COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
"Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs"
Russ Guiney, Director

July 28, 2009

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

APPROVAL OF REVISED FEES AND CHARGES
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Request to approve revisions to the Department of Parks and Recreation's Fees and Charges, effective September 1, 2009, establish a new co-sponsorship fee that will be effective on January 1, 2010, and establish a new swim lesson fee that will be effective on June 1, 2010. Revisions to the Department of Parks and Recreation's fees and charges are based on the annual review of fees charged for similar services by neighboring park agencies.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Find that these actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to the Public Resources Code and sections of the State California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines as cited herein.

2. Adopt a resolution and approve revisions to the Department of Parks and Recreation's Fees and Charges Schedule effective September 1, 2009.

3. Establish a new 25 percent co-sponsorship fee for co-sponsored activities, effective January 1, 2010.

4. Establish a new $20 swim lesson fee, effective June 1, 2010.

5. Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation to develop a financial aid program to provide full or partial scholarships for swim lessons for individuals who demonstrate financial need.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) has completed its annual review of various fees in accordance with a 1980-81 Grand Jury recommendation. The annual review process includes obtaining fee data for similar services provided by neighboring public park agencies. The Department conducts a thorough analysis of its current fees and the collected fee data. If supported by the analysis, the Department recommends revisions to your Board for approval. The recommended actions will result in a net revenue increase which will be utilized to fund operating costs or to offset future curtailments as needed.

In addition to revising various existing fees, the Department is recommending the establishment of certain new fees, as follows:

- Establishment of a 25 percent co-sponsorship fee for co-sponsored activities, unless the program is free to the public. Co-sponsored activities are activities jointly conducted or co-sponsored by the Department and another agency or organization in order to serve the community and effectively carryout the County's responsibility in providing recreational opportunities for its residents. This fee will be effective for events on or after January 1, 2010.

- Establishment of a swim lesson fee, per person, per session at 27 County pools. Each session would be 50 minutes, five days a week, for a two week time period. A new $20 fee would be established, per person, per session. These lessons are presently provided at no charge. This fee will be effective on June 1, 2010. The Department will offer full or partial scholarships to be applied toward the swim fee for those individuals that demonstrate financial need. The eligibility standards will be based on the Department of Social Services Food Stamps Eligibility Guidelines.

In addition the vehicle with horse trailers (over 20 feet) fee at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, Peter F. Schabarum Park, and Whittier Narrows Recreation Area, is being eliminated and will now be included in the recreation vehicle entry fee.

This review indicates that the Department's current fees and charges schedule should be revised to maintain consistency with fees charged for similar services by other jurisdictions. These revisions include establishment of new fees and the revision of current fees. The new swim lesson fee is approximately 50 percent less than the average fees charged by the neighboring jurisdictions. These adjustments to the Department's schedule of fees are warranted, as outlined in Attachment I.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations will further the County's Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), by increasing revenues, and Children, Family, and Adult Well Being (Goal 2), by enriching lives through cost-effective activities. It will also further Strategic Plan Goal of Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3), by creating affordable, accessible, and quality activities to the surrounding community.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The recommended actions will result in an estimated net revenue increase of $650,000 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10 and an additional $712,000 in FY 2010-11 for a grand total of $1,362,000 which will be utilized to fund operating costs or to offset future curtailments as needed.

Operating Budget Impact

The recommended actions will increase the Department's Operating revenue by an estimated $650,000 in FY 2009-10 and an additional $712,000 in FY 2010-11 for a grand total of $1,362,000. The $650,000 increase will be included in the Department's FY 2009-10 Supplemental Changes request and the $712,000 for FY 2010-11 will be included in the Department's FY 2010-11 proposed budget request.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

All fees were reviewed to ensure that they are reasonable and cost effective in comparison to other municipal and public agencies. The results are reflected in our recommendations. The last revisions to the Department's fees and charges were adopted on September 1, 2008.

In accordance with Section 50402 of the Government Code, these changes must be approved by a resolution of your Board.

County Counsel has approved the attached resolution as to form.

