



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: May 14, 2019

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

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**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Authorizing New Fees For Recreation Program Fees, Multi-day Excursion Fees, And Training
Fees To Recover The Cost Of Providing These Services.**

Whereas, the County of Sonoma owns and operates fifty six Regional Parks, trails and other facilities; and

Whereas, pursuant to California Constitution, Article XI, section 7, California Constitution, Art. XIII C, Section 1(e)(4), and Sonoma County Code section 20-24, the County of Sonoma may charge fees to the public for the entrance and use of County parks, and to recover the reasonable cost of service provided to the fee payor for maintaining the parks and providing government services; and

Whereas, in fiscal year 2017-18 the Regional Parks Department generated \$6.9M in revenues and \$14.4M in expenditures with a General Fund subsidy of \$4.5M and Transit and Occupancy Tax of \$3.0M to operate and maintain the County's park system, excluding the Marinas and Spring Lake Park; and

Whereas, the fee revenue generated for the provision of these services does not fully recover the cost to provide those services to the fee payors, however, the fee revenue offsets expenses incurred in the operation and maintenance of the County's park system; and

Whereas, a comparison of Regional Parks revenue, expenditures, and the General Fund subsidy in the last fiscal year indicates that the additional revenues to be collected from the adjusted fees will be less than the cost to the County of funding the Regional Parks programs;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that to recover the reasonable cost of providing certain parks services, it is necessary to increase certain fees and establish certain new fees as set forth below.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved based on information presented to this Board, this Board finds that the proposed fees comply with all legal requirements, including Art. XIII C of the California Constitution.

Be It Further Resolved that in all other respects, previously established fees for the Regional Parks Department not modified by this resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

Be It Further Resolved that if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this resolution

Be It Further Resolved that pursuant to state law and Section 20-24 of the Code of the County of Sonoma, the Director of Regional Parks shall be authorized to provide new services (Recreation Programs, Multi-day Excursions, Trainings) for members of the public who request these additional programs and the County is authorized to charge the direct cost of providing these requested services. These new programs and cost recovery for those services is hereby authorized to become effective on July 1, 2019, and shall supersede rates and policies presently in effect, and shall be incorporated into the schedule of all rates and fees charged for the use of Sonoma County's park facilities.

Be It Further Resolved that the Director of Regional Parks is hereby authorized and directed to take such steps as necessary to implement and charge the adjusted fees adopted herein.

Supervisors:

Gorin: Zane: Gore: Hopkins: Rabbitt:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.