

County of Santa Clara Parks and Recreation Department



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TO: Supervisor Don Gage, Chairperson
Supervisor Pete McHugh, Vice-Chairperson
Housing, Land Use, Environment, & Transportation Committee (HLUET)

FROM:

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Lisa Killough
Director

SUBJECT: Recommendations for Naming of Park Facilities at Hellyer and Santa Teresa County Parks.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Accept report from Parks and Recreation Department and forward a favorable recommendation to the Board of Supervisors at its February 27, 2007 meeting regarding naming of park facilities in Hellyer and Santa Teresa County Parks.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund resulting from favorable recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

CONTRACT HISTORY

Not applicable.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Naming Committee of the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) met on December 6, 2006, to consider recommendations for the naming of a trail in Santa Teresa County Park and a new reservable group picnic area in Hellyer County Park. Favorable recommendations were forwarded to the PRC for its December 6, 2006 meeting and the PRC endorsed the recommendations to HLUET and the Board of Supervisors. Recommendations for both projects meet the criteria for naming of park facilities and landmarks as set forth in the Santa Clara County Park Naming Policy, adopted by the Board of Supervisors in July 1995.

BACKGROUND

The trail to be named at Santa Teresa County Park was proposed in the park master plan, approved by the Board in 1992, as the "West Norred Trail". The West Norred Trail was intended to connect the former Buck Norred Stables (now stables of the Mounted Ranger Unit) to the Bernal Loop Trail. Subsequent to the master plan adoption, the West Norred Trail alignment was analyzed as part of a focussed site design in 2005. Due to the existence of Bay Checkerspot Butterfly habitat (federally listed species) in the vicinity, the trail alignment was proposed in a different location to connect the Mounted Ranger Unit stables to another trail, the Joice Trail. This trail is currently under construction and nearing completion. The recommendation is to simplify the name to the "Norred Trail" since there is no other trail in the park with Norred in the title.

The Department recently completed the construction of a new group picnic facility at Hellyer County Park. Staff recommends that the facility be named Buena Vista Group Area for the beautiful views from the picnic pavilion to Cottonwood Lake. Other group picnic facilities in the park include, Yerba Buena, Sylvandale, Velodrome, Shadow Bluff, San Juan Bautista, La Raza and Cottonwood.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Failure to forward a favorable recommendation to the Board of Supervisors may result in a delay in naming of two park facilities.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

With a favorable recommendation, the Parks Department will forward the recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for its February 27, 2007 meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

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- PRC Transmittal 12-6-06
- Norred Trail Map
- Buena Vista Group Area Map
- Transmittal from Parks Commission
- Transmittal from Parks Dept to Parks Commission