Public Hearing Notice

Public hearing notice requirements of Government Code Section 6062a have been satisfied and public hearing requirements of Government Code Section 66018, for fee increases will be satisfied by this action.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed actions are for the purpose of: (1) meeting operating expenses, including employee wage rates and fringe benefits and/or (2) purchasing and leasing supplies, equipment or materials, and/or (3) obtaining funds for capital projects necessary to maintain service within existing service areas. Therefore, the proposed actions are not subject to California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080 (b) (8) (A) (B) (C) of the Public Resources Code.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The increases are not anticipated to have a significant impact on services at the affected facilities.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to forward three adopted copies of this letter to the Department of Parks and Recreation for distribution.

Respectfully submitted,

RUSS GUINEY
Director

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Attachments

c: Chief Executive Officer
Acting County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION TO REVISE THE VARIOUS FEES AND CHARGES

WHEREAS, the County's parks offer services and recreational opportunities similar to other facilities at which these fees are collected; and

WHEREAS, these increases will help offset operating costs; and

WHEREAS, the additional funding is in the public interest and welfare; and

WHEREAS, these costs do not exceed the cost of the services provided by the County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 50402, the County has the authority to charge for use of park and recreational facilities as provided by resolution of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, all recommended fee increases for County park facilities funded or improved with State bond park funds are not in excess of 125 percent of similar fees charged by the State Department of Parks and Recreation for the use of State facilities; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California as follows:

The County's parks and recreation fees shall be adjusted as outlined in Attachment I, effective July 1, 2009, January 1, 2010 and June 1, 2010.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, and the ex-officio governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts, adopted the foregoing Resolution on the 11th day of August, 2009.

SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer-Clerk
Of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles

By LaChelle Smitherman
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ROBERT E. KALUNIAN
Acting County Counsel

By Christina A. Salseda
Senior Deputy County Counsel

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2009-2010 Proposed Fees and Charges

Fee Description	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Proposed Change	Last Revised
A. OUTDOOR FACILITY RESERVED USE				
Non-Playing Field Areas - Special Event (e.g., carnivals, special events, festivals)	$200/acre/day	$250/acre/day	Increase of $50	Increased - December 16, 2003
Outdoor Kitchen	$100/event	$120/event	Increase of $20	Created - November 5, 1991
Park Amphitheaters	$200 (for 4 hours)	$225 (for 4 hours)	Increase of $25	restructured - November 5, 1991
Specialized Recreation Activities (i.e. model planes, model boat, frisbee golf, dog shows)	$50 flat fee; plus $2/dog/plane/boat etc.	$60 flat fee; plus $2/dog/plane/boat etc.	Increase of $10	Restructured - March 25, 2003
Parking Lot - Exclusive Use	0-20 spaces: $175	0-20 spaces: $185	Increase of $10	Increased - March 25, 2003
	1-50 spaces: $350	1-50 spaces: $365	Increase of $15	
	51-125 spaces: $800	51-125 spaces: $815	Increase of $15	
	126+ spaces: $1200	126+ spaces: $1215	Increase of $15	
B. EQUIPMENT RENTAL				
Bandwagon				
staff	$700	$750	Increase of $50	Increased - May 25, 2004
sites over 50 (roundtrip) miles	$0.50 per mile	$0.52 per mile	Increase of $0.02 per mile	Increased - May 25, 2004
C. SWIMMING POOL ACTIVITIES				
Water Play Area (Santa Fe Dam)	$1/person/session	$2/person/session	Increase of $1	Created in 1997
*Swimming Lessons	No Fee	$20 per session (2 week session - classes 5 days per week for 50 minutes)	N/A	N/A

*** Swimming Lesson Fees will be effective 06/01/10**

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D. OVERNIGHT CAMPING				
Tent Camping				
Castaic	$15/site	$20/site	Increase of $5	Increased - December 16, 2003
All others	$12/site	$15/site	Increase of $3	Created - March 25, 2003
E. ADULT SPORT PROGRAMS				
Departmental Leagues				
Softball	$270/team/league	$285/team/league	Increase of $15	Restructured March 25, 2003
Basketball and Volleyball				
6 or 8 team league	$220/team/league	$235/team/league	Increase of $15	Restructured March 25, 2003
F. NON-DEPARTMENT SPORTS ACTIVITIES				
Softball & Baseball Field Permits	$16 hour/field	$17 hour/field	Increase of $1	Increased - April 17, 2007

