

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - LAND USE  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2024**

**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, clean 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) and other organizations. 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 department of the County. 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 period of January 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024, DPR received donations from the Parks Society totaling \$54,490.24. These donations provided the materials and funding for multiple public holiday events, active recreational activities and equipment, educational programs, and animal care at parks throughout the county. The Parks Society is a non-profit organization established in 1980 to support and improve DPR's vast park system. The Parks Society's support helps to maintain and operate County parks and assists with ongoing and expanded programming. In addition to the donations from the Parks Society, DPR received a donation from the East County Equestrian Foundation (ECEP), a non-profit organization dedicated to creating the first equestrian park in Lakeside. The donation of a John Deere tractor with several attachments, with a total value of \$44,907.00, was received on February 28, 2024, to be used for the maintenance and operation of the Dianne Jacob Lakeside Equestrian Park. This tractor supports the operation and maintenance of the center's two rodeo arenas and allows operating staff to drag and manicure the arenas.

Today's proposed actions are to accept DPR's Report of Gifts and Donations for the period of January 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024, to ratify the acceptance of those gifts and donations by DPR totaling \$99,397.24, and to authorize the Chairwoman of the Board of Supervisors to sign a letter of appreciation to the 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 the San Diego County Parks Society and the East County Equestrian Foundation for the period of January 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024, totaling \$99,397.24.
3. In accordance with Administrative Code 66 and Board Policy A-112, ratify the acceptance of gifts from the San Diego County Parks Society and the East County Equestrian Foundation for the period of January 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024, that exceed \$5,000.
4. Authorize the Chairwoman of the Board of Supervisors to sign a letter of appreciation on behalf of the County of San Diego to the San Diego County Parks Society and the East County Equestrian Foundation (Attachment B).

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The acceptance of donations from the San Diego County Parks Society and the East County Equestrian Foundation assists the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) in continuing and expanding special events, community celebrations, and activities in nature 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. Donations in this period included bus transportation as part of the Discovery Program. The Discovery Program immerses students and teachers from urban areas in nature-related activities designed to educate them about scientific phenomena and the history of the local environment, including a classroom visit by a County Park Ranger and a follow-up field trip to the Park Ranger's facility.

### **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. The Department of Parks and Recreation received donations from the San Diego County Parks Society totaling \$54,490.24 and a donation from the East County Equestrian Foundation totaling \$44,907.00 from January 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024. The total donations from both organizations combined is \$99,397.24. 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: Vargas, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

ABSENT: Anderson

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