COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
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For the Agenda of:
March 26, 2026

To: Dry Creek Parkway Advisory Committee

Through: Liz Bellas, Director, Regional Parks

From: Michael Doane, Deputy Director, Regional Parks

Subject: Endorse The 2026 Department of Regional Parks Fee Schedule

District(s): All

RECOMMENDED ACTION
Endorse the 2026 Department of Regional Parks Fee Schedule.

BACKGROUND
The Department Fee Schedule establishes fees for park entry and facility use, and describes fee policies. The Fee Schedule is updated intermittently to:

- Adjust fees for inflation
- Ensure fees cover costs of services provided,
- Standardize fees with similar facilities and services,
- Raise revenues needed to offset department maintenance and operations costs.

Daily parking and annual pass fees were last updated in 2021. The latest major revision to the Department's Fee Schedule was approved by the Board of Supervisors in 2021.

The proposed revisions include increases to the following fees:

- Daily Parking
- Park Block Parking Permit
- Picnic site rentals
- Gibson Ranch House
- Gibson Ranch Cabins
- Special Instruction Program Permit
- Cherry Island Sports Complex Rental
- Vendor Fees
- Special Event Permit (1000 +participants)
- RV Camping (Sherman Island only)

These fees have been increased to adjust for inflation, and to ensure fees cover the cost of staffing for services provided.

Staff compiled the daily vehicle, daily boat launch, and annual pass fees charged by other comparable park agencies with similar facilities to ensure that the proposed revisions to our fee schedule are within the range of fees charged by these agencies. Table 1 summarizes the fees charged by these agencies, compared to the proposed fee increase.

Table 1

	State Parks: Folsom Lake	Sonoma County Parks	Yolo County Parks	East Bay Regional Parks	Santa Clara County Parks	Solano County Parks	City of Sac.	Sac. County Regional Parks Proposed
Daily Vehicle	$10-$12	$8-$12	$10	$5-$25	$6	$6-$8	None	$8
Daily Boat Launch	$10	$5	$12	$7-$12	$9	$15	$10-$15	$15
Low Income Annual Vehicle Pass	N/A	$5	N/A	N/A	$15	N/A	N/A	$15
Low Income Annual Boat (Vehicle with Trailer) Pass	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	$62.50	$30
Annual Vehicle Pass	$125	$69	$90-$100	$60-$105	$95	$95-110	N/A	$75
Annual Boat Pass (Vehicle with Trailer)	$225	$45-$75	$115-$135	$300	$185	$95-110	$125	$150

Table 2 below summarizes the proposed fee increases, by fee type.

Fee Type	**Current Fee**	**Proposed Fee**
Daily Parking Vehicles	7	8
Daily Parking Vehicles with Trailers or RV	13	15
Bus Parking	28	30
Park Block Parking Permit	1200	1800
RV Camping (Sherman Island)	35	45
Ancil Hoffman Park picnic rental fee (Friday-Sunday)	125	150
Discovery Park Alder Site (Friday-Sunday)	125	150

River Bend Park Picnic Table Rental Fee (all days)	40	50
William B. Pond Cottonwood and Dockside (Friday-Sunday)	125	150
William B. Pond Walnut (large site) (Friday-Sunday)		200
Gibson Ranch Park large sites 1a and 2C (Friday-Sunday)	250	300
Gibson Ranch Park picnic Table Rental (all days)	40	50
Mather Lake Regional Park Site Robin and Sparrow (Friday-Sunday)	125	150
Mather Lake Regional Park site Rotary Grove (Friday-Sunday)	250	300
Herald Park Rental Fee	50	75
Gibson Ranch House Event Package (December-February)	1500	2500
Gibson Ranch House Event Package (March-November)	2500	3500
Gibson Ranch Cabin Area Event Package (December - February)	1200	1700
Gibson Ranch Event Package (March-November)	2000	2500
Special Event Permit Fee (1000+ participants)	1500	2000
Professional Instruction Program Permit Fee		
1 to 10 participants	30	50
11 to 20 participants	40	60
21 to 40 participants	50	80
41 to 75 participants	100	150
76 to 100 participants	150	200
101 to 150 participants	200	300
150 to 250 participants	300	400
Cherry Island Sports Complex		
Hourly Field Rental Per Field per Hour with Parking	50	60
Twilight School/Youth Rental Weekdays per field	30	35
Half Day Field Rental per Field (4 hours)	180	225
Daily Field Rental per day	330	400
League, club,team, or non-profit 9 Fields, picnic area	2700	3000
For Profit Business or Tournament Director 9 fields	4500	4800
Vendors not under County Contract (per vendor per event)	150	175

There are changes proposed for golf course fees, but these proposed changes are within the Director's delegated authority. As per Resolution No. 2000-0828, the Director is authorized to approve golf course fee changes up to a ceiling which is adjusted annually by the U.S. Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index (CPI) for February of each year and downward to not less than 10% of permanent pricing levels. Parks staff, in conjunction with the golf fee managers, annually assess the Golf Fee Schedule and adjust fees in accordance to the Director's authorization.

Habitat Restoration Program fees which are charged per acre of parkland area required for mitigation projects (based on the mitigation type) are not proposed to change at this time. These fees require a more complex evaluation, and the Department will utilize the services of a consultant to review these fees and bring any recommended changes to the Board at a future date.

Public Outreach
The proposed fee schedule was presented at the Dry Creek Parkway Advisory Committee on March 4, 2026 and the American River Parkway Advisory Committee on March 6, 2026. Both advisory committees had a quorum and endorsed the proposed fee schedule.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Additional revenues generated by increased fees will be accounted for in future budget years. The Department utilizes a three year average to determine the amount of day use, annual pass and special event revenues to be included in the budget each year.

Attachment(s):
ATT 1 – 2026 Department of Regional Parks Fee Schedule Clean Copy
ATT 2 – 2026 Department of Regional Parks Fee Schedule Track Changes