



# Tulare County Parks & Recreation Adjustment to Park Fees

April 9, 2019

# Overview

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# Introduction & Background

## Parks Overview

- ▶ Ten County Parks
- ▶ 628 total acres
- ▶ \$2 million budget
- ▶ 27 FTE employees
- ▶ Parks Advisory Committee





# Introduction & Background

- ▶ Park Fees include:
  - ▶ Entrance
  - ▶ Arbor Rentals
  - ▶ Special Permits
  - ▶ Camping
- ▶ Fees have not changed since 2004
- ▶ Costs have increased by 17%
- ▶ Revenue has decreased by 18%



# Entrance Fees

## Recommended Adjustments

- ▶ Discount for seniors and persons with disabilities
  - \$3 Entrance Fee
  - \$12 Annual Pass
- ▶ Kings River Preserve  
\$5/person





# Arbor Rental Fees

## Recommended Adjustments

- ▶ Increase by **\$5** at all Parks
- ▶ Exception: Rotary Club Arbor at Bartlett Park, Increase from \$50 to **\$75**



# Special Event & Permit Fees

## Recommended Adjustments

- ▶ Increase permits by **\$5** for:
  - Amplified Sound
  - DJ/Band
  - Commercial Vendor
- ▶ Increase permits for special event vendors from **\$25** to **\$40**





# Special Event & Permit Fees

## Recommended Additions

- ▶ **\$25** Non-Special Event Vendor Permit
- ▶ **\$30** Special Event Application Processing Fee
- ▶ **\$25** Alcohol Sales Permit
- ▶ **\$100** Disc Golf Tournament Reservation Fee
- ▶ **\$45** Per Hour Per Employee for opening and closing Parks beyond normal business hours



# Balch Park Fees

## Recommended Adjustments

- ▶ Increase day use fee for vehicles to \$5 buses to \$25
- ▶ Tent camping fees \$20 per night
- ▶ RV camping fees \$25 per night
- ▶ Discount for seniors and persons with disabilities
  - Tent camping \$10 per night
  - RV Camping \$15 per night
- ▶ Pet fee \$5 per animal per night



# Public Input

- ▶ Parks Advisory Committee
  - ▶ December 4, 2018
  - ▶ March 7, 2019
- ▶ Public Notices in Visalia Times Delta
  - ▶ March 29, 2019
  - ▶ April 4, 2019
- ▶ Auditor's Approval





## Fiscal Impact

- Utilize revenue from increased fees for repairs and deferred maintenance.



# Acknowledgements

- ▶ Auditor - Controller
- ▶ County Counsel
- ▶ Parks Advisory Committee
- ▶ Resource Management Agency
- ▶ General Services Agency Staff





## Conclusion & Requested Action

1. Conduct a public hearing considering the proposed fee adjustments as listed in Attachment "A" (Tulare County General Service Agency 2019/20 Proposed Park Fees).