



## Legislation Text

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**To:** Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

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

**Staff Name and Phone Number:** Meda Freeman (707) 565-2275

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**Supervisorial District(s):** All

**Title:**

Regional Parks Day Use Fee Waiver to Honor Veterans

**Recommended Action:**

Approve waiver of day use fees throughout Sonoma County Regional Parks system for eligible military personnel and dependents for Veterans Day weekend, starting on Friday, November 8, 2019 through Monday, November 11, 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 Veterans Day weekend, Friday, November 8, 2019 through Monday, November 11, 2019.

**Discussion:**

Veterans Day was established in 1919 as Armistice Day to commemorate the signing of the peace agreement that ended World War I on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. Veterans Day has been set aside as both a federal, state, and county holiday to honor our American patriots who answered the call of duty, preserving our freedoms, and often making the ultimate sacrifice.

In conjunction with the Human Services resolution on the November 5, 2019 agenda, honoring November 11, 2019 as Veterans Day in Sonoma County, Regional Parks recommends waiver of day use fees at all parks operated by Sonoma County for the entire Veterans Day weekend, starting on Friday, November 8, 2019 through Monday, November 11, 2019. This gesture will help recognize the sacrifice and contributions of the more than 27,000 Sonoma County Veterans and their families. Through their military service, individual sacrifice and sacrifices in their family lives, these individuals have provided a valuable public benefit to the citizens of Sonoma County, and moreover the United States of America. 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.

A Veterans Day weekend pass would be provided to all individuals (regardless of county residency) who present a U.S. military identification card, honorable discharge record (DD-214 or World War II service record), Veterans Affairs identification card, or Veterans ID card issued by Sonoma County Veterans Service Office. Passes can be obtained in advance of the weekend by presenting identification at Regional Parks' main office or Human Services Veterans Service Office. Passes will be available during the holiday weekend at Doran

Regional Park and Spring Lake Regional Park's Newanga Avenue entrance.

**Prior Board Actions:**

5/14/2019: the Board of Supervisors approved the request for waiving day use fees for eligible military personnel and dependents for Memorial Day weekend; 10/23/2018: the Board of Supervisors approved the request for waiving day use fees for eligible military personnel and dependents for Veterans Day weekend; 11/07/2017: the Board of Supervisors approved the request for waiving day use fees for eligible military personnel and dependents for Veterans Day weekend; 11/01/2016: the 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 19-20 Adopted</b>	<b>FY20-21 Projected</b>	<b>FY 21-22 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 \$2,625 assumes 375 veterans or their dependents will take advantage of the visit a park over the four-day period. In FY18-19 Regional Parks distributed 341 passes to veterans or qualified family members.

<b>Staffing Impacts:</b>			
<b>Position Title (Payroll Classification)</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.

