentatively planned.

**Special Instructions:**

After the February 15, 2011 Hearing direct the Clerk of the Board to:

1. Publish the attached Notice of Public Hearing pursuant to Section 6066 of the Government Code (publish within 10 days) in the Santa Barbara Daily Sound and the Santa Maria Times; and
2. Send a copy of the minute order and a signed copy of the Notice of Public Hearing to the Parks Department office, attn: Jessica Opland.

After the March 15, 2011 Hearing direct the Clerk of the Board to:

1. Submit a copy of adopted Ordinance to the Parks Department and County Counsel.
2. Send a copy of the minute order of these actions to the Parks Department, Attn: Jessica Opland.
3. Publish a copy of the amended ordinance or summary thereof, with names of the members of the Board of Supervisors voting for or against the amendment in the Santa Barbara Daily Sound within 15 days of adoption of the ordinance.

**Attachments:**

Attachment 1 – Strikethrough version of Ordinance Amending Chapter 26 of the County Code

Attachment 2 – Final version of County Code Chapter 26 Amendments

Attachment 3 – CEQA Notice of Exemption

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