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PRPD Board of Directors Meeting

May Highlights

Paradise, CA, May 16, 2024 – The Paradise Recreation and Park District (PRPD, District) Board of Directors (Board, BOD) convened for its Regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at the Terry Ashe Recreation Center, marking progress on decisions to enhance community recreation and safety.

Building upon the 2019 directive to explore opportunities to add District properties to meet community needs, the Board reviewed three properties in South Paradise. After deliberation, the Board agreed to accept the donations, recognizing the potential for these properties to bolster fire protection, recreation, and public access.

In a proactive step towards community wildfire resilience, the District collaborated with the Town of Paradise and other partners to secure a California Office of Planning and Research (OPR) Regional Resilience Grant Program. The funds aid in developing information on the feasibility of a Buffer Project to provide strategic wildfire safety. This grant will provide approximately \$638,714 in funding and serves as a match for other grants. The Board authorized the District Manager to finalize agreements with OPR and designated consultants to expedite project implementation.

Furthermore, the District sought out a Request for Proposal (RFP) regarding a feasibility study on the advisability of continuing use of the Jordan Hill Road property for Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) purposes. The Board authorized the District Manager finalize agreements with ICF Jones & Stokes, Inc. (ICF) and legal counsel.

In other news, longtime Director Al McGreehan received District support of his candidacy for Chief Financial Officer for the CARPD Board.

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The meeting featured a special presentation from representatives of the Youth Advisory Council as part of the Elements Program. The District developed the program to provide youth engagement to shape recreational initiatives.

The Board approved a preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and set a public hearing date for June 12, 2024 and invited community input on District financial priorities.

The next Regular Board of Directors Meeting will be held at the Terry Ashe Recreation Center on June 12, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

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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.