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G. VEHICLE ENTRANCE AND BOAT LAUNCHING				
Bonelli & Santa Fe Dam-Year Round				
(Daily-March through October; Weekends and Holidays Only-November through February)				
Vehicle (includes motorized cycle with boat or horse trailer **under** 20 feet)	$8/day throughout the year	$10/day throughout the year	Increase of $2	Increased - April 17, 2007
Vehicle (Senior Citizen or Disabled - vehicle owner/driver must be 65+ or disabled person with placard)	$4/day (weekdays only, excluding holidays)	$5/day (weekdays only, excluding holidays)	Increase of $1	Increased - May 25, 2004
Limousine Vehicle Entry	$10/day	$16/day	Increase of 6	Created - August 1, 2008
Boat Launching	$7/day; $8/day during summer months and $10/day on weekends and holidays between and including Memorial Day and Labor Day	$11/day year round	Increase of up to $3	Restructured - May 25, 2004
Castaic Lake				
Vehicle (includes motorized cycle with boat or horse trailer **under** 20 feet)	$10/day; $11 during summer months	$11/day throughout the year	Increase of $1 during the winter months	Increased - December 16, 2003
Limousine Vehicle Entry	$10/day	$17/day	Increase of $7	Created - August 1, 2008
Boat Launching	October 1 through April 30 $10/day	October 1 through April 30 $13/day	Increase of up to $3/day	Increased - December 16, 2003
	May 1 through September 30 Weekdays - $11/day Weekends/Holidays $13/day	May 1 through September 30 Weekdays - $13/day Weekends/Holidays $13/day		

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Schabarum, Whittier Narrows (Areas "A" , "D" and "E" only), and Kenneth Hahn State Rec. Area (Weekends & Holidays only-Year Round)				
Vehicle (includes motorized cycle; with boat or horse trailer **under** 20 feet)	$4/day	$6/day	Increase of $2	Increased - December 16, 2003
Vehicle (with horse trailer)	$4/day	Eliminate - fee will be included in Recreational Vehicle Entry Fee	Eliminate - fee will be included in Recreational Vehicle Entry Fee	Increased - December 16, 2003
Bus	$4/day	$12/day	Increase of $8	Increased - December 16, 2003
Recreational Vehicle (includes trailer-type with combined length over 20 feet)	$4/day	$8/day	Increase of $4	Increased - December 16, 2003
Bonelli Park, Castaic Lake, and Santa Fe Dam,				
Bus	$25/day	$30/day	Increase of $5	Increased - May 25, 2004
Recreational Vehicle (includes trailer-type with combined length under 20 feet).	$12/day	$14/day	Increase of $2	Increased - May 25, 2004
Annual Vehicle Permit	$120	$125	Increase of $5	Increased - May 25, 2004
Annual Senior Citizen & Disabled Vehicle Permit (weekdays only, excluding weekends & holidays)	$60	$65	Increase of $5	Increased - May 25, 2004
Annual Boat Permit-Unrestricted (includes access to Castaic Lake)	$130	$135	Increase of $5	Increased - May 25, 2004
Non-motorized watercraft (i.e., kayak, canoe, intertubes,rafts,etc.)	$6 per watercraft	$7 per watercraft	Increase of $1	Created - December 16, 2003
Annual Non-motorized watercraft Permit (i.e., kayak, canoe, intertubes, rafts, etc..)	$100	$105	Increase of $5	Created - May 25, 2004

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H. COMMERCIAL USE ACTIVITIES				
Commercial Use Activities (except fishing tournaments)	10% of gross revenue; or $25/day, or $100/week whichever is greater	10% of gross revenue; or $30/day, or $125/week whichever is greater	Increase of up to $25	Restructured - March 25, 2003
Fishing Tournament Fee	10% of gross revenue; or $25/day, or $100/week whichever is greater	10% of gross revenue; or $30/day, or $125/week whichever is greater	Increase of up to $25	Restructured - May 25, 2004
I. R.V. PARK				
Castaic	$18/campsite/day (2 night minimum stay on weekends from May 1 - September 15) - 14 day maximum stay	$20/campsite/day (2 night minimum stay on weekends from May 1 - September 15) - 14 day maximum stay	Increase of $2	Created - August 13, 1990
Santa Fe Dam (no hook-ups, shower or dumpsite available)	$18.00/ campsite (weekends only, two night maximum stay - holiday weekends, three night maximum). -	$19.00/ campsite (weekends only, two night maximum stay - holiday weekends, three night maximum). -	Increase of $1	Created - April 17, 2007
J. CO-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES				
25% Co-Sponsorship - Fee is applicable unless the Department determines there is a financial hardship for the organization or the program is free to the public. ** Co-Sponsorship Fee is effective 01/01/10	No Fee	25% of fees	N/A	N/A

