



April 19, 2023

Dan Efseaff, Paradise Recreation & Park District, District Manager  
6626 Skyway, Paradise, CA 95969

Dear Dan,

Thank You again for sharing your time this afternoon to meet with me and Youth on the Ridge Community Foundation Board Members Jessica Cummings and Carol Peterson. I appreciated the opportunity to discuss the Paradise Chocolate Fest's Contract with PRPD for this year's Fest. It was most important for both you representing PRPD, and us to share concerns and considerations of this year's Contract – and to gain a greater understanding and perspective of each of our positions.

As we discussed, the contract that was emailed to me yesterday caught us by surprise, and has caused great unrest to our entire Board of Directors, especially in light of –

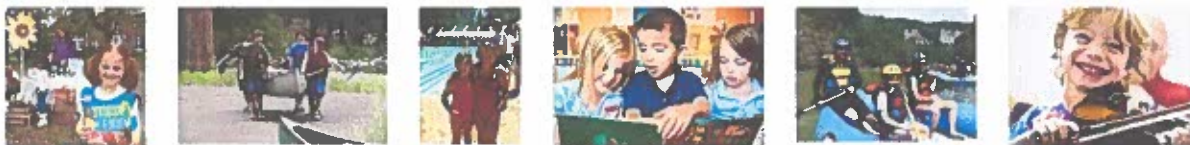
- The Chocolate Fest is scheduled for Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> ... less than 3 1/2 weeks from now.
- On March 1<sup>st</sup>, we were awarded a \$4,000 PRPD Community Recreation & Assistance Grant for Facility use this year. We were very grateful for the Grant award, and were thrilled that our facility fees would be covered by the Grant. There was no notification that there would be such a substantial rate increase in our facility fee for this year's Fest – from \$3,212.00 last year to \$7,687.00 this year. In consideration of our Grant Award, the balance due is currently shown at \$3,687.00 + \$1,538.00 refundable deposit.
- We have not anticipated or budgeted for this substantial increase – At this late date, it will create a significant decrease in the amount of vital support that we can/will provide to this year's beneficiary organizations. That causes great concern and disappointment.

Respectfully, we are asking Paradise Recreation & Park District's Board members to consider waiving the Facility Fees for this year, in light of the \$4,000 Grant that we were awarded. In support of PRPD's costs, we will agree to pay the Maintenance Fees outlined in the Contract received yesterday - \$1,104.00. Additionally, we will pay the \$1,538.00 refundable deposit to PRPD this week.

We value the long-standing relationship that we have had with Paradise Recreation and Park District - knowing that we share a mutual mission to build community. It is our aim to continue to honor and strengthen that purpose now and into the future.

Most Sincerely,

**2023 Beneficiaries include** – Achieve Charter School, Boy Scouts 316, Butte County Search & Rescue, Children's Community Charter School, Cub Scouts 316, Friends of Outdoor Adventures, Gold Nugget Museum, Mindful Littles, Northern California Ballet, Paradise Friends of the Library, Paradise High School Woodshop, Paradise Host Lions Club, Paradise Little League, Paradise Piranhas Swim Team, Paradise Recreation & Park District, Paradise Ridge Elementary PTO, Paradise Rotary Interact, Paradise Stronger, Paradise Veterans Memorial Hall/American Legion, Rainbow Girls & Ridgeview Rangers.



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