

Policy Number: 6.1.0

Title:
PARK POLICY

Introduction:

An element of the Alpine Springs County Water District's mission statement is the "protection, preservation and enhancement of the urban forest setting with consideration for the property owner's continued use and enjoyment".

The District acquired the parcel of land upon which the Park is located from the United States Forest Service in 1992. Alpine Meadows property owners were assessed an annual fee of \$63.00 per parcel for 13 years for payment for the land in the exchange. Later the District accepted \$104,142.00 from Placer County in Park Dedication fees to complete the Park. As a condition of accepting the Placer County Park Dedication fees, the District is required to make the Park available to the general public on the same terms and conditions as it is to District customers. The District charges user fees to the residents of the District and the general public who wish to use the Park.

Ends:

In setting Park user fees annually, the District balances its need for revenues with its desire to open the Park to all members of the public who wish to use it. Initially, the District believed that these user fees would cover the cost of Park operations. Over time, it has become clear that the user fees which the District collects are not now and will probably never be sufficient to cover the full cost of Park operations. As a result, approximately 20 percent of the property taxes paid by Alpine Meadows property owners have subsidized the cost of Park operations. The District plans to continue subsidizing the Park by using property taxes for as long as property tax revenues are available for this purpose.

The District does not plan to actively pursue a plan to increase the number of Park users, and thus increase Park revenues, by advertising the Park outside the Alpine Meadows community. This does not preclude the possibly of advertising the Park inside the District. Although the Park is not for the exclusive use of the Alpine Meadows community, the District's primary responsibility is to preserve this precious resource for the benefit of the Alpine Meadows residents and property owners who subsidize the Park's operations.

Responsibility:

It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors, with counsel from the Park, Recreation and Greenbelt Committee to set user fees, annually, on the bases set forth above.