



TOLAY LAKE REGIONAL PARK INTERIM PLAN

DAY-USE PERMIT PROGRAM PROPOSAL

March 2008



PURPOSE OF THE INTERIM PLAN: To provide an interim level of limited public use beyond the guided tours and manage the property while preserving the existing property resources until the Master Plan for permanent use is adopted and implemented.

DAY-USE PERMIT PROGRAM GOAL: To provide equitable access to Tolay Lake Regional Park during the Interim Plan phase including, hikers, bikers, equestrians, and picnickers.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Orientation required for all park users. Each permit can cover three non-permitted people for a total of four people per permit.
2. Scheduled orientation for general use. Special orientation for group picnic area reservations.
3. Expand Guided Tours as described in Interim Plan CEQA document to include focused tours.

REASONING

1. Orientation Required for All Park Users

- a. Willow Creek Model requires orientation for all users.
- b. Equitable between all park users. No group can claim that another user group is receiving preferential treatment.
- c. Easiest in terms of document revision.
- d. Easiest in terms of program administration & monitoring.

2. Scheduled Orientation

- a. Willow Creek Model has scheduled orientation.
- b. Better lends itself to consistent orientation content than on-demand orientation, especially if volunteers are providing the orientation.
- c. May provide better product in terms of resource protection, as users will be better informed.
- d. May be easier in terms of program administration and documentation than on-demand.
- e. May be more cost effective than on-demand orientation.
- f. Group Picnicker orientations can be scheduled to occur after majority of picnic participants arrive.

3. Expand Guided Tours to Include Focused Tours

- a. Already included in document and there were no complaints from the public.
- b. Will provide a good public service & help educate the public about the unique aspects of the property.
- c. Easy to administer.
- d. Can be scheduled to follow Orientations and would thereby augment the Orientation.

FINE POINTS

- a. Each permit can cover three non-permitted people for a total of four people per permit.
- b. If a club or organization is planning an event, such as an equestrian ride, they will notify Regional Parks if twelve or more individuals will be attending.