



12:30 p.m. Item

TO: Board Operations Committee

FROM: Renee Patterson, Administrative Analyst II

DATE: March 21, 2019

SUBJECT: Authorization to Renew the Alameda County Master Gardeners Agreement: Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area

The Alameda County Master Gardeners are part of the University of California (UC) Statewide Master Gardener Program, dedicated to facilitating excellence in California's Master Gardener Programs by increasing the professionalism of California's Master Gardener Coordinators and volunteers. In exchange for the training and materials received from the UC, master gardeners perform volunteer services in a myriad of venues.

The Master Gardener Program is an example of an effective partnership between the University, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA), County and Local Governments, and motivated citizens. The Master Gardener Program is administered locally by the University of California Cooperative Extension county offices, the principal outreach and public service arm of the University's Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

In 2008, Park District staff met with representatives from the Alameda County Master Gardeners Program to accommodate an earth friendly demonstration garden in one of the Park District's parks. Quarry Lakes was chosen due to the site's ability to promote the growth and display of native and Mediterranean plants that can be used in home gardens in informal and easily maintained areas. In addition, this site fit in with the Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area Land Use Plan. The appearance of the finished demonstration garden blends in with the surrounding area and the views of the hills and lake.

In 2009, Park District Board of Directors approved a Special Use Agreement with the Alameda County Master Gardeners to develop and operate an earth-friendly demonstration garden in Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area. The agreement will expire May 31, 2019.

Staff recommends the renewal of the Special Use Agreement with the University of California Cooperative Extension to accommodate an Alameda County Master Gardeners demonstration garden at Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area. The term of the new Special Use Agreement would be five years ending May 31, 2024 with a five-year option ending May 31, 2029. There will be no charge for the agreement. Conditions of the agreement would include oversight by park staff to adhere to Park District standards for design, planning, and construction for demonstration garden and surrounding area, approximately 75' by 150'.

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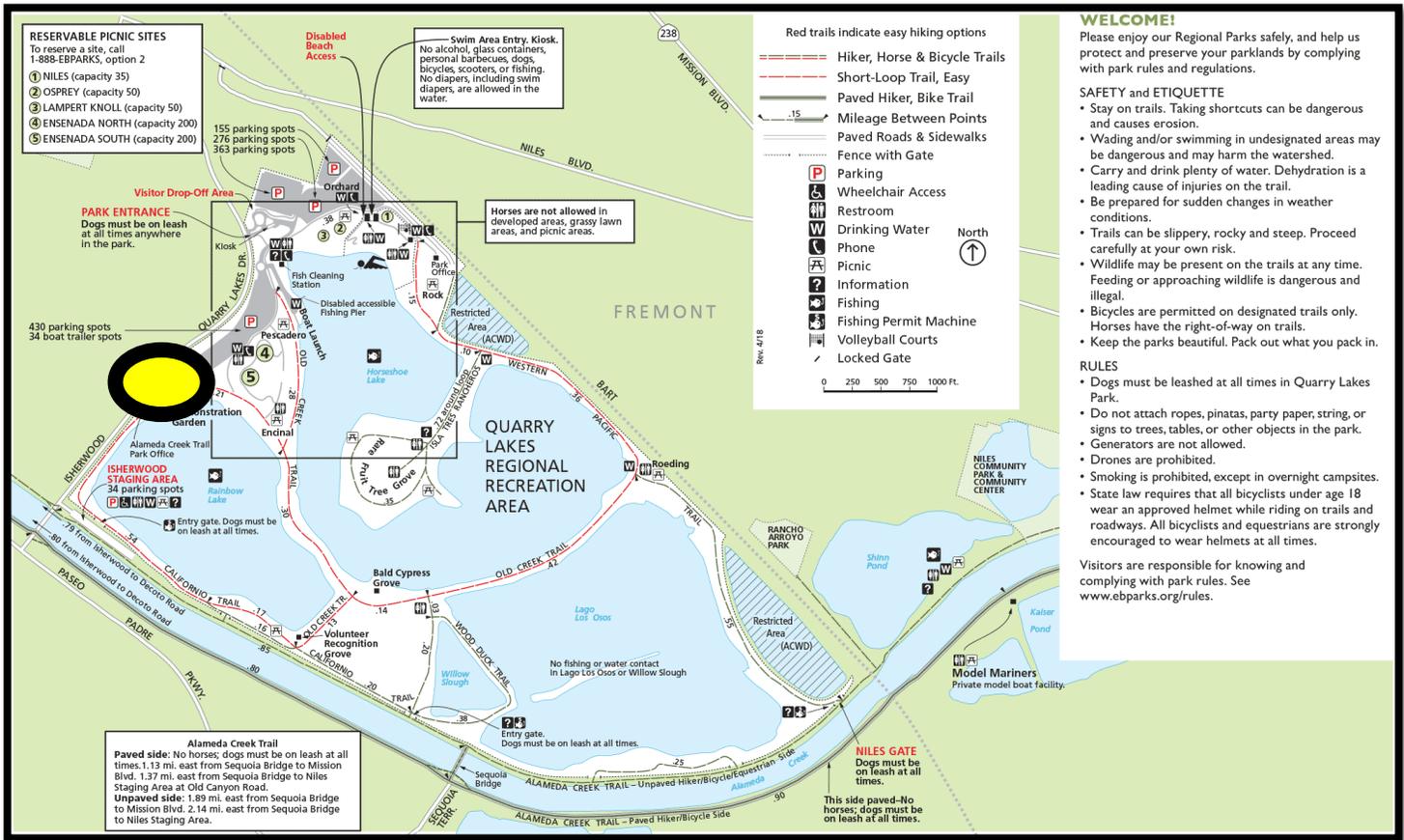
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12:45 p.m. Item

TO: Board Operations Committee

FROM: David Zuckermann, NorthWest Regional Interpretive & Recreation Services Manager

DATE: March 21, 2019

SUBJECT: Update: Interpretive and Recreation Services Northwest Region - Cultural Connections at Coyote Hills with Native Plant Materials

Coyote Hills Supervising Naturalist Sonja Gomez will describe innovative Interpretive projects that are helping connect native communities with their own natural and cultural histories, through use of natural resources. Special focus will be given to the recent Tule Boat Project, which was featured in a short film produced by the Park District. Gomez will present this eight-minute film while providing an overview of different cultural projects. These highly collaborative projects are being accomplished through the involvement of the Ohlone Youth Summit, Park District Operations staff at Coyote Hills Regional Park, Hayward Regional Shoreline, Outdoor Recreation and Public Affairs staff. The use of native plant materials in cultural programs help illustrate the importance of human connections to the land, providing a strong message of stewardship to park visitors.

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1:10 p.m. Item

TO: Board Operations Committee

FROM: Kelly Barrington, Chief of Maintenance and Skilled Trades

DATE: March 21, 2019

SUBJECT: Vactor Truck Demonstration

Chief of Maintenance and Skilled Trades Kelly Barrington will provide a live demonstration of the newly-purchased Vactor truck. The Vactor truck replaces a conventional pumper in improving sanitation management throughout the Park District and enhances the Park District's capabilities in routine sanitation work, reducing the need for outside contractors to perform this work. Benefits of the truck, which has a 11.5 cubic yard capacity, include: sewer-line and culvert clean-outs, reduction in Roto-Rooter services, increased efficiency, environmental impact reduction, and improved worker safety.

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