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September 29, 1981

City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Increased use of City Facilities

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SUMMARY

Councilman Roberts requested a report on the impact felt by City park facilities due to the County's imposition of a fee system. This report indicates that there has been an increase since the County's action.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The County of Sacramento imposed a fee system on October 8, 1980; however, the collection booths were closed from November 1st to March 1st. A comparison of City park group use for a six-month period (March to August) of 1980 and 1981 provides experience before and after the imposition of the County fee system.

Group park use, based on Park Use Permits issued, is up 20% overall during the six-month comparison period. Total Park Use Permits issued in the 1980 six-month period were 560 compared to 618 issued in the same period of 1981 (+10%). Total number of persons utilizing the parks with Park Use Permits during the six-month periods was 87,281 in 1980 and 104,732 in 1981 (+20%). The most significant increases in park use by groups have occurred at East Portal Park (+208%) and McKinley Park (+29%). Following is a breakdown by park of the permits issued during March through August:

	No. of Permits		%	No. of Persons		%
	1980	1981		+/-	1980	
East Portal	42	66	+57%	3,705	11,403	+208%
Land	100	104	+4%	20,841	15,200	-27%
McKinley	98	121	+23%	13,631	20,066	+47%
Miller	58	55	-5%	13,215	17,085	+29%
Other Parks	262	272	+4%	35,889	40,978	+14%
Total for 6-month period	<u>560</u>	<u>618</u>	+10%	<u>87,281</u>	<u>104,732</u>	+20%

It should be noted that frequently in the process of acquiring a Park Use Permit, the applicant mentions that in previous years their family reunion, company picnic, etc. has been held at Elk Grove and Discovery Parks, but due to the fees they are changing to a City park. In addition, the average group size in 1981 was 169 people compared to 156 in 1980.

At the Miller Park boat launching facility, which is also free, the harbor staff has kept a random check on the number of vehicles in parking places and in the overflow areas. Since March 1, 1981, the boat ramp use has increased approximately 20% on weekends and 25% on the weekdays. It is interesting to note that the 25% weekday increase appeared to be mostly due to senior citizens. However, the major increase is in the use of Miller Park; about 30% on weekends.

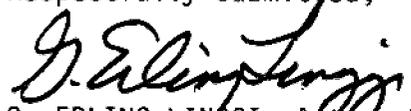
FINANCIAL DATA

There is no significant increase in cost of parks/launching ramp upkeep due to additional use but it does take current manpower longer to clean the areas than it did prior to the increased usage.

RECOMMENDATION

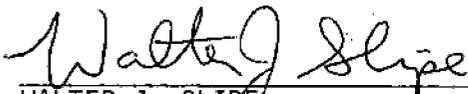
Should the trend continue, demands for the facilities increase, and staff find it can no longer maintain the facilities in at least an acceptable level, the City Council will be provided an in-depth study. At this time, it is recommended that the Council receive this report for information only.

Respectfully submitted,



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