



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
**Inter-Departmental Correspondence**  
Board of Supervisors



**DATE:** August 24, 2011  
**BOARD MEETING DATE:** September 13, 2011  
**SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING:** None  
**VOTE REQUIRED:** Majority

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson  
**SUBJECT:** Request for a One-Time Waiver of the \$6.00 Vehicle Entry Fee for San Mateo County Parks

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing a one-time waiver of the \$6.00 vehicle entry fee for San Mateo County Parks on Saturday, September 24, 2011 for the 18th Annual National Public Lands Day.

**BACKGROUND:**

National Public Lands Day 2011 celebrates service and recreation on public lands by engaging a diverse audience of adult and youth volunteers in outdoor activities to improve public lands, whether at the grandest national park or at an urban park in their neighborhood. The intent is that this day will inspire future generations of volunteers and encourage them to explore and enjoy America's natural wonders through outdoor recreation.

On National Public Lands Day last year in the San Mateo County parks system, Boy Scouts and other volunteers planted 50 Carmel Sur manzanita shrubs, cleared fallen rocks from the road, and spread mulch in the Sequoia Youth Camp area in Huddart Park. One hundred volunteers participated in coastal cleanup activities at Mirada Surf West and Pillar Point Harbor locations, and collected 1,100 pounds of trash and 675 pounds of recycling. Hillsdale High School environmental education students, the Half Moon Bay Surf Club and University of Michigan alumni were fourth year volunteer repeat groups for these coastal cleanup activities. The Bayside Cleanup at Coyote Point Recreation Area attracted 137 volunteers, including National Charity League mother and daughter teams. A wooden extension ladder was among the 1,500 pounds of trash and 85 pounds of recyclables that were collected.

**DISCUSSION:**

For County Parks' fifth year of participation in National Public Lands Day, staff and volunteers will welcome park visitors to park programs at San Pedro Valley Park,

Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve and Wunderlich Park. Each of the participating parks benefit from established Friends groups whose members host centers that engage the public in discovering the parks' history and its unique plant and animal life. Visitors will receive information on how to become involved in ongoing volunteer activities at these locations, including how to become docents, center hosts, park stewards, trail patrol volunteers and horse patrol volunteers.

September's Take A Hike will also take place on Saturday, September 24, 2011 at San Pedro Valley Park. Visitors at this location will enjoy a hike conducted by staff and members of the Friends of San Pedro Valley.

The Board is requested to authorize a one-time waiver of the \$6.00 vehicle entry fee for San Mateo County Parks in celebration of the 18th Annual National Public Lands Day, Saturday, September 24, 2011.

Approval of this Resolution contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of an Environmentally Conscious Community by allowing residents an incentivized opportunity to visit our public lands and learn how these environs may best be protected and enjoyed.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolution as to form.

**Performance Measure(s):**

<b>Measure</b>	<b>FY 2010-11 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2011-12 Projected</b>
Education and Volunteer Development	Three volunteer activities	Three volunteer activities

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The resultant revenue loss from a one-time waiver of the vehicle entry fee for San Mateo County Parks on National Public Lands Day will be approximately \$7,200. Staff believes that this revenue loss will be offset by the opportunity created to attract new visitors to our parks, the potential recruitment of future volunteers, and the value of volunteer contributions to County Parks.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A ONE-TIME WAIVER OF THE \$6.00 VEHICLE ENTRY FEE FOR SAN MATEO COUNTY PARKS ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2011 FOR THE 18TH ANNUAL NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY**

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**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

**WHEREAS**, the 18th Annual National Public Lands Day is Saturday, September 24, 2011, and San Mateo County Parks will support that day with established volunteer groups acting as hosts for volunteer activities at Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve, San Pedro Valley Park, and Wunderlich Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the September Take A Hike led by Supervisor Jacobs Gibson will also take place at San Pedro Valley Park on Saturday, September 24, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a \$6.00 vehicle entry fee for County Parks; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board has determined that waiving the \$6.00 on Saturday, September 24, 2011 would be in the best interests of the County to encourage people to come to the County Parks on National Public Lands Day as it will promote volunteerism and promote public use of County Parks.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED AND DETERMINED** that the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors authorizes a one-time waiver of the \$6.00 vehicle entry fee

for County Parks for the 18th Annual National Public Lands Day on Saturday,  
September 24, 2011.

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