

RESCUE OUR REGIONAL PARKS

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Sacramento County Board of Supervisors
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VIA EMAIL

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM 65, YOUR MEETING OF JULY 19, 2011

Dear Chair MacGlashan & Board Members:


Please recall that Financing Recommendation #3 contained in the Grassroots Working Group (GWG) Recommendations dated April 13, 2011 calls for amendment of the Sacramento County Charter to provide for transfer of existing tax revenue from the County General Fund to a new regional district. Table 1 in the Recommendations identifies \$2.9 million as the transferred amount.

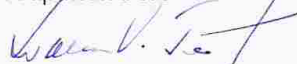
We learned on May 24th that, while Sacramento County Counsel does not believe a Charter Amendment is legally appropriate, there are other mechanisms could be used to achieve a similar result. However, discussions with individual Board members after the May 24th Board meeting has lead to the conclusion that a majority of the Board of Supervisors are not willing to continue consideration of any of the GWG Recommendations as long as Financing Recommendation #3 is included.

This letter confirms that the GWG has removed Financing Recommendation #3 from its Recommendations and respectfully requests the Board to continue consideration of the balance of the Recommendations by supporting enabling legislation recommended by the GWG so as to preserve this "best chance" option for stable funding of our Regional Parks.

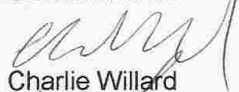
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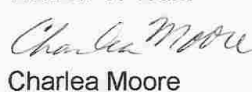
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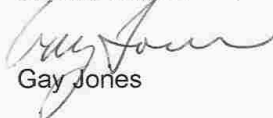

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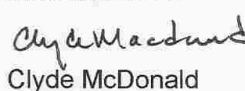

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To Secure Adequate, Stable, Long Term Funding for Our Regional Parks and Open Space System

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cc: Mr. Steve Szalay, Interim County Executive
Mr. Rob Leonard, County MSA Administrator
Mr. Tom Burkart, County Budget Officer
Mr. Bill Burke, Esq., Deputy County Counsel