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Board Report

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- a. Approve the use of the San Lorenzo Park - DeAnza Building on June 29, 30, and July 1, 2018 for a religious function held by the Vietnamese Youth Movement subject to approval of all required County permits and in compliance with Monterey County Code Section 14.12.130(A)(14).
- b. 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

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY:

The Vietnamese Youth Movement has reserved the DeAnza Building and 20 camping sites for June 29, 30, and July 1, 2018 at San Lorenzo Park and will hold prayer and worship services in the DeAnza Building all three days. This event is estimated to include 100 to 150 people. The campsite rental agreement includes vehicle entrance. 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. Staff will verify that Vietnamese Youth Movement has obtained all required permits prior to issuance of the event permit.

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 \$1,618.00 for use of the DeAnza Building and camping sites

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)