



## Legislation Text

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**To:** Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

**Department or Agency Name(s):** Sonoma County Regional Parks

**Staff Name and Phone Number:** Tasha Houweling, (707) 565-6032

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**Supervisorial District(s):** All

### **Title:**

Regional Parks Day Use Waiver to Honor Veterans

### **Recommended Actions:**

Approve waiver of day use fees throughout Sonoma County Regional Parks system for eligible military personnel and dependents for Memorial Day weekend, starting on Friday, May 24, 2019 through Monday, May 27, 2019.

### **Executive Summary:**

As part of Sonoma County's annual recognition of veterans, the Regional Parks Department is recommending waiver of day use fees at all Sonoma County parks for the Memorial Day weekend, Friday, May 24, 2019 through Monday, May 27, 2019.

### **Discussion:**

Memorial Day was first observed as Decoration Day on May 30, 1868, as an occasion to decorate the graves of Civil War Soldiers. After World War I, Decoration Day was expanded to honor service members killed in all of our nation's wars. After World War II, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day; and in 1971, Congress established Memorial Day as a federal holiday to be observed on the last Monday of May. While we observe Memorial Day in 2019, it is important to reflect upon the contributions and sacrifices the men and women of our armed forces have made in upholding the principles of democracy and liberty while in service to our nation.

In conjunction with the Human Services resolution on today's agenda honoring May 27th, 2019 as Memorial Day in Sonoma County, Regional Parks recommends waiver of day use fees at all parks operated by Sonoma County for the entire Memorial Day weekend, starting on Friday, May 24, 2019 through Monday, May 27, 2019. This gesture will help recognize the sacrifice and contributions of the more than 23,000 Sonoma County Veterans and numerous families who have lost loved ones in service to our nation. Active Duty, veteran or retired military personnel and dependents would be eligible for a waiver of the day use fee (\$7 per vehicle). All other County Park fees (e.g. camping, picnic area rental, etc.) would still apply.

### **Prior Board Actions:**

10/23/2018: Board of Supervisors approved the request for waiving day use fees for eligible military personnel and dependents for Veterans Day weekend.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 18-19 Adopted</b>	<b>FY19-20 Projected</b>	<b>FY 20-21 Projected</b>
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
<b>Total Expenditures</b>			
<b>Funding Sources</b>			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
<b>Total Sources</b>			

**Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:**

The estimated revenue impact of \$2,100 assumes 300 veterans or their dependents will take advantage of the visit to a park over the four-day period (based on historical average for Veterans Day use). For Veterans Day Weekend in November of 2018 Regional Parks distributed 341 passes to veterans or qualified family members. Any revenue losses associated with this fee waiver will be absorbed by the department, no additional appropriations are being requested.

<b>Staffing Impacts:</b>			
<b>Position Title (Payroll)</b>	<b>Monthly Salary Range (A - I Step)</b>	<b>Additions (number)</b>	<b>Deletions (number)</b>

**Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):**

None

**Attachments:**

None

**Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:**

None