



County of Monterey

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Parks Commission

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Receive a report regarding the North County Youth Recreation Association (NCYRA) Concession Agreement for the Manzanita Park Sports Complex; and consider forming an Ad Hoc Committee for review and comment on a new revised agreement.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Monterey County Parks Commission receive a report regarding the North County Youth Recreation Association (NCYRA) Concession Agreement for the Manzanita Park Sports Complex; and consider forming an Ad Hoc Committee for review and comment on a new revised agreement.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Background

On May 11, 1976, the County of Monterey acquired property in the Prunedale Community to build a new North County park. At the time, the property was called, "The 500 Acres," and following acquisition by the County was renamed, Manzanita Park. The County proceeded with developing an entry road, water and electrical system, but unfortunately work halted due to a lack of funding.

The County then entered discussions with a newly formed local nonprofit, the North County Youth Recreation Association (NCYRA), for fundraising and development of a much-needed sports complex. In 1981, the County and the California Coastal Commission provided approval for the Sports Complex and NCYRA entered into a concession agreement with the County for development and management of the Manzanita Park Sports Complex. Following nearly two decades of fundraising and construction, the Sports Complex opened in 1999, and NCYRA has been managing the site since that time through numerous concession agreements with the County.

The current NCYRA Concession Agreement (Attachment A), is set to expire on April 21, 2025, and work needs to begin negotiating a new agreement with NCYRA. The agreement was drafted during a time when there was a Parks Department and the Rangers were managing the facilities. A multitude of things have changed since that time, namely the Parks Department was dissolved and the Rangers have transitioned their priorities to public safety rather than facility management. Currently, the Parks and Lakes Division of the Public Works, Facilities and Parks (PWFPP) Department manages the Manzanita Park open space and works cooperatively with NCYRA for maintenance on the water system and trail network surrounding the Sports Complex.

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Parks staff recommends that the Commission form an Ad Hoc Committee to work with staff and NCYRA on crafting an updated agreement.

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Attachments:

Attachment A - Current NCYRA Agreement