



DIANNE JACOB

CHAIRWOMAN
SUPERVISOR, SECOND DISTRICT
SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AGENDA ITEM

DATE: May 4, 2004
TO: Board of Supervisors
SUBJECT: **CREATING FIREWOOD OUT OF FIRE-DAMAGED WOOD AT WILLIAM HEISE PARK (DISTRICT 2)**

SUMMARY:

Overview

Today's action will authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to develop a program to allow San Diego County residents to cut and haul away wood from felled trees at William Heise County Park in Julian. This action will reward those community residents who help take part in the vegetation management of the park with the valuable energy source of firewood for the winter, and could save the County time and money.

Recommendation(s)

CHAIRWOMAN JACOB:

1. Find that the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15301.
2. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to develop a program that includes a temporary permit with a release of liability to allow San Diego County residents to cut and haul away wood from felled trees at William Heise County Park.
3. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to implement this program at other County Parks if, over the continued course of park rehabilitation, the Chief Administrative Officer determines it to be appropriate.

Fiscal Impact

This action involves the addition of no staff years and no future costs. Cost savings may result, as the County of San Diego would be relieved of some of the cost and effort of having to remove felled trees from the park.

Business Impact Statement

N/A

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Advisory Board Statement
N/A

BACKGROUND:

In Julian, a particular opportunity exists at William Heise Park as the debris removal and restoration process continues. County Parks cut down approximately 15 dead trees in the campground area of Heise Park and hauled these trees to a specific area in the park. The number of dead trees that are cut down and hauled to this area is likely to increase. Further, the winters in the Julian area can be extreme, and firewood is always a valued commodity to locals during those cold months.

Permitting residents to cut up the dead trees for firewood and haul the wood away could save the County precious time and money, and would allow County Parks to focus on cleaning out the still-damaged areas of the park. In addition, it would provide residents with easy access to a place to pick up wood for the winter.

Therefore, today's action will authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to develop a program to allow San Diego County residents to cut and haul away wood from felled trees at William Heise County Park. Further, it would give the Chief Administrative Officer the authority to implement this program at other County Parks if, over the continued course of park rehabilitation, the Chief Administrative Officer determines it to be appropriate.

I am confident that this cooperative effort between the County and the community of Julian will be a win-win for everyone, as it will bring warmth to residents during the winter and make Heise Park safer for the future.

I urge your support!

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Chairwoman
Supervisor, Second District

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AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

CONCURRENCE(S)

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| COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | |
| GROUP/AGENCY FINANCE DIRECTOR | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| Requires Four Votes | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| GROUP/AGENCY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A |

Other Concurrence(s): Department of Parks and Recreation

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