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Regular Board of Directors' Meeting – October Highlights

PRPD BOD Meeting at the Magalia Community Center

Magalia, CA, October 12, 2022 - The Paradise Recreation and Park District (PRPD) Board of Directors met for their regular meeting Wednesday with a change of venue to the Magalia Community Center in Magalia. The District historically has periodically held Board meetings throughout the District.

Wednesday night started with presentations by Executive Director Calli-Jane West of the Butte County Fire Safe Council (BCFSC) and Executive Director Chris Rauen of Magalia Community Park (MCP). West detailed ongoing and upcoming efforts by BCFSC within Butte County. Specific notation was made about recent grazing and clearing events within the District especially on the Upper Ridge. Rauen showcased MCP's current programs, amenities and progress made in the past few years, and noted the collaboration with PRPD for the Fall Family Fun Fest last month. Also noted was the newly carved sign at the Center.

Next on the agenda, the Board discussed recent Recreation and Park Committee meeting decisions regarding the "Coming Soon" sign and timelines for Lakeridge Park. Grant funding for Lakeridge, outstanding Camp Fire claims, and the District's work with Eco Green Solutions were also part of the recent Rec and Park Committee topics.

Assistant District Manager Kristi Sweeney presented a new PRPD sponsored Grant Program to the Board for feedback and direction, the PRPD Community Recreation and Assistance Grant. The intent of this grant is to help smaller non-profits with funding recreation opportunities for communities within PRPD District boundaries. The Board approved for Staff to begin the process with a few small revisions.

In New Business, the District accepted a land donation in Paradise overlooking the Feather River Canyon. Property owner Laura Miles contacted the District to show her interest in a donation. The property is consistent with PRPD's Wildfire Risk Reduction Project. After considerable discussion the Board passed a resolution to acquire the property in a 3 to 1 vote.

In addition, the Board considered another donation of property in Paradise overlooking the Little Butte Creek Canyon, adjacent to Bille Park. Property owner Susan Thompson contacted the District regarding a possible donation, from outreach involving the Wildfire Risk Reduction Project. After discussing access queries and neighboring lots with Staff, the Board quickly decided that this would be a great asset to add to the District, approving the resolution to acquire this donation.

PRPD Staff have been in talks with the Thermalito Water and Sewer District (TWSD) about a potential partnership for recreation opportunities at Concow Lake. A Feasibility Report will be presented to both Boards in December. After reviewing the history of recreation at Concow Lake and the District's current presence in Concow, the Board approved to adopt a Memorandum of Understanding with TWSD, already agreed to by their Board in September.

Staff presented the recreation program year in review to the Board of Directors, highlighting efforts past and present in the current meeting location of Magalia. Events, programs, activities, and facility use as well as collaborations with Paradise Unified School District and Paradise Irrigation District were detailed including the collaboration with Magalia Community Park to facilitate the Fall Family Fun Fest. The Board, Staff, and MCP guests regaled the success of that event, alluding to future collaboration possibilities for programming and events.

The Board gave brief comment on subjects that came up in the meeting, with District Manager Dan Efseaff clarifying statements made from the public in regards to project progress updates for current efforts in Magalia. Efseaff noted that the time sensitive nature of the projects and overwhelming community support, has given the District clear direction to deliver parks to the community and that the District will provide regular updates.

Chair Al McGreehan adjourned the meeting to the next Board of Director's Meeting on November 9, 2022, at 6:00 pm at the Terry Ashe Recreation Center in Paradise.

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Since 1948, the Paradise Recreation and Park District provides recreation facilities and programs to the residents of Paradise, the Butte Creek Canyon area, and the unincorporated communities of Magalia/Paradise Pines and Concow/Yankee Hill. The District serves 50,000 people living in a 170-square mile area and manages over 1,000 acres of park land and facilities.

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