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Board Report

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- a. Find that leasing a picnic area at an existing County park for a one-time event is Categorically Exempt pursuant to Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines; and
- b. Approve the use of Toro Park - Buckeye Picnic Area on July 15, 2018 for a religious function serving up to 250 people held by Christ the King Church pursuant to Monterey County Code Section 14.12.130(A)(14).

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

- a. Find that leasing a picnic area at an existing County park for a one-time event is Categorically Exempt pursuant to Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines; and
- b. Approve the use of Toro Park - Buckeye Picnic Area on July 15, 2018 for a religious function serving up to 250 people held by Christ the King Church pursuant to Monterey County Code Section 14.12.130(A)(14).

SUMMARY:

Christ the King Church has reserved the Buckeye Picnic Area for July 15, 2018 at Toro Park to hold prayer and worship services. This event is estimated to include 250 people. The rental agreement includes vehicle entrance for 30 vehicles. Each additional vehicle entrance will be a fee of \$8.00 per vehicle, which will be charge upon arrival on each vehicle. Pursuant to Monterey County Code Section 14.12.130(A)(14), all political rallies, religious services, and any fundraising activities must have prior approval from the Board of Supervisors.

Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines identifies existing facilities as a Class 1 Categorical Exemption. Class 1 includes leasing existing public facilities. Religious facilities require a use permit and would be subject to CEQA. However, staff finds that leasing the picnic area at an existing park for a one-time event is allowed under Section 14.12.130 of the Monterey County Code and qualifies for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The recommended action has been reviewed by County Counsel. Counsel supports the recommended action.

FINANCING:

The standard day use and reservation fees approved by the Board of Supervisors for all age groups are in effect for this event. The Resource Management Agency will receive \$349.00 for use of the picnic area and parking.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

County Parks provide a public service to all groups to enjoy natural settings. The recommended action implements policies and regulations for religious groups in County Parks.

- Economic Development
- Administration
- Health & Human Services
- Infrastructure
- Public Safety

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Attachments:

Attachment A - Reservation Confirmation

(Attachment on file with the Clerk of the Board)