

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - LAND USE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 5

SUBJECT: SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF GIFTS AND DONATIONS AND RATIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS AND DONATIONS EXCEEDING \$5,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The County of San Diego (County) Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) enhances quality of life in the San Diego region by providing exceptional parks and recreation experiences and preserving significant natural resources so that people can enjoy clean air and water, rich biodiversity, and access to open space. DPR's ability to provide exceptional customer service to millions of patrons each year is supported by donations from the San Diego County Parks Society (Parks Society). County Board of Supervisors (Board) Policy A-112, *Acceptance and Use of Gifts and Donations*, permits the acceptance of donations by the administrative head of each County department. County Administrative Code Section 66, *Acceptance of Gifts*, requires Board ratification of the acceptance of such gifts and approval prior to the expenditure of the gift if the amount exceeds \$5,000.

During the reporting period of July 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, DPR received cash and in-kind donations from the Parks Society totaling \$165,401.76. These donations provided materials and funding for multiple public holiday events, recreational activities, and educational programs at parks throughout the region. This includes recurring, donation-supported events that take place countywide, such as Summer Movies in the Park, the Discovery Program, and the First Time Camping Program. The Parks Society is a non-profit organization established in 1980 to support and improve the County's vast park system. The Parks Society's support helps maintain and operate County parks and assists with ongoing and expanded programming.

In addition to donations from the Parks Society, DPR received non-cash donations valued at \$154,918.38 from three non-profit organizations. These organizations, and their respective donations, include the Friends of the Fallbrook Community Center, who donated audiovisual equipment to the Fallbrook Community Center totaling \$94,088.92, the Fallbrook Senior Center, that donated kitchen appliances for the Fallbrook Community Center totaling \$30,175.26, and the Valley Center Little League, that donated baseball infield soil totaling \$30,654.20.

Today's proposed actions are to accept DPR's Report of Gifts and Donations for the period of July 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, to ratify the acceptance of those gifts and donations to DPR totaling \$320,320.14, and to authorize the Chair of the Board to sign letters of appreciation to donors whose donations exceed \$5,000.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Find that the proposed actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c)(3) and 15378(b)(5).

2. In accordance with County of San Diego (County) Administrative Code Section 66, *Acceptance of Gifts*, and Board of Supervisors (Board) Policy A-112, *Acceptance and Use of Gifts and Donations*, accept the County Department of Parks and Recreation Report of Gifts and Donations from July 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025 from the San Diego County Parks Society totaling \$165,401.76, the Friends of the Fallbrook Community Center totaling \$94,088.92, the Fallbrook Senior Center totaling \$30,175.26, and the Valley Center Little League totaling \$30,654.20 (Attachment A).
3. In accordance with County Administrative Code Section 66 and Board Policy A-112, ratify the acceptance of gifts from the San Diego County Parks Society, Friends of the Fallbrook Community Center, the Fallbrook Senior Center, and the Valley Center Little League for the period of July 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, that exceed \$5,000.
4. Authorize the Chair of the County Board of Supervisors to sign letters of appreciation on behalf of the County of San Diego to the San Diego County Parks Society, the Friends of the Fallbrook Community Center, the Fallbrook Senior Center, and the Valley Center Little League (Attachment B).

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The acceptance of donations assists the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) in continuing and expanding special events, community celebrations, activities in nature, and active recreation for the benefit of all residents and visitors. Donations allow DPR to provide additional supplies and services for youth, families, and communities that encourage sharing experiences, cultural traditions, and resources to strengthen a sense of belonging.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Acceptance of the Department of Parks and Recreation's (DPR) Report of Gifts and Donations supports several of the County of San Diego's (County) Sustainability Goals, including Sustainability Goal No. 4, protecting health and well-being, by expanding opportunities for community members to access outdoor recreation and nature through special events, programs, and activities that are supported through donations DPR receives. In addition, donations to DPR support County Sustainability Goal No. 6, providing opportunities for all residents to access and enjoy the outdoors, by protecting and expanding open space and park/recreation access through aligning available services with resources to maintain fiscal stability and ensure long-term solvency.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's recommendations. During the July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 reporting period, the Department of Parks and Recreation received donations from the San Diego County Parks Society totaling \$165,401.76, the Friends of the Fallbrook Community Center totaling \$94,088.92, the Fallbrook Senior Center totaling \$30,175.26, and the Valley Center Little League totaling \$30,654.20. The total of all donations received is \$320,320.14, with \$55,783.99 donated in cash and \$264,536.15 donated in-kind. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Aguirre, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

State of California)
County of San Diego)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter