

**MEMORANDUM
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES
COUNTY OF PLACER**

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

Date: September 15, 2015

From: Ken Grehm, Director of Public Works and Facilities
By: John Ramirez, Parks Administrator

Subject: Parks / Budget Revision / Parking Lot at Todd Valley Pond Park

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a Budget Revision in the Parks and Grounds Operating Budget of \$25,000 from Park Dedication Fees Recreation Area #4, Foresthill-Todd Valley, for a parking lot at Todd Valley Pond Park.

BACKGROUND

Todd Valley Pond Park is a 27-acre passive park located off Foresthill Road in Todd Valley. The park offers multiple-use trails, picnic areas and a pond that is popular for fishing. A dirt area adjacent to Foresthill Road currently provides parking for approximately eight vehicles, which must now traverse a steep drop from the road. To improve this condition, Parks staff initially planned to install asphalt aprons from Foresthill Road to the dirt parking area.

After receiving input from the Foresthill community, it was decided that a parking lot should be improved closer to the pond, which will accommodate approximately ten cars. The lot will be accessed by a new gravel driveway in an existing 50-foot wide easement, which will improve emergency access, public safety and make it easier for staff to maintain the Park. Elimination of the roadside parking area will also improve vehicular safety along Foresthill Road. The new driveway and road-base parking lot will involve negligible expansion of the existing use, and will be less dusty and subject to erosion.

In 2014, a number of meetings were held with the Foresthill community to prioritize projects that could use County Park Dedication Fees available in Recreation Area #4, Foresthill-Todd Valley. The County also conducted a survey of residents' interests, and this outreach process resulted in the Foresthill Forum recommending approval of parking improvements at Todd Valley Pond Park on September 8, 2014. On November 4, 2014, the County Parks Commission recommended your Board approve this request. In order to authorize the use of County Park Dedication Fees for the project, your Board's approval of a Budget Revision is required.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE

The action requested of your Board to approve Park Dedication Fees and improve a Parking Lot at Todd Valley Pond Park is categorically exempt from CEQA, pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15301 that allows for operation, maintenance or minor alteration involving negligible expansion of existing facilities, and Section 15304 Minor Alterations to Land that allows limited grading, trenching and fuel management activities.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost of the Parking Lot at Todd Valley Pond Park is \$25,000 and a Budget Revision in the Parks and Grounds Operating Budget is required to appropriate this amount from Park Dedication Fees Recreation Area #4, Foresthill-Todd Valley. The Board of Supervisors approval of this request would leave a remaining balance of \$35,491 in Recreation Area #4.

Attachment 1 – Location Map

Attachment 2 – Budget Revision

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