

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS

ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Parks & Recreation

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BOARD AGENDA # \*B-6(c)

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE October 6, 2009

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES  NO

(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES  NO

SUBJECT:

Approval for National Retriever Club, Inc. to Have Exclusive Use of the North Side of Woodward Reservoir from the Dam to the Go-Kart Track on November 6th through November 19th, 2011 for the National Open Field Trial

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the request by National Retriever Club, Inc. for exclusive use of the north side of Woodward Reservoir from the dam to the go-kart track bordering Eastman and 28 Mile Roads for the National Open Field Trial.
2. Approve the waiver of day use, dog and exclusive fees in the exclusive use area only for set up and the event from November 6<sup>th</sup> through November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011.
3. Approve the sale of National Retriever Club merchandise during the event and the temporary placement of event sponsor advertisements. (Continued Page 2)

FISCAL IMPACT:

It is expected that the event could generate up to \$7,000 in revenue for the Department of Parks and Recreation, through camping, day use and dog fees during the set up and the event. The Department anticipates a minimal impact to staff.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2009-674

On motion of Supervisor Monteith, Seconded by Supervisor Grover

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Grover, Monteith, and Chairman DeMartini

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) \_\_\_\_\_ Denied

3) \_\_\_\_\_ Approved as amended

4) \_\_\_\_\_ Other:

MOTION:

*Christine Ferraro*

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: (Continued)**

4. Approve the use of the dog training grounds by participants in the dog training area and all day use and dog fees will apply.
5. Approve the use of live ammo, shotguns and popper guns during the event.
6. Approve the sale of food from County permitted food vendors during the event.

**DISCUSSION:**

A request has been received from the National Retriever Club, Inc. to have exclusive use of the Woodward Reservoir areas on the north side of the reservoir from the dam to the go-kart area. This area is bordered by Eastman and 28-mile Roads (Attachment A). Currently, this area is undeveloped and not open for public use—one of the reasons why the club has a desire to use this area.

Woodward Reservoir is located at 14528 26 Mile Road a few miles north of Oakdale off Highway 120. This regional park offers 3,767 acres of land and 2,900 acres of reservoir for recreation and camping. The facility can accommodate tent, trailer, and recreational vehicle camping including full hook-up, developed and undeveloped campsites. Daily recreational opportunities include swimming, fishing, boating, picnicking, water and jet skiing, waterfowl hunting, dog training and radio control airplane flying. Woodward Reservoir is also home to the Annual Fireworks Celebration.

The National Open Field Trial is a seven-day retriever competition that is made up of people and dogs from all over the country. Each dog that qualifies for this event has to have won an event in the preceding 12 months. This event will bring the best dog and dog handlers from all over the country. Each year, the event is moved to a different time zone and therefore it is only held on the West Coast every four years. At the end of the trial, one dog is selected as the National Field Trial Champion. Woodward Reservoir is one of two locations selected in the Oakdale area for use by the field trial committee. If approved by the Board of Supervisors, the specific days Woodward Reservoir will be used will not be determined until the judges arrive the week before the event.

During the event, National Retriever Club, Inc. expects 250 to 350 people to attend on a daily basis. The National Retriever Club, Inc. has several committees set up to run this event. These committees include, but are not limited to, a grounds committee, traffic/parking committee, hospitality committee, gunner committee and others. Many of these volunteers work these and other events all over the country. Prior to and during the event, dog training will be allowed in the normal dog training area at Woodward Reservoir and all persons will be required to pay day use fees and dog fees for training at the reservoir. It is anticipated that there will be several participants and workers that will be camping at the reservoir and all camping fees will be charged. It is also anticipated that 10 –20 trailers will be staying for 5-

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14 days. In addition, assuming there are 250 participants spending \$300/day for 14 days, these individuals could easily spend a \$1,000,000 in Stanislaus County during this event.

The Department of Parks and Recreation does not have any objections to this request for exclusive use by the National Retriever Club, Inc. providing they adhere to the following requirements:

- The National Retriever Club, Inc. shall comply with all applicable laws, and regulations to ensure a safe event including but not limited to California Department of Fish and Game, California Highway Patrol, Sheriff's Department, Department of Parks and Recreation and Department of Environmental Resources.
- The National Retriever Club, Inc. shall control all entrance to the exclusive use area and require all participants, workers and spectators to sign the County's Hold Harmless agreement. All completed agreements are to be returned to the Woodward Reservoir Entrance Station at the end of each day.
- The National Retriever Club, Inc. shall provide dumpster, portable toilets, and litter clean-up in the exclusive use area. The exclusive use area is to be left in a clean condition with all litter/debris, portable restrooms and dumpsters removed.
- By November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011, the National Retriever Club, Inc. shall provide the Department of Parks and Recreation a Certificate of Insurance with general liability coverage of \$1 million and endorsement naming Stanislaus County as an additional insured.
- By November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011, the National Retriever Club, Inc. shall sign and return an original Hold Harmless Agreement (Organization) for the event.
- Normal staffing will occur during the event and there will be no additional cost associated with the event.
- All County fees entering Woodward Reservoir apply for participants using the main entrance.
- No alcohol shall be sold during this exclusive use event.

#### **POLICY ISSUES:**

The Board should consider whether the approval of this exclusive use request and waiver of exclusive use fees supports the Board of Supervisors' priority of a strong local economy.

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**STAFFING IMPACTS:**

There will be minimal staffing impacts associated with this event.

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