



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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Board Report

File #: 18-306, Version: 1

- a. Approve the use of the Hidden Oak Picnic Area at Royal Oaks Park on August 18, 2018 for a religious service and fund-raising event held by the Salinas Valley Chapter of Christians in Commerce of St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church in compliance with Monterey County Code Section 14.12.130(A)(14); and
- 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.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY:

The Salinas Valley Chapter of Christians in Commerce of St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church has requested to reserve the Hidden Oak Picnic Area at Royal Oaks Park to hold a religious service and fundraising event on August 18, 2018. The event is estimated to include 55 people. The fundraising consists of a silent auction. The rental agreement for the Hidden Oaks area includes vehicle entrance for 15 vehicles. Each additional vehicle entrance will be a fee of \$8.00 per vehicle, which will be charged 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. 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 \$164.00 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 fundraising groups in County Parks.

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Approved by: Carl P. Holm, AICP, RMA Director

Attachments:

Attachment A - Facility Use Application

(Attachment on file with the Clerk of the Board)