

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

DEPT: Parks and Recreation

BOARD AGENDA # B-6

Urgent ☐

Routine ☒

AGENDA DATE May 14, 2013

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES ☒ NO ☐
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES ☐ NO ☒

SUBJECT:

Approval to Operate a Stanislaus County Life Jacket Loaner Pilot Program at Woodward Reservoir from May 25, 2013 to September 1, 2013

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approve a Stanislaus County Life Jacket Loaner Pilot Program at Woodward Reservoir from May 25, 2013 to September 1, 2013.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Life jackets have been donated by the California State Department of Boating and Waterways for the Life Jacket Loaner Pilot Program at Woodward Reservoir. There is no fiscal impact associated with this program.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2013-238

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

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

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) ☒ Approved as recommended

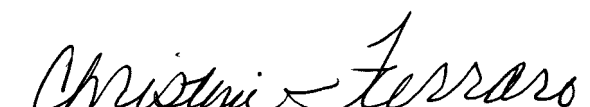
2) ☐ Denied

3) ☐ Approved as amended

4) ☐ Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST:


CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

Approval to Operate a Stanislaus County Life Jacket Loaner Pilot Program at Woodward Reservoir from May 25, 2013 to September 1, 2013

DISCUSSION:

In collaboration with Stanislaus County Department of Parks and Recreation, the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Team of Active Retired Seniors (STARS) citizen volunteers, and the California State Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW) have partnered to provide a Stanislaus County Life Jacket Loaner Pilot Program at Woodward Reservoir during the upcoming 2013 summer season. Through education and accessibility, the goal is to keep people safe around the waterways.

The 6,667 acre Woodward Regional Park is located in northeastern Stanislaus County, north of the town of Oakdale off of highway J14. The park is developed around a water reservoir that is owned and operated by the South San Joaquin Irrigation District. Overnight camping and water sports such as water skiing, jet skiing, sailing, swimming, power boating, fishing, and duck hunting are the major attractions of the park. Overnight camping areas are designated along the shoreline of the reservoir with full hook-up sites and standard amenity campsites. Restrooms and showers are available near the tent camping and more primitive sites. Day use activities include group and family picnicking, boating, swimming, and open play fields.

In 2012, there were two unfortunate drowning incidents at Woodward Reservoir. On Father's Day 2012, a father drowned in the presence of his family while trying to save his granddaughter. Shortly after that, a teenager drowned while swimming at the reservoir. The two deputies on duty at the time, Deputy Ed Ridenour and Deputy Eugene Day, responded to both incidents. Sadly both victims perished and neither was wearing a life jacket.

California Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW) has partnered with public and private entities to loan life jackets to the public free of charge. The Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District (SCFPD) also has a Life Jacket Loaner Program that is available for pick-up at specific locations. The goal of the program is to make waterways as safe as possible. The life jackets are currently available at the following locations:

Fire Station 32
4847 Yosemite Blvd
Empire, CA 95357

Fire Station 34
321 E Street
Waterford, CA 95386

Fire Station 36
3318 Topeka Street
Riverbank, CA 95367

Seventy-five life jackets have been donated by DBW for the Life Jacket Loaner Pilot Program at Woodward Reservoir. The life jackets are available in three sizes: youth, child, and adult. Each jacket would be stenciled with "STAN COUNTY" and assigned a number. The jackets

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would be inspected prior to issuance. The STARS have committed to handing out the jackets on a first-come first-serve basis on Saturdays and Sundays, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Each life jacket loan would require completion of the "Life Jacket Loan and Liability Form" (Attachment A). Distribution would be conducted from an existing storage area near the main boat ramp and the life jackets would be due for return by 4:00 p.m. each day. If the life jacket is not returned by the deadline, the person who signed the jacket out would not be able to participate in the program for the rest of the season. The pilot program would be promoted at Woodward Reservoir from May 25, 2013 through September 1, 2013. Promotional materials, also donated by DBW, include posters, handouts, coloring books, and stickers.

Upon completion of the season (September 1, 2013), the Department and the STARS will assess the program to determine the continuation of the program in future years.

POLICY ISSUE:

Approval to operate a Stanislaus County Life Jacket Loaner Pilot Program is consistent with the Board's priorities of A Safe Community, A Healthy Community, and Effective Partnerships by partnering with agencies to educate and promote safe water practices.

STAFFING IMPACTS:

The STARS have volunteered to operate the Life Jacket Loaner Pilot Program at Woodward Reservoir for approximately seventy hours per month. The number of STARS volunteers and shifts may vary. The station would be open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. from May 25, 2013 through September 1, 2013. No additional staff will be used in this program.

CONTACT PERSON:

Jami Aggers, Director of Parks and Recreation

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LIFE JACKET LOAN AND LIABILITY FORM

Date Issued: _____ Return Due: _____

Name: _____

Driver's License #: _____ State Issued: _____

Name of Responsible Adult: _____

Driver's License #: _____ State Issued: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Main Telephone: _____ Alternate Telephone: _____

Vehicle License Plate #: _____ State Issued: _____

STAFF USE ONLY

Returned Date: _____ Returned Time: _____

All items returned? _____ Missing Items? _____

Damages (describe): _____

LIFE JACKETS (List additional jackets on the back of this form if more.)

