

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Parks and Recreation *JLL*

BOARD AGENDA # \*B-9

Urgent  Routine

AGENDA DATE March 16, 2010

CEO Concur with Recommendation YES  NO   
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES  NO

SUBJECT:

Approval for the Backcountry Horsemen of California, to Have Exclusive Use Utilizing Areas of Woodward Reservoir Regional Park for Their American Competitive Trail Horse Association, Competitive Trail Challenge Beginning April 2, 2010 and Ending April 4, 2010 and Waiver of Fees for Exclusive Use

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve request from the Backcountry Horsemen of California, Mid Valley, to have exclusive use utilizing areas of Woodward Reservoir Regional Park for their American Competitive Trail Horse Association, Competitive Trail Challenge beginning Friday, April 2, 2010 and ending Sunday, April 4, 2010 and Waiver of Fees for Exclusive Use.
2. Direct the Backcountry Horsemen of California, Mid Valley, to adhere to the requirements set forth by the Department of Parks and Recreation.
3. Approve the waiver of fees for exclusive use.

FISCAL IMPACT:

If approved, \$180 in exclusive use fees will be waived to the Backcountry Horsemen of California, Mid Valley. Anticipated revenue from porta-potties, day-use vehicle entrance, horse, and camping fees for this exclusive use is \$1,500.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2010-135

On motion of Supervisor O'Brien, Seconded by Supervisor Monteith  
and approved by the following vote,

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

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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### DISCUSSION

A request has been received from the Backcountry Horsemen of California, Mid Valley, to have exclusive use utilizing areas of Woodward Reservoir Regional Park (Attachment A) for their American Competitive Trail Horse Association, Competitive Trail Challenge beginning Friday, April 2, 2010 and ending Sunday, April 4, 2010.

The Backcountry Horsemen of California, Mid Valley is dedicated to conserving backcountry wilderness, protecting stock users' historic use of the wilderness, and educating the public about "Leave No Trace" wilderness use. The American Competitive Trail Horse Association enables others to hold competitions by sanctioning rides that assist in providing donation to horse rescues and charities.

A competitive trail challenge is six (6) to ten (10) mile trail ride with judged obstacles along the way with a single judge at each obstacle. As it is not a timed event, upon coming to an obstacle, a group will perform the obstacle one rider and horse at a time. Trail rides usually take from two (2) to three (3) hours and provide a natural setting for the horse and rider.

The Department does not have any objections to this request for exclusive use and as such necessitates the Backcountry Horsemen of California, Mid Valley to adhere to the following requirements:

- By Wednesday, March 31, 2010, no later than 5:00 p.m. require the Backcountry Horsemen of California, Mid Valley and the American Competitive Trail Horse Association, to provide the Department of Parks and Recreation their Certificate of Insurance with liability coverage of minimum of \$1 million and to provide accompanying endorsements naming Stanislaus County as an additional insured.
- A Hold Harmless (Organization) Agreement is required. The original must be completed and returned no later than Wednesday, March 31, 2010, no later than 5:00 p.m.
- Hold Harmless (Agreements) are required. The agreements must be completed prior to a rider participating in a race. Upon completion of the event, all original agreements are to be returned to the Department of Parks and Recreation no later than Monday, April 5, 2010. Should the Backcountry Horsemen of California fail to return the agreements a \$5 administrative fee per participant will be assessed to the final invoice.
- A secured pass code will be given to the organization upon arrival to the facility for entrance into the locked area of the facility. Backcountry Horsemen of California will be responsible for monitoring this internal gate.
- Backcountry will be responsible for the collection of day use fees including vehicle and horse for staff, participants and volunteers. A pass list will be provided to entrance

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### **DISCUSSION (CONTINUED)**

station staff. Any fees above and beyond vehicle entrance and horse will be the responsibility of the participant prior to being allowed into the facility.

- All fees are applicable to non-participants by paying at the window, when staff is present, or by using the self-fee iron ranger located at the entrance station.
- Two portable restrooms will be placed in your exclusive use area. The total cost for the event is \$50. Backcountry is responsible for janitorial duties. Should supplies be needed, event organization staff will alert County staff.
- The exclusive use fee for this event is \$270. Upon approval, a fee waiver in the amount of \$180 will be applied. The total cost for the exclusive use is \$90. The fee is due to the County no later than Wednesday, March 31, 2010, no later than 5:00 p.m.
- A reservation fee of \$10 is due to the County no later than Wednesday, March 31, 2010, no later than 5:00 p.m.
- A security deposit of \$350 is due to the County no later than Wednesday, March 31, 2010, no later than 5:00 p.m.
- No alcohol shall be sold or served.
- The park is to be left in a clean condition free of litter and debris.
- The expected number of participants is 75 by registration only.

### **POLICY ISSUE (S)**

The Board should determine if approving the exclusive use request and waiver of fees is consistent with its priority of effective partnerships and its value of responsibility of being accountable and pursuing excellence.

### **STAFFING IMPACTS**

There are no staffing impacts associated with this item.

### **CONTACT PERSON**

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Woodward Reservoir—Backcountry Horsemen of California

