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12:45 p.m. Item

TO: Board Operations Committee

FROM: David Zuckermann, “Acting” Recreation Manager, Operations Division

DATE: November 25, 2014

SUBJECT: Ridge Top Shuttle Program: Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park

David Zuckermann, Acting Recreation Services Manager, and Colleen Massey, Recreation Supervisor, will provide an overview of the Ridge Top Shuttle Program. The program has now completed its second full season, transporting members of the public to the top of Pleasanton Ridge several times per month from May through October.

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1:15 p.m. Item

TO: Board Operations Committee
FROM: Renee Patterson, Administrative Analyst II, Operations Division
DATE: November 25, 2014
**SUBJECT: Review of Open Water Swim Team (SOWAT) Special Use Agreement:
Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area**

During the 1981 swim season, the District received many requests from individuals for permission to use our lakes as training areas for open water swimming. This included requests to swim outside designated swim areas with no lifeguard supervision. Staff recommended that these individuals form an organized group in order to enter into an agreement with the Park District. In 1982, Shadow Cliffs Open Water Aquatic Team (“SOWAT”) was formed with approximately 30 members. Since that time, the District has entered into repeated agreements with SOWAT in order to accommodate these requests. Each swimmer must pass a proficiency test by swimming 1,500 meters in less than 30 minutes. For identification purposes, swimmers are required to wear a designated colored swim cap and must swim in groups of two or more, or with the accompaniment of a rescue boat. Swimmers are also required to sign in and out at the parking kiosk as a safety precaution.

SOWAT has grown in membership to over 100 members varying in levels of participation. SOWAT wishes to continue its relationship with the District and is requesting to renew their agreement to use Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area for their team to open water swim.

The District currently receives \$1,200 per year from SOWAT and staff does not recommend a fee increase for the term of the new agreement, five years with one five-year option period. Approval of this agreement will not result in any additional Park District cost or expense.

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1:30 p.m. Item

TO: Board Operations Committee
FROM: Renee Patterson, Administrative Analyst II, Operations Division
DATE: November 25, 2014
**SUBJECT: Review of Open Water Swim Team (ORCAS) Special Use Agreement:
Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area**

In 2007, the District was approached by an offshoot group of swimmers that originally were members of the Shadow Cliffs Open Water Aquatic Team (“SOWAT”). Due to conflicts in the approach to team management and after several months of unsuccessful attempts at resolution, it appeared that formation of a separate organization was the best alternative. In September 2008, the District authorized the new group the Shadow Cliffs Quarry Crawlers, now known as the ORCAS, to enter into a special use agreement following the same rules and regulations of the SOWAT agreement.

This arrangement of having two open water swim teams at the same facility was put forth on a trial basis with the understanding that members of both teams would swim in consideration of each other’s ability and scheduling needs. Many swimmers are members of both the ORCAS and SOWAT rosters and use this as an advantage to pair up to gain additional time spent in the water.

Staff is in agreement that both teams have utilized the facility cooperatively and without conflict during and since the trial period. Bill Kaminski, the current Park Supervisor, said they seem to take care of business and get along. The drought and water conditions have played some role in their activities, but it’s difficult to quantify as they basically set their own schedules.

The ORCAS wish to continue their relationship with the District and is requesting to renew their agreement to use Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area for their team to open water swim.

The District currently receives \$1,200 per year from ORCAS and staff does not recommend a fee increase for the term of the new agreement, five years with one five-year option period. Approval of this agreement will not result in any additional Park District cost or expense.

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