

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

DEPT: Parks and Recreation *SJA*

BOARD AGENDA # \*B-3

Urgent  Routine

AGENDA DATE September 20, 2011

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES  NO   
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES  NO

SUBJECT:

Approval for Escalon High School to Have Exclusive Use of Woodward Reservoir Areas Designated for Cross-Country Trails on October 5, 2011, for their Annual Cross Country Invitational

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) Approve request from Escalon High School to have exclusive use of Woodward Reservoir areas designated for cross-country trails on Wednesday, October 5, 2011, beginning at 2:00 p.m. and ending no later than 7:00 p.m.
- 2) Direct Escalon High School and its staff to adhere to the requirements set forth by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

If approved, \$100 will be due for the exclusive use date and reservation fee. Revenue for this event is estimated at \$425 from entrance fees for approximately 35 day use spectator vehicles. All other entrance fees will be paid at the gate in accordance with the current fee schedule.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2011-545

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa, Seconded by Supervisor DeMartini

and approved by the following vote,

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

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.

Approval for Escalon High School to Have Exclusive Use of Woodward Reservoir on October 5, 2011, for their Annual Cross Country Invitational

**DISCUSSION:**

A request has been received from Escalon High School to have exclusive use of Woodward Reservoir on Wednesday, October 5, 2011, beginning at 2:00 p.m. and ending no later than 7:00 p.m. for their Annual Cross Country Invitational.

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, and radio control airplane flying. Woodward Reservoir is also home to the Annual Fireworks Celebration.

Celebrating its 17<sup>th</sup> year, the Annual Cross Country Invitational provides a space for over 200 athletes to compete in seven different race divisions. Escalon High School has created an event that provides a place for small local schools to run in a safe outdoor recreation area. The event is held in the undeveloped areas of the facility and does not interfere with day-to-day operations.

The Department of Parks and Recreation supports this request for exclusive use provided that Escalon High School and its staff adhere to the following requirements:

- Escalon High School and its staff shall work with other necessary groups, organizations, or other governmental personnel as determined by applicable codes, laws, and regulation to ensure a safe event.
- By Tuesday, October 4, 2011, no later than 5:00 p.m. require Escalon High School, to provide the Department of Parks and Recreation a Certificate of Insurance which includes the event date and a minimum general liability limit of \$1 million for each occurrence, \$1 million for auto liability, \$1 million for personal liability, \$2 million for general aggregate liability, and shall provide an accompanying endorsement naming Stanislaus County as an additional insured.
- Require Escalon High School to provide Woodward Reservoir Entrance Station staff with a pass list for entrance into the facility on or prior to event date.
- Require all coaches and team members to check in with Entrance Station staff.
- An Organizational Hold Harmless Agreement is required and must be handed in prior to Wednesday, October 5, 2011. In addition, an Individual Hold Harmless Agreement must be completed for each participant and returned by each school prior to the participation of any athletes in any event. These agreements will be returned to entrance gate staff upon entering the facility.

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- By event start time, all running route(s) will have been identified and information provided to designated park staff for emergency purposes.
- The expected number of participants and spectators is 350.
- No alcohol shall be sold, served, or consumed during this exclusive use.

On December 14, 2010, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Director of Parks and Recreation to grant licenses for temporary exclusive use of County park facilities. The request by Escalon High School is for an organized competition. According to the Stanislaus County Code Title 18, Chapter 6.010, Organized Competitions, "Holding, sponsoring, advertising or participating in any organized competition is not permitted without having first obtained the permission of the Board of Supervisors. (Ord. CS 512 §9 (part), 1993)." Since the authority granted previously to the Director did not address these types of requests, the Department is required to obtain Board approval. The Department may return at a later date to recommend a modification to the Director's authority to encompass organized competitions.

#### **POLICY ISSUE**

Approval of this agenda item for Escalon High School to have exclusive use, on October 5, 2011, of Woodward Reservoir Regional Park for undeveloped areas designated as racing routes for their Annual Cross Country Invitational is consistent with the Board's priority of Effective Partnerships by promoting a healthy environment and improved quality of life in the community in partnership with organizations that can provide special interest recreational opportunities within the Stanislaus County park system.

#### **STAFFING IMPACTS**

There are no staffing impacts associated with this item.

#### **CONTACT PERSON:**

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Attachment A –Woodward Reservoir Undeveloped Areas Map

# Woodward Reservoir Undeveloped Areas

