

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Parks and Recreation

BOARD AGENDA # \*B-13

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE June 7, 2011

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES  NO

(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES  NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Purchase a Polaris Side-By-Side Utility Vehicle and a Riding Lawn Mower for the Frank Raines Regional Off-Highway Vehicle Park

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve purchase of a Polaris side-by-side utility vehicle and a riding lawn mower for the Frank Raines Regional Off-Highway Vehicle Park.
2. Direct the Auditor-Controller to transfer appropriations into fixed assets in the amount as detailed in the Budget Journal form.

FISCAL IMPACT:

On September 14, 2010, the Board provided approval to accept Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Grant funds from the State of California Resources Agency for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 for operations and maintenance at Frank Raines and La Grange Regional Parks. Frank Raines Regional Park received \$271,000 for ground operations in its off-highway vehicle area. Of those funds, \$100,000 were earmarked for the waste water treatment upgrades. The total spent in the current fiscal year on the waste water treatment project was \$65,180 leaving a remaining amount of \$34,820.

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BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2011-342

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa, Seconded by Supervisor Withrow  
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Withrow, DeMartini, and Chairman Monteith

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1)  Approved as recommended

2)  Denied

3)  Approved as amended

4)  Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT (Continued):**

Two requests were made to the State regarding the remaining use of the ground operations grant. The Department of Parks and Recreation requested \$8,000 to be moved to supplies for maintenance of the facility. The second request was made for the purchase of a Polaris side by side utility vehicle and a riding lawn mower in the combined estimated amount of \$26,820. After receiving quotes on both pieces of equipment, the utility vehicle was \$14,164.74 and the lawn mower was \$9,156.60 for a total of \$23,321.34. The Department will have a 25% match of \$5,830.33 per a requirement of the State grant. The Department will meet the match with Public Facility Fee funds purchases, portion of salary and benefits, administrative overhead and with revenue received from Frank Raines Regional Park.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The State of California Natural Resources Agency, Department of Parks and Recreation, administers the Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grant Program that provides funding to cities, counties, districts, and non-profit organizations delivering OHV recreational opportunities and related activities. An OHV is defined in the California Vehicle Code as a motorcycle, snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, jeep, sand buggy or dune buggy, and any street licensed motor vehicles being used off-highway.

Unlike most other counties within the State of California, Stanislaus County owns and operates not one, but two OHV areas totaling over 2,000 acres of available and dedicated land for all types of off-road recreational opportunities for County residents and visitors alike. OHV visitors come from Stanislaus County and routinely from the Bay Area, Sacramento, Fresno, and the Sierra Foothills. Both OHV parks in La Grange and Frank Raines are open to all registered and California Vehicle Code compliant vehicles such as, but not limited to 4-wheel drive vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, sand-rails, motorcycles, and buggies.

Frank Raines Regional Park is located approximately seventeen miles west of Patterson, California, in Del Puerto Canyon's rugged slopes of the coastal range. The Park is divided functionally into two units separated by several miles of road. The northern section encompasses over 1,600 acres of developed and undeveloped areas with off-road vehicle trails, overnight camping, and a day use area for passive recreation. The OHV trails are rated for beginners with stock OHVs to advanced and well-equipped OHVs in very steep terrains. Additionally, rock crawling and mud bogging are also available. Visitors who use the Park will meet challenges like hill climbing, water hazards, and challenging trails.

The OHV area is supported by the Deer Creek Campground and includes the entrance station, day-use parking area, over-night campgrounds with 34 full hook-up campsites, a recreation hall, restrooms and showers, and a group picnic shelter. The Park's resources have remained in fair condition since the fire that occurred on July 22, 2003. Since October 2006, the Park's lower 800 acres have been open for OHV use to the public.

The Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Act of 2003 authorizes the allocation of grant funds for the purpose of establishing, maintaining, managing and rehabilitating OHV areas, trails and

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facilities in California. For the 2010-2011 OHV Grant, the Stanislaus County Department of Parks and Recreation submitted a facility operation and maintenance grant request for the OHV areas located within Frank Raines and La Grange Regional Parks. The grant covers labor, office supplies, equipment rentals, contract services, and projects, just to name a few. In the grant application under the line item for Contracts at Frank Raines Regional Park – the Department listed Waste Water System Upgrades as a project. The project amount was estimated at \$100,000. The County spent \$65,180 on the upgrades leaving \$34,820 remaining to potentially use for other operational and maintenance needs.

Currently, Frank Raines Regional Park has no utility vehicle or mowing equipment on site. The purchase of the Polaris side-by-side utility vehicle will enhance the Department's ability to perform maintenance work more efficiently in the Park's rough terrain areas, which covers approximately 1,600 acres. The purchase of the mower will also cut the time of transporting borrowed equipment from another site by as much as a full hour per one-way trip.

Upon identifying the Park's need to have a utility vehicle and a riding lawn mower on site, the Department requested permission from the State to spend \$26,820 of the remaining funds on a Polaris side-by-side utility vehicle and a riding lawn mower to be used at Frank Raines Regional Park. The State granted the request on May 11, 2011. A total of five quotes per type of equipment were received from authorized dealers specializing in utility vehicles and lawn mowing equipments. From the bids received, the lowest priced vendor was selected.

**POLICY ISSUE:**

Approval of this agenda item to purchase a Polaris side-by-side utility vehicle and a riding lawn mower is consistent with the Board's priorities of Effective Partnerships and the Efficient Delivery of Public Services and it will allow the Department to maintain and repair the Frank Raines Regional Off-Highway Vehicle Park more efficiently.

**STAFFING IMPACTS:**

There are no staffing impacts associated with this item.

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