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K. ARBORETA AND REGIONAL FACILITIES				
FACILITY RENTAL				
Category A	**Member orgs/non-profit orgs/gov't agencies/schools**			
Classroom	Days: $0-$100; Eves/Wknds: $25-$100	Days: $0-$120; Eves/Wknds: $35-$125	Increase of up to $25	Increased - March 25, 2003
Hall	Days: $0-$100; Eves/Wknds: $50-$200	Days: $0-$120; Eves/Wknds: $70-$250	Increase of up to $50	Created - September 19, 1988
Category B	**Non-member public service orgs**			
Classroom	Days: $50; Eves/Wknds:$100	Days: $60; Eves/Wknds:$125	Increase of up to $25	Created - September 19, 1988
Hall	Days: $200; Eves/Wknds:$300	Days: $225; ves/Wknds:$325	Increase of up to $25	Created - September 19, 1988
Cleaning Fee				
Classroom	$25-$50	$35-$60	Increase of up to $10	Created - September 19, 1988
Hall	$50-$100	$60-$110	Increase of up to $10	Created - September 19, 1988
Indoor Reception only* **				
Classroom	$500 (100 persons)	$550 (100 persons)	Increase of $50	Increased March 25, 2003
Hall	$1,000 (300 persons)	$1,300 (300 persons)	Increase of $300	Increased March 25, 2003

***For Arboreta facilities only. Includes admission and tram fee, as applicable.

Admission Fees				
Adult (excluding Descanso Gardens)	up to $7/day	$8/day	Increase of $1	Increased - May 25, 2004
Senior Citizen or Student with ID (excluding Descanso Gardens)	up to $5/day	$6/day	Increase of $1	Increased - May 25, 2004
Children (5 through 12) - (excluding Descanso Gardens)	up to $2.50/day	$3/day	Increase of $0.50	Increased - May 25, 2004
Group Reserved Adult Admission	$5/person (minimum 25 persons)	$6/person (minimum 25 persons)	Increase of $1	Increased - May 25, 2004
Group Reserved Adult Admission and Tram Tour	$7.25/person (minimum 25 persons)	$8.25/person (minimum 25 persons)	Increase of $1	Increased - May 25, 2004

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Tram Tour (excluding Descanso Gardens)	$3/person	$4/person	Increase of $1	Increased - May 25, 2004
VIRGINIA ROBINSON GARDENS				
Admission Fees				
Adult	$10/day	$11/day	Increase of $1	Increased - March 25, 2003
Children (5 through 12)	$3/day	$4/day	Increase of $1	Increased - March 25, 2003

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED INCREASES IN FEES
AT LOS ANGELES COUNTY PARK FACILITIES

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles in the matter of increasing fees at County parks. Said hearing will be held on July 28, 2009, in the Hearing Room of the Board of Supervisors, Room 381, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street (corner of Temple and Grand Avenue), Los Angeles, California 90012. Further notice is given that the Board of Supervisors may continue this hearing from time to time.

Proposed New Fees

Establish a swimming lesson fee for $20 per session (2 week session – 50 min. classes five days per week).

Establish a 25 percent Co-Sponsorship fee for all Department Co-Sponsored activities.

Proposed Increased Fees

Increase to various Department Fees and Charges.

Elimination of Fees

Eliminate the $4 per day vehicle with horse trailer (over 20 feet) fee at Kenneth Hahn Park, Schabarum Park and Whittier Narrows Recreation. This fee will be included in the recreation vehicle fee at Kenneth Hahn Park, Schabarum Park and Whittier Narrows Recreation.

Written comments may be sent to the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors at the above address. For further information, please call (213) 738-3226.

Para su información en español, favor de llamar el teléfono siguiente (213) 738-2952.

SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer-Clerk of
The Board of Supervisors