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12:30 p.m. Item

TO: Board Operations Committee

FROM: Sharol Nelson-Embry, Supervising Naturalist

DATE: July 16, 2015

SUBJECT: Update UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital Oakland Collaboration with monthly Healthy Parks Healthy People Programs: Crab Cove Visitor Center

Supervising Naturalist Sharol Nelson-Embry will present an update to the Board Operations Committee on the Crab Cove Visitor Center collaboration with UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital Oakland (CHO) on monthly “Parks Prescriptions” Healthy Parks Healthy People (HPPH) programs. Physicians at CHO were trained in the HPPH methods and regularly prescribe outdoor time to help their patients improve conditions such as obesity, ADHD, and other disorders related to sedentary, indoor lifestyles. The program is supported by grants from the Regional Parks Foundation for transportation from the CHO clinic, lunch, and healthy snacks. At Crab Cove, the participants attend interpretive programs and play outdoors. Some have attended multiple programs and it’s hoped that many will return on their own.

Initiated in May 2014, the program has served over 200 participants. Many of the participants are from under-resourced communities and often are first-time park users. Originally piloted at Crab Cove Visitor Center at Crown Beach in Alameda, chosen for proximity to public transportation and on-going regular public programs, the program expanded in March 2015 to include four excursions to other nearby parks including MLK Shoreline, Temescal, Redwood, and Lake Chabot, along with continuing the Crab Cove visits during other months.

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1:00 p.m. Item

TO: Board Operations Committee

FROM: James Frank, Supervising Naturalist

DATE: July 16, 2015

SUBJECT: Update *Fish Friends Program*: Mobile Education & Outreach

Supervising Naturalist James Frank, Mobile Education & Outreach Unit, will present an update to the Board Operations Committee on the “Fish Friends” conservation and outreach program.

The Mobile Fish Exhibit (MFE) serves 20% of all school children who participate in the District’s interpretive programs for students. Every student visited by the MFE becomes a “Fish Friend” by pledging to pick up litter to protect the animals in the watershed in which they live.

Now in its third year, by the end of 2015 there will be nearly 30,000 card-carrying members in the Fish Friends Club. The program is being replicated by two other nearby organizations, and interest has been expressed to expand the program to a national level through contacts made via the National Association for Interpretation.

The current goal of the program is to attain funding for ten District schools to start their own Fish Friends Club chapters, charged with maintaining regular litter patrols of their school grounds. The participating students will be rewarded with a discounted bus trip to a Regional Park for a naturalist-guided shoreline cleanup program. The ten schools will also participate in a picnic to recognize their accomplishments at the end of the 2015-16 school year.

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FROM: **Dania Stoneham, Recreation Areas Unit Manager**

DATE: July 16, 2015

**SUBJECT: Update Status of Reservoirs:
Don Castro and Cull Canyon Regional Recreation Areas**

Recreation Unit Manager Dania Stoneham will present an update to the Board Operations Committee on the status of the reservoir conditions affecting operations at the Don Castro and Cull Canyon Regional Recreation Areas.

In 1987, the Board authorized the District to enter into a license agreement with the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (ACFC) allowing the District to plan, improve, maintain and operate facilities for public recreation at ACFC's Don Castro and Cull Canyon reservoir sites. This license as amended and extended expired October 2011. A series of one-year agreements subsequently extended the license to October 2014 and in December 2014, ACFC agreed to an additional five-year extension.

The Board adopted to renew the existing license by Resolution No. 2015-05-122, for a five-year period to ensure the rights and responsibilities of both agencies are addressed until a longer term is negotiated and executed. ACFC and District staffs have agreed to work together on a new Master Lease for the continued use and maintenance of the Don Castro and Cull Canyon Recreation Areas.

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