



Community Services Cluster Meeting

Item 2A. New and Revised Fees Board Letter

June 25, 2025

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WHY?

Budget Curtailment - \$22.2M

- 8.5% curtailment of ongoing NCC funding, amounting to \$18.2 million
- \$4.0 million ongoing NCC rescinded for lifeguard positions for the summer pool season and second person for nighttime park closure and staff safety

Adjustment in fees necessary to fund two-people for nighttime park closures (\$2.4M) to maintain hours of operation, core programming and provide staff safety and to sustain full-time positions, backfill for summer aquatics season,

- Annual review consistent with County Fiscal Manual
- Revisions based on benchmarking of fees for similar services by other park agencies
- Various fee adjustments based on the Consumer Price Index of California

WHEN?

Target Board Agenda date: July 15, 2025

Effective date: August 1, 2025

FY 2025-26 PROJECTED INCREASE IN REVENUE

CW REVENUE	DESCRIPTION	PROJECTED INCREASE IN REVENUE
9558 - INDOOR USAGE FEES, 9559 - OUTDOOR USAGE FEES, 9557 - SWIM POOL FEES	INDOOR, OUTDOOR, AQUATICS FACILITY RENTALS	\$53,000
9765 - BOTANIC GARDENS & ARBORETUM FEES	GARDENS	\$403,000
9911 - GOLF FEES	GOLF (CA8)	\$1,000,000
9563 - VEHICLE ENTRY FEES	VEHICLES	\$1,032,000
TOTAL		\$2,488,000

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Fee Benchmarking

Fee Benchmarking Process

Fee benchmarking is a best practice and systemic process used by Park and Recreation Departments of comparing existing fees with similar fees charged by comparable park agencies locally and across the nation. This process analyzes the current fee structure, benchmarks against park standards and best practices, and establishes or updates existing fees to remain competitive, fair and ensure transparency.

Examples:

TYPE OF FEE	CURRENT FEE	PROPOSED FEE	TOTAL PARK AGENCIES REVIEWED	BENCHMARK: HIGHEST RATE CHARGED	BENCHMARK: LOWEST RATE CHARGED
Arboreta and Botanic Gardens Adult Admission Fee	\$15/day	\$18/day - \$20/day	8	\$60/day	\$18/day
Vehicle Entrance Fee	\$12/day	\$15/day	5	\$20/day	\$8/day
Ballfields/Multipurpose Field Rental Fee	\$23/field/hour	\$30/field/hour	8	\$110/field/hour	\$27/field/hour

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Arboreta and Botanic Gardens Fees

Recommendations

- FY 2025-26 – Adult Admission Fees from \$15 to \$18
 - \$3 increase
 - \$2 to DPR Operating Budget
 - \$1 to the Gardens' Foundation
- FY 2026-27 – Adult Admission Fees from \$18 to \$20
 - \$2 increase
 - \$2 to the Gardens' Foundation
 - Amend Operating Agreements with Garden Foundations for community benefit, change admission fees, and modify Revenue Sharing
- This fee increase is lower than the national benchmark of \$25.85 average and \$24 median per ticket.

Please Note: In an unprecedented effort and demonstrated partnership, the Gardens have unanimously approved this revenue sharing structure to help avert further curtailments to DPR's programs and services.

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Arboreta and Botanic Gardens New Community Benefit

New Community Benefit

- Free admission for Los Angeles County residents who hold an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card impacting over \$1.3M children, seniors and families:
 - Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden
 - Descanso Gardens
 - South Coast Botanic Garden
 - Virginia Robinson Gardens
- Metro LIFE program: EBT cardholders may be eligible for free or discounted fares.
- Replaces free admission on the third Tuesday of every month at the Los Angeles Arboretum and Botanic Garden, Descanso Gardens and South Coast Botanic Garden.

Existing Community Benefit

- Provides free access for youth through public school field trips that have an executed School Memorandum of Agreement.

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Vehicle Entrance and Boat Launching Fees

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Daily and year-round collection of vehicle entrance and boat launching fees
 - Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park
 - Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area
 - Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area
 - Peter F. Schabarum Regional County Park
 - Whittier Narrows Recreation Area
 - Castaic Lake State Recreation Area
- \$3 increase in Vehicle Entrance Fees
 - \$2 to DPR's Operating Budget
 - \$1 from each vehicle entrance and boat launch fee to the Special Development Fund (SDF)
 - Addresses contractual obligations with the State of California for Castaic Lake State Recreation Area and Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area and the Army Corps of Engineers for Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area and Whittier Narrows Recreation Area

Please note:

- **Free access to residents - via walking, scooters, bicycling, wheelchairs, rideshare and public transportation.**
- **Parking fees are only charged at 6 regional parks out of 183 parks**

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Vehicle Entrance and Boat Launching Fees

