

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
CALIFORNIA**

For the Agenda of:  
September 14, 2006

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Department of Regional Parks

Subject: Report Back: Del Norte Park District

Contact: Gary J. Kukkola, Interim Director, 875-6283

At the September 6, 2006 Final Budget Hearings, the Board requested a report back regarding the Del Norte Park District, including the possibility of dissolution of the District or consolidation with the County's Landscape Maintenance District.

**Description of District**

Del Norte Oaks Park Maintenance District was formed in 1967 pursuant to Resolution 67-9-71. The money it receives is an allocation of property tax; the District does not levy an assessment. The amount of the original assessment, \$2,438, remains unchanged since its formation in the late 1960's. Regional Parks is responsible for maintaining the District. The District's maintenance costs exceed available funding and Parks draws from its General Fund allocation to maintain the District at a marginally acceptable level.

The purpose of the District was to construct and maintain a landscaped buffer between the new housing development (Del Norte Oaks Subdivision) and existing residents on Whitney Avenue. The 33 houses located within the Del Norte Oaks Subdivision fund the assessment; the landscaped area is actually located behind the subdivision houses.

**Location**

Del Norte Oaks Park Maintenance District is located at the corner of Whitney Avenue and Norris Avenue (map attached). Total developed acres are 8,200 square feet. The landscaping consists of ivy and trees (see photos). Regional Parks Contract Maintenance Staff from North Corporation Yard provide the maintenance services.

**Scope of Parks' Maintenance Services**

Regional Parks has assigned three staff (two temporary and one permanent), once a week to perform maintenance services. Their duties include trash collection and removal, tearing ivy from fence, repairs to irrigation, trimming ivy from sidewalk, and responding to vandalism/graffiti. The challenges for maintenance staff include pools draining into the landscaped area killing the landscaping, fences falling down, repairs to irrigation and landscaping due to cars running off the road, and the aged trees and landscaping. Since staff visits the site only once a week, problems are not detected until the landscaping begins to die or graffiti has been present for several days.

Costs for staff and supplies are \$5,958 for a minimum level of service, creating an annual funding gap for the District of \$3,520. Detailed budget is attached.

**Alternatives for Funding**

Bill Burke, Office of County Counsel, outlined several alternatives to address the funding gap. In summary, those alternatives were as follows:

- *Increase Assessment*  
To increase the Assessment, the residents within Del Norte Oaks would need to approve the fee increase (Proposition 218). It is unlikely that the Del Norte Oaks residents would approve such an increase since they do not benefit directly from the district; the landscaped area is behind their homes.
- *Consolidation, Annexation*  
The district could be consolidated or annexed with another district, but if the affect was an increase in the fee, Proposition 218 would apply again.
- *Bond Issuance*  
Bonds could be issued for improvements to the district, but not used for ongoing maintenance services.
- *Dissolution*  
The County could dissolve the District, but the district's lands would remain and no provision for maintenance of the lands would exist. In carrying out the dissolution process, the County would need to make provisions if a majority protest occurs.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Attachment 1: Photos  
Attachment 2: Map  
Attachment 3: Annual Budget

Pictures of Del Norte Park District Landscaped Area



County of Sacramento



Note: This map was prepared for assessment purpose only and does not represent...

6400000700 Contract Maintenance

EXTRA HELP

position	hrly wage	reg hrs	F/T equiv	subtot wage	vacation	1121 tot wage	1210 retiremt	1220 oashdi	total
PMA	10.00	156	0.08	1,560.00	78.00	1,638.00	61.43	23.75	1,723.18
PMWI	25.94	78	0.04	2,023.32	101.17	2,124.49	79.67	30.81	2,234.96
<i>Total</i>		<i>234</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>3,583</i>	<i>179</i>	<i>3,762</i>	<i>141</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>\$ 3,958</i>

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PMA's two staff 3 hours each week including travel time from North Corporation Yard

PMWI wage includes benefits but no overhead chgs/"loaded rate"; travel time from No. Corporation Yard

Travel time from No. Corp. Yard is approximately 20 minutes (one way)

Revenues

Annual Revenues \$2,438

Annual Expenditures

Extra Help/Park Maintenance Aide