



County of Monterey

Item No.

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
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- a. Approve a one-time Special Event Use Permit with an anticipated attendance over 5,000 between Spartan Race, Inc. and the County of Monterey to hold the Monterey Spartan Super 10K and Sprint 5K Weekend, and the Monterey Spartan Trail Race 10K, 21K & 50K Events at Toro Regional Park on May 29-31, 2026, where all Public Works, Facilities and Park's Department expenditures to support this Event will be reimbursed by Spartan;
- b. Find that the one-time Monterey Spartan Super 10K and Sprint 5K Weekend and The Monterey Spartan Trail Race 10K, 21K & 50K Events scheduled for May 29-31, 2026, at Monterey County's Toro Regional Park, is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15304(e) of the CEQA Guidelines; and
- c. Authorize the Director of Public Works, Facilities and Parks or designee to sign the Special Event Use Permit between OCR US Holdings, LLC dba Spartan Race, Inc. and the County of Monterey.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

- a. Approve a one-time Special Event Use Permit with an anticipated attendance over 5,000 between Spartan Race, Inc. and the County of Monterey to hold the Monterey Spartan Super 10K and Sprint 5K Weekend, and the Monterey Spartan Trail Race 10K, 21K & 50K Events at Toro Regional Park on May 29-31, 2026, where all Public Works, Facilities and Park's Department expenditures to support this Event will be reimbursed by Spartan;
- b. Find that the one-time Monterey Spartan Super 10K and Sprint 5K Weekend and The Monterey Spartan Trail Race 10K, 21K & 50K Events scheduled for May 29-31, 2026, at Monterey County's Toro Regional Park, is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15304(e) of the CEQA Guidelines; and
- c. Authorize the Director of Public Works, Facilities and Parks or designee to sign the Special Event Use Permit between OCR US Holdings, LLC dba Spartan Race, Inc. and the County of Monterey.

SUMMARY:

Spartan Race, Inc. (Spartan) and the Department of Public Works, Facilities and Parks (PWFP), Parks Division (Parks) request to enter into a one-time Special Event Use Permit (Permit) for Spartan to hold the Spartan Races in Toro Park.

DISCUSSION:

Spartan requests to enter into a one-time Permit (Attachment B) with the County of Monterey (County) to hold the Monterey Spartan Super 10K and Sprint 5K Weekend Event with obstacles and the Monterey Spartan Trail Race 10K, 21K and 50K Event without obstacles (Event) at Toro

Regional Park (Facility) on May 29-31, 2026. Spartan is the world's leading obstacle race company featuring timing and global rankings. Spartan races include a challenging racecourse, healthy lifestyle, and a fun, family-friendly festival atmosphere. Each Spartan Race features a Kids Spartan Race for youth ages 5-13. Event details are set forth in Attachment A. Attendance for the 2026 Event is not anticipated to exceed 8,500 participants. Per Monterey County Code 14.12.180F.1, any special event held at a County park with 5,000 or more participants requires approval of the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors. All Event plans will be updated no later than 30 days prior to the Event and will be incorporated by reference in the Permit.

As this Event involves only construction of a temporary racecourse and placement of associated appurtenances causing temporary minor alteration to Park facilities and grounds, it qualifies as categorically exempt from CEQA review under Section 15304(e) of the CEQA Guidelines. The proposed Permit terms require that Spartan restore the Park to pre-Event condition at Spartan's sole expense. County will hold a deposit to cover restoration costs should Spartan fail to perform all necessary reparations to the Park. Spartan has conducted successful events at the Facility since 2013.

Staff requests the Board of Supervisors: 1) Approve the one-time Special Event Use Permit for the Event with an anticipated attendance over 5,000; 2) Find that the Event is categorically exempt from CEQA per Section 15304(e) (Attachment C); and 3) Authorize the Director of Public Works, Facilities and Parks or designee to sign the Permit.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The offices of County Counsel and Risk Management reviewed the Permit and approved it as to form. Spartan is required to submit Event plans for review and to secure all required regulatory permits from the County of Monterey Department of Housing and Community Development, Risk Management, Sheriff's Office, Office of Emergency Services, and Health Department, California Highway Patrol, California Department of Transportation (CalTrans), and Monterey County Regional Fire District. Spartan is required to contract with designated companies or local law enforcement agencies to provide required traffic control and security for the Event.

FINANCING:

The Spartan Event is anticipated to provide approximately \$101,148 in special event revenue for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 and will be deposited in PWFP-Park Operations General Fund 001, Appropriation Unit PFP058. The FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget for Park Operations includes revenue projections for this Event.

All expenditure costs are reimbursable for PWFP-Parks to support this Event. Staff costs associated with preparation of the Permit, board report, and conduct of Event oversight are included in the FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget for PWFP-Park Operations General Fund 001, Appropriation Unit PFP058. Costs to restore the facility to pre-Event condition are the responsibility of Spartan. Spartan shall pay to County a refundable cleaning and damage deposit in the amount of \$50,000 to cover reparation costs should Spartan fail to perform any of its obligations.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS:

PWFP-Parks' effective administration attracts many events to County Parks' facilities, while providing exceptional facilities and healthy programs to support quality of life for and well-being of residents. Management of events held in County Parks' facilities is always attentive to protecting park resources, ensuring public safety, and reducing potential impacts to the local community to the greatest extent possible.

Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Plan Goals

- Well-Being and Quality of Life
- Sustainable Infrastructure for the Present and Future
- Safe and Resilient Communities
- Diverse and Thriving Economy
- Administrative

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Attachments:

Attachment A - Spartan Race Event Details

Attachment B - Proposed Special Event Use Permit

Attachment C - CEQA Guidelines Section 15304(e)