Regional Parks with Recreation Lakes

TYPE OF FEE	CURRENT FEE	PROPOSED FEE
Vehicle Entrance Fee	\$12/day	\$15/day
Vehicle Entrance Fee- Senior Citizen or Disabled	\$5/day	\$8/day
Annual Vehicle Entry Pass	\$150	\$160
Annual Vehicle Entry Pass- Senior Citizen or Disabled	\$75	\$90
Recreational Vehicle (RV & Trailers)	\$14/day	\$23/day
Annual Boat Permit	\$135/vessel	\$150/vessel
Annual Boat Permit- Senior Citizen or Disabled	\$65/vessel	\$80/vessel
Bus Entrance Fee	\$35/day	\$38/day

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Vehicle Entrance and Boat Launching Fees

Regional Parks without Recreation Lakes

TYPE OF FEE	CURRENT FEE	PROPOSED FEE
Vehicle Entrance Fee	\$7/day	\$10/day
Vehicle Entrance Fee- Senior Citizen or Disabled	\$5/day	\$8/day
Bus Entrance Fee	\$18/day	\$21/day
Recreational Vehicle (RV & Trailers)	\$8/day	\$16/day

All Regional Parks

TYPE OF FEE	CURRENT FEE	PROPOSED FEE
Vehicle Annual Pass- Registered Program Participants	\$40/vehicle/park	\$60/vehicle/park
Limousine Entrance Fee	\$20/day	\$23/day

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New Fees

All fees are subject to additional fees and/or services, including staff time.

TYPE OF FEE	CURRENT FEE	PROPOSED FEE
Horse Shoe Pit	N/A	\$7/hour - \$15/hour
Pickleball Court (Outdoor)	N/A	\$18/hour - \$35/hour
Roller Hockey Rink (16-player maximum per hour)	N/A	\$50/hour/rink - \$70/hour/rink
Skate Park	N/A	\$188 - \$565

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Revised Fees

TYPE OF FEE	CURRENT FEE	PROPOSED FEE
Small Room (up to 150 people)	\$29/hour - \$55/hour	\$29/hour - \$65/hour
Gymnasium	\$66/hour - \$117/hour	\$75/hour - \$180/hour
Small Picnic Area (up to 50 people)	\$60 - \$121	\$60 - \$128
Medium Picnic Area (51 to 100 people)	\$99 - \$265	\$127 - \$300
Pool Rental to Other Public Agencies	\$367/day	\$112/hour - \$150/hour (2-hour minimum)
Pool Short Lane Rental	\$10/lane/hour	\$11/lane/hour
Pool Long Lane Rental	\$15/lane/hour	\$16/lane/hour
Non-Synthetic Soccer Field	\$29/field/hour - \$53/field/hour	\$38/field/hour - \$75/field/hour
Synthetic Soccer Field	\$43/field/hour - \$71/field/hour	\$53/field/hour - \$90/field/hour
Futsal Court	\$28/court/hour - \$47/court/hour	\$30/court/hour - \$50/court/hour
Ballfields/Multipurpose Fields	\$23/field/hour - \$42/field/hour	\$30/field/hour - \$55/field/hour
Basketball Court	\$20/court/hour - \$31/court/hour	\$26/court/hour - \$50/court/hour
Volleyball Court	\$20/court/hour - \$35/court/hour	\$26/court/hour - \$50/court/hour
Athletic Field Preparation	\$23/hour - \$47/hour	\$30/hour - \$60/hour
RV Camping Full Hook-ups	\$21/campsite/day (2-night minimum stay on weekends from May 1 - September 15) 14-day maximum stay	\$45/campsite/day (2-night minimum stay on weekends from May 1 -September 15) 14-day maximum stay
Dump Fee (fee for nonusers of RV Park)	\$7	\$10
RV Camping No Hook-ups and No Dumpsite	\$19/campsite/day (no hook ups or dumpsite)	\$30/campsite/day (no hook ups or dumpsite)

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Decreased and Eliminated Fees

Decreased Fee

TYPE OF FEE	CURRENT FEE	PROPOSED FEE
Tennis Court	\$22/court/hour - \$37/court/hour	\$7/hour - \$15/hour

Eliminated Fees

TYPE OF FEE	CURRENT FEE	PROPOSED FEE
Santa Fe Dam RV Camping (no hook-ups or dumpsite)	\$20/campsite/day (weekends only, two-night maximum stay - holiday weekends, three night maximum)	Eliminate
Tent Camping – All Other Facilities	\$16/day/site - \$31/day/site	Eliminate
Eaton Canyon Natural Area and Nature Center - Vehicle Entrance Fee (Includes motorized cycle with boat or horse trailer) - weekends and holidays only	\$7/day	Eliminate
Eaton Canyon Natural Area and Nature Center - Vehicle Senior Citizen or Disabled (Vehicle owner/driver must be 65+ or disabled person with placard)	\$5/day	Eliminate
Eaton Canyon Natural Area and Nature Center - Bus Entrance Fee	\$18/day	Eliminate