



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

DATE: October 7, 2008

BOARD MEETING DATE: October 21, 2008

SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING: None

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

TO: Governing Board, Joint Powers Agency for the Acquisition, Development, and Operation of El Granada Quarry Park

FROM: David G. Holland, Director, Department of Parks

SUBJECT: Conveyance of the El Granada Quarry Park Property to the County of San Mateo

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution approving the conveyance of the El Granada Quarry Park property to the County of San Mateo and authorizing and directing the President of the Governing Board to execute and convey a grant deed to the Property, and to execute such other documents as are required to complete the transfer of El Granada Quarry Park property to the County of San Mateo.

VISION ALIGNMENT:

Commitment: Preserve and provide people access to our natural environment.

Goal(s): Residents have nearby access to green space, such as parks and recreational opportunities.

BACKGROUND:

In October 1993, the County purchased the El Granada Quarry Park property from Mr. Keet Nerhan for \$215,000. The purchase agreement contemplated that the property would then be transferred to another entity (either governmental or non-profit) for the

purpose of improving the property for use as a community park. The Board of Supervisors subsequently entered into a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement with the Cabrillo Unified School District for the specific purpose of forming an entity to take title to the property, in fulfillment of the terms of the purchase agreement. The Board of Supervisors was designated as the Governing Board of the Joint Powers Agency (JPA).

Interested and committed residents of the Coastside unincorporated communities formed Midcoast Parklands (MPL), a non-profit agency, for the purpose of making improvements to, and operating, the El Granada Quarry Park. The JPA entered into a lease agreement with MPL on August 17, 1999, for operation and maintenance of the park, which included deferment of lease payments for several years in order to help MPL establish itself and develop an income stream. Due to the expense of maintaining the park and the limited funding available to MPL, MPL has now determined that it is unable to continue to maintain and operate the park, and has requested that the Lease be terminated.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed action constitutes one in a number of steps to convey the property and terminate the Lease, which would result in the return of the responsibility for operating the El Granada Quarry Park to the County. By this action, the Board, acting as the governing board of the JPA, will reconvey the El Granada Quarry Park to the County.

The remaining steps are taken by the Board acting as the Board of Supervisors, and consist of acceptance of the conveyance of the property to the County from the JPA, notice of termination of the JPA (which will become effective on October 17, 2009), and termination of the Lease with MPL.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Although San Mateo County Parks Department is not currently funded for providing recreation services at Quarry Park, the Department has been supplementing maintenance costs since 2005 at approximately \$25,000 annually. County Parks estimates the annual management costs to increase to \$40,000 per year. The County Parks will absorb the increased cost through a realignment of coastside resources and the use of Midcoast Parklands as a "Friends" organization to support Quarry Park with volunteers and contributions. There will be no increase in the Net County Cost associated with managing Quarry Park.