No. of Life Jackets checked out: _____

Life Jacket #: _____ Life Jacket #: _____

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Life Jacket #: _____ Life Jacket #: _____

By signing this document, you, the borrower, certify that you have inspected all life jackets being borrowed for appropriate fit and function. You, the borrower, agree to indemnify and hold harmless the loaner and the County of Stanislaus against all claims, losses, damages, and any and all liabilities associated with this agreement and the loan of all life jackets as provided to you. Stanislaus County offers this program as a free public service using US Coast Guard approved equipment. As the County of Stanislaus has no control over actual usage, they assume no liability for the use or misuse of the life jackets. Personal information recorded on this form will only be used for purpose of ensuring the proper return of the life jackets. Your personal information will not be shared with other parties.

Signature of Guardian or Responsible Adult: _____

Attachment A



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CHALECO SALVAVIDAS PRÉSTAMO Y RESPONSABILIDAD FORMA

Fecha de entrega: _____ Fecha y hora de vencimiento: _____

Nombre: _____

Nombre del adulto responsable: _____

Número de la licencia de conductor: _____

Estado de la licencia de conductor: _____

Dirección de correo: _____

Teléfono Principal: _____ Teléfono Alternativo: _____

Número de placa de licencia de vehículo: _____ Emitidos por el estado: _____

STAFF USE ONLY (SÓLO USO PERSONAL EN ESTA SECCIÓN)

Returned Date: _____ Returned Time: _____

All items returned? _____ Missing Items? _____

Damages (describe): _____

LIFE JACKETS (List additional jackets on the back of this form if more.)

No. of Life Jackets checked out:

(Número de chalecos salvavidas prestados) _____

Life Jacket #: _____ Life Jacket #: _____

Life Jacket #: _____ Life Jacket #: _____

Life Jacket #: _____ Life Jacket #: _____

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Al firmar éste documento, usted, el prestatario, certifica que usted ha examinado todos los chalecos salvavidas que serán pedido prestados en cuanto a tamaño y función. Usted, el prestatario, acuerda indemnizar y liberar de toda culpa el prestador y el Condado de Stanislaus de cualquiera responsabilidad, pérdida y daños asociados con éste acuerdo y el préstamo de los chalecos salvavidas. El prestador y el Condado de Stanislaus ofrecen el uso de este programa gratuito al público, utilizando equipo aprobado por el U.S. Coast Guard. Como ni el prestador ni el Condado de Stanislaus tienen control sobre el uso actual de los chalecos salvavidas, ninguno de los dos son responsables por el uso indebido de los mismos. La información personal registrada en esta forma será utilizada solamente con el propósito de asegurar la devolución de los chalecos salvavidas. Su información personal no será compartida con otros partidos.

Firma del adulto responsable: _____

Department of Parks and Recreation

Pilot Life Jacket Loaner Program

May 14, 2013

Pilot Life Jacket Loaner Program

- In collaboration with the Sheriff's Team of Active Retired Seniors (STARS) citizen volunteers, and
- The State Dept of Boating and Waterways, partnered to provide a life jacket loaner pilot program at Woodward Reservoir

Pilot Life Jacket Loaner Program, cont'd.

- Propose for the 2013 summer season, through education and accessibility, to emphasize safety around the waterways
- In 2012, there were two unfortunate incidents where individuals perished due to drowning

Pilot Life Jacket Loaner Program, cont'd.

- While Sheriff's Deputies responded quickly, neither victim was wearing a life jacket and could not be saved
- Boating and Waterways partners with many public and private entities to loan life jackets free of charge, including three local Stanislaus Consolidated locations: Empire, Waterford and Riverbank

Pilot Life Jacket Loaner Program, cont'd.

- 75 life jackets have been donated in three sizes: youth, child and adult
- Will be stenciled with “STAN COUNTY” and assigned a number

Pilot Life Jacket Loaner Program, cont'd.

- STARS volunteers have committed to handing out the jackets on a first come, first serve basis, Saturdays & Sundays from 12 noon to 4 p.m.
- May 25, 2013, through Sept. 1, 2013
- Done near the main boat ramp

Pilot Life Jacket Loaner Program, cont'd.

- A “Life Jacket Loan and Liability Form” would need to be completed
- If not returned, the person signing for the jacket would be ineligible to participate for the remainder of the season
- If successful, consider continuing and expanding the program in the future

Recognition

- Like to ask all of our STARS Volunteers that are present to stand
- THANK YOU FO R ALL THAT YOU DO!

Staff Recommendation:

- Approval to Operate a Life Jacket Loaner Pilot Program at Woodward Reservoir, May 25, 2013, to Sept. 1, 2013

Questions?