



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Parks
Department No.: 052
For Agenda Of: 1/23/2007
Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time:
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s) Jason Stilwell, Parks Department, 568-2461
Contact Info: Jason Stilwell, 568-2461

SUBJECT: Comparison of Park Facilities - Providence Landing and San Marcos Foothills

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: Yes No N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: Yes No N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: Yes No N/A

Recommended Action(s):

Receive and file the December 5, 2006 memorandum entitled "Comparison of the park facilities at Providence Landing and San Marcos Foothills."

Summary:

The Board of Supervisors requested information comparing the park facilities proposed at Providence Landing and those anticipated for San Marcos Foothills and how those facilities would be funded. The attached information describes the two new park sites, the amenities under construction in Providence Landing, and those potentially to be located at San Marcos Foothills, and how both parks will be funded.

Background:

Providence Landing is the County's first new park in over two decades. It is located in the Providence Landing residential development in south Vandenberg Village. County studies determined a dearth in parkland in the Vandenberg Village community and north of Lompoc generally. The developer was conditioned to construct the park and dedicate it to the County. The County and developer agreed to create a community facility district to fund the operations of the park. The Park, now near completion, offers many park and recreational amenities including sports fields, basketball and tennis courts, picnic and bar-b-que facilities, restrooms, and a snack bar. The park is anticipated to be open to the public in Spring 2008.

San Marcos Foothills is a twelve acre park site dedicated, as a public park, to the County as part of the San Marcos Foothills residential development. This development is located in the foothills of the unincorporated area between Santa Barbara and Goleta. The developer is not required to construct the park but a conceptual park plan was included for purposes of environmental review. The County would be responsible for any

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future park development of the property. Funding for park planning and construction is not identified. Although the park amenities would not be determined until after the public planning process, Count Parks estimates construction of the park to cost \$1.5 million and annual operation expenses would total \$100,000. Construction costs could come from park mitigation funds for the area, grants and state park bonds, or a general fund contribution and a source for operating revenue is not identified. County Parks would likely, in the short term, facilitate public access to the site for passive recreation until a planning effort commences in the future.

The San Marcos Foothills development and San Marcos Foothill park are adjacent to a two-hundred acre open space reserve owned by Trust for Public Land. The Board of Supervisors accepted a dedication of this parcel from the Trust for Public Land on January 9, 2007. On October 24, 2006, the Board approved \$50,000 of ongoing revenue for maintenance of this open space parcel in the event the parcel is dedicated to the County.

Performance Measures:

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes No

Fiscal Analysis:

| <u>Funding Sources</u> | <u>Current FY Cost:</u> | <u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u> | <u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| General Fund | | | |
| State | | | |
| Federal | | | |
| Fees | | | |
| Other: | | | |
| Total | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |

Narrative:

Staffing Impact(s):

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

Special Instructions:

None

Attachments:

December 5, 2006 memorandum from Jason Stilwell, Parks Director to Ron Cortez, Deputy County Executive Officer, entitled "Comparison of the park facilities at Providence Landing and San Marcos Foothills."

Authored by: Jason Stilwell, 568-2461, December 30, 2006

CC: none