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**12:30 p.m. Item**

**TO:** Board Operations Committee

**FROM:** Dave Zuckermann, Regional Interpretive and Recreation Services Manager

**DATE:** May 26, 2016

**SUBJECT: California Park and Recreation Society 2015 Creating Community Award of Excellence: Teen Eco Action**

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Regional Interpretive and Recreation Services Manager Dave Zuckermann will present information to the Board Operations Committee on the Teen Eco Action program's receipt of the California Park and Recreation Society (CPRS) 2015 Award of Excellence.

The CPRS Award recognizes an organization's ability to challenge issues, develop creative and innovative solutions, execute strategic outreach plans, and the extent to which the program creates a substantial community benefit in the areas of: improvements and programming; facility design and park planning; marketing and communications; and professional and citizen leadership.

The Operations Division received the CPRS "Creating Community Award of Excellence" for Interpretive and Recreation Services Youth Development - Teen Eco Action programs. The weeklong summer programs which are located in Richmond, Bay Point and Oakland are a collaborative effort between Outdoor Recreation and Interpretive staff and engage underserved youth in healthy, active outdoor activities and community service. They provide the participants with environmental education and opportunities for developing recreational skills while exploring the natural and cultural resources of the East Bay. A programmatic goal, is that by equipping youth with knowledge about their community, parks, recreation equipment, and resources for local transportation we empower them to pursue many years of outdoor recreation and the possibility of a future career in parks.

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**1:15 p.m. Item**

**TO:** Board Operations Committee

**FROM:** Noah Dort, Administrative Analyst II

**DATE:** May 26, 2016

**SUBJECT: Review Caretaker Contract for Services: Vasco Caves Regional Preserve**

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The Vasco Caves Regional Preserve was jointly acquired by the District and Contra Costa Water District (CCWD), and is operated by the District in agreement with CCWD. Access is through advanced reservation only, as the Preserve is not open to general public in order to protect the Preserve's unique resources.

The Preserve requires caretaker services to monitor the property for safety and security, and to protect the site and resources of this culturally and environmentally sensitive area. In addition to routine patrol of the site the caretaker shall live in the designated residence full time as his or her primary residence, provide his or her own personal vehicle for travel between the Preserve and town, maintain vegetation in the residential and public use areas, and be available to meet with District staff who lead tours at designated times.

The current caretaker contract for services with Mr. Neil Nobriga began on January 12, 2012 and will end on July 11, 2016. Notice of the available contract caretaker position was posted in newspapers and online advertisements. Qualified candidates were interviewed by District staff, and Mr. Nobriga is considered to be the best candidate for this contract position.

As the current caretaker with over four years of experience, Mr. Nobriga is very familiar with the Preserve and surrounding areas. In addition to his time as caretaker, he has extensive training and experience that make him an ideal candidate for the position: he is an Army veteran, a California Certified Police Officer, and held a position as a Park Ranger at Oakwood Lake.

Staff recommends entering into a Caretaker Contract for Services for Vasco Caves Regional Preserve with Mr. Neil Nobriga. The initial term of the contract would be one year, commencing July 12, 2016, with the possibility of two one-year extensions upon mutual agreement between the District and Mr. Nobriga. The cost to the District for this action is \$38,613.96 per year, to increase by 1.5% annually during the term of this contract. The initial annual contract costs compute to \$3,217.83 per month for providing caretaker services at Vasco Caves Regional Preserve.

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**1:30 p.m. Item**

**TO:** Board Operations Committee

**FROM:** Nate Luna, Administrative Analyst II, MAST

**DATE:** May 26, 2016

**SUBJECT: Update Maintenance Contracts & Encroachment Services:  
Sunol Regional Wilderness Bat Exclusion Project**

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Administrative Analyst II Nate Luna will present an update to the Board Operations Committee on the Sunol Bat Exclusion Project at the “Old Green Barn” Visitor’s Center. In the summer of 2015 Operations Division and Stewardship staff met to develop a plan to extract and re-locate the four species of bats roosting in the Visitor Center. The project was completed March 1, 2016.

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**2:00 p.m. Item**

**TO:** Board Operations Committee

**FROM:** Anne Kassebaum, Chief of Interpretative and Recreation Services  
Ira Bletz, Regional Interpretative and Recreation Services Manager

**DATE:** May 26, 2016

**SUBJECT: Review of Interpretive Pavilion:  
Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area**

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Chief of Interpretive and Recreation Services Anne Kassebaum will present an update to the Board Operations Committee on a proposed Interpretive Pavilion to be built at Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area.

In early 2015, retired educators and Pleasanton residents, Gary and Nancy Harrington approached the Regional Parks Foundation and wished to make a monetary donation to help construct an Interpretive Pavilion at Shadow Cliffs for naturalist-led school programs. This type of structure fits into the current Land Use Plan for the park and would be a welcomed addition.

The presentation will cover preliminary research, design, construction costs and recommendations for a possible site construction.

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**2:30 p.m. Item**

**TO:** Board Operations Committee

**FROM:** Ira Bletz, Regional Interpretative and Recreation Services Manager

**DATE:** May 26, 2016

**SUBJECT: Review of Cajun-Zydeco Music Festival:  
Ardenwood Historic Farm**

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Regional Interpretative and Recreation Services Manager Ira Bletz will present an update to the Board Operations Committee on the Cajun-Zydeco Music Festival at Ardenwood Historic Farm. The event was initiated in 1997 as part of the Ardenwood Business Plan with the intention of bringing first-time visitors and families into the park, and introducing them to educational and recreation opportunities available to build an audience of returning visitors.

The presentation will cover the festival's history, goals and outcomes including annual attendance trends and financial summary. Staff is recommending the event be discontinued and replaced with a family camping program presented in collaboration with community partners.

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