

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Parks Department



DATE: September 30, 2016

COMMISSION MEETING DATE: October 6, 2016

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Marlene Finley, Parks Director

SUBJECT: Entry Fee Waiver

RECOMMENDATION

Review and recommend to the Board of Supervisors to waive park vehicle entry fees for veterans.

BACKGROUND

Supervisor Warren Slocum's office is working with the Human Services Agency's Veterans Services Office to promote ID cards for San Mateo County residents that are military veterans, some 33,000 individuals. County Parks was requested to look into a waiver or discount of the Parks vehicle entry fee for veterans presenting a County Veterans ID.

DISCUSSION

Parks staff has looked at its electronic gate pay system the use of which will be expanded, and determined methodology to accommodate entry fee waiver for veterans.

I recently had a discussion with Chief Deputy County Counsel John Nibbelin about this proposal. He suggested waiving park vehicle entry fees for all retired and honorably discharged military veterans who can present ID. Mr. Nibbelin is currently working on language to that effect. An update will be provided to the Commission and members of the public at the Commission meeting. Specifically however promotion of this vehicle fee waiver would be related to increasing the number of County Veteran ID cards issued. This vehicle entry fee waiver is scheduled for the Board of Supervisors' consideration at their October 18 meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT

Impact to Park revenue in enacting this fee waiver appears minimal, but could be reviewed after implementation of the waiver, if approved.