



**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:** September 7, 2010  
**Placement:** Set Hearing  
**Estimated Tme:** 10 minutes on  
September 21 on the  
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)  
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**SUBJECT: Amendments to Sections 26-37 of Chapter 26 of the County Code**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: No

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

As to form: No

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors set hearing to consider recommendations regarding amendments to Sections 26-37 of Chapter 26 of the County Code, as follows:

- a) Consider the introduction (first reading) of an Ordinance amending Sections 26-37 of Chapter 26 of the County Code on September 21, 2010 to clarify the definitions that would allow the use of certain pieces of sporting equipment in County Parks for purposes in line with State Department of Fish & Game Regulations and serve to improve conditions at County Parks such as Cachuma Lake; and
- b) Set hearing for September 28, 2010 on the Administrative Agenda to consider the adoption (second reading) of an Ordinance amending Sections 26-37 of Chapter 26 of the County Code.

**Summary Text:**

The proposed revision to Section 26-37 of the County Code serves to clarify the definitions that would allow the use of certain pieces of sporting equipment in County Parks for purposes in line with State Department of Fish & Game Regulations and serve to improve conditions at County Parks such as Cachuma Lake.

**Background:**

California Department of Fish & Game Regulations (CCR, T14, Chapter 2, Article 1) explicitly provides for the use of bow fishing sporting equipment for the taking of Carp and other noxious fish species.

Lake Cachuma has seen a dramatic increase of Carp populations and other agencies report a corresponding increase in Carp populations downstream in the Santa Ynez River. Carp populations can impact other desirable fish species and also impact water quality. Many agencies have begun expensive programs of eradication by electro-shock treatment to collect these fish. However, a growing sport of harvesting Carp by bow fishing is gaining popularity and is now implemented in many lakes in California. Organized tournaments are popular which offer to control the populations while bringing visitors and revenue to the Park.

While bow fishing gear is different from traditional archery gear, this clarification to Chapter 26 of the County Code will explicitly bring the County Code in line with California Department of Fish & Game regulations that attempt to encourage the take of Carp. Fish & Game regulations allow the take of Carp year around and there is no limit.

The proposed revisions to the County Code provide for the Parks Department to establish regulations for the use of Bow Fishing gear and will be allowed through an issued permit. Regulations will ensure public safety and tracking of harvested Carp. Having the Public assist with the control of Carp in this manner will save the costs of active eradication by the County.

**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. Tournaments are also tentatively planned.

**Special Instructions:**

After the September 7, 2010 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 September 28, 2010 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 of 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 A – Ordinance Amending Sections 26-37 of Chapter 26 of the County Code

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