



## SAN BENITO COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK COMMISSION

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San Benito County Board Chamber – 481 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Hollister, CA 95023

### REGULAR MEETING ACTION MINUTES May 7, 2012

**1. Call To Order** at 7:05 p.m. by Chairperson De La Cruz

**1.1 Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner St. John.

**1.2 Roll Call**

Present: Commissioners Jaime De La Cruz, Ed Hawkins, Paul St. John, and Jerry Muenzer.

Absent: Commissioner Dick Gallagher.

Also present: Public Works Administrator Steve Wittry and Staff Analyst Mike Hodges.

**1.3 Acknowledge Certificate of Posting**

The agenda was posted on May 4, 2012 by 5:00 p.m. at the San Benito County Free Library, San Benito County Courthouse, and San Benito County Administration Building per Government Code Section #54954.2(a).

*The motion to acknowledge the certificate of posting was made by Commissioner Muenzer and seconded by Commissioner St. John. Motion passed 4-0.*

**2. Public Comment**

George Ramirez from the Hollister Heat spoke regarding an issue with the restroom facility next to the Large Adult Field. He requested the county to investigate the possibility of reducing the odor.

**3. Consent Items**

**3.1 Approval of Minutes of February 6, 2012 meeting**

*The motion to approve all consent items was made by Commissioner Muenzer and seconded by Commissioner St. John. Motion passed 4-0.*

**4. Staff Announcements – Information Only**

4.1 Mike distributed the quarterly De Anza parks newsletter, updated the commission regarding the current county budget process, and informed the commission that the Prop. 84 grant applications for the Veterans Park was denied.

**5. Commission Announcements, Introductions and Presentations – Information Only**

5.1 Commissioner Gallagher's update will be postponed until the next meeting.

5.2 Commissioner De La Cruz inquired if the City and County could work towards some type of joint use regarding the Brigantino Park.

5.3 Commissioner Hawkins questioned staff regarding the dust being raised when the back fields are graded. Staff will report back on this issue.

**6. Discussion Items**

**6.1 Park Water Supply**

Staff presented a brief history on the water supply agreements between the City of Hollister and County of San Benito. Usage data from all the operational meters was presented by location and user group along with what the monthly cost / bill would have been. Concern was raised by the City regarding water consumption reduction being done throughout the city parks and not being equally adhered to within the Veterans Park.

The City of Hollister is requiring \$75,000 for water usage within the park. Per each user group contract, the county is to have a net zero cost for operations within the park meaning the water usage costs will be assumed by each user group utilizing the water in their respective areas.

One feasible long term solution to reduce water expenses would be to supply ag well water for park field irrigation. This would release / reduce the dependency on the City water supply. Staff has been in communication with the City and a long term supplemental ag well water solution is an agreeable water source course of action.

Steve updated the commission on the negative result finding after the completion of the old well usability inspection. The possibilities of a new well installed closer to the main park piping system appears to be the preferred alternative concept. Staff will continue exploring ag well water supply sources and report back to the commission.

An additional meeting concerning park water supply was requested for next month to continue the process of implementing a long term ag irrigation well solution and short term user group billing cost for utilities and water over usage.

**6.2 Park Status Update**

Mike updated the commission on the parks past quarter rentals, revenues, project status, facility issues, and user concerns. The financial status was presented with questions being addressed regarding budget amounts compared to actual expenses.

**6.3 Cell Tower Contract**

Staff presented the current active cell tower contract. The commission reviewed the contract then a question and answer session proceeded.

**6.4 Rental Policy Review**



Staff presented the current rental policy and procedures. The commission reviewed the policy and procedures then a question and answer session proceeded.

#### **6.5 Park Naming Policy**

Staff presented the current park naming policy and procedures. The commission reviewed the policy and procedures then a question and answer session proceeded.

#### **7. Adjournment**

*There being no further business to come before the Veterans Memorial Park Commission, Commissioner Muenzer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Hawkins. Motion passed 4-0.*

The next regular meeting of the Veterans Memorial Park Commission will be held on Monday, June 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mike Hodges, Staff Analyst  
San Benito County Veterans Memorial Park Commission