



**1:00 p.m. Item**

**TO:** Board Operations Committee

**FROM:** Mark Ragatz, Parkland Unit Manager

**DATE:** September 16, 2010

**SUBJECT: Tilden Golf Course Audubon Certification Process**

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Parkland Unit Manager Mark Ragatz, along with Tilden Golf Course staff, will make a presentation summarizing the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for golf courses. Audubon International awards certification to recognize golf courses that protect the environment, conserve natural resources, and provide wildlife habitats. Achieving certification demonstrates leadership by golf course management and a strong commitment to high standards of environmental management.

Implementation of this program will serve to enhance the valuable natural areas and wildlife habitats that golf courses provide, improve resource management efficiency, and minimize potentially harmful impacts of golf course operations. Components of the program include Wildlife and Habitat Management, Chemical Use Reduction and Safety, Water Conservation, Water Quality Management, and Outreach and Education.

An academic intern from San Francisco State University is being sought to assist in gathering the necessary documentation and preparation of the Site Assessment and Environmental Plan. Representatives of the Tilden Golf Course will be on hand to discuss planned maintenance projects and answer questions regarding the certification process.

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