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SUBJECT: FAMILY CAMP STATUS

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INFORMATION

PURPOSE

The purpose of this information memorandum is to provide a status update on San José Family Camp (Family Camp).

BACKGROUND

Family Camp is located on 36.3 acres in the Stanislaus National Forest, along the Middle Fork of the Tuolumne River, approximately 150 miles from San José. The camp is operated by the City of San José under a special use permit from the United States Forest Service (USFS).

Key staff activities underway involving Family Camp include:

- The USFS Master Plan process is being completed. This process requires that the City conduct a comprehensive evaluation of Family Camp facilities, identify opportunities to upgrade those facilities and ensure all regulatory compliance. The Master Plan is planned to be packaged with a USFS application for another 20-year special use permit and submitted to the City Council for review and approval in the next 12 to 18 months;
- City staff is working with the USFS to amend the current permit through the end of 2010 with the option to extend through 2012 if the new 20-year permit is not completed by that time;
- Staff is evaluating repair options for a significant structural weakness that was identified in Family Camp's 60 year old dining hall building which was discovered during a review of facilities towards the end of the 2009 season. Staff is working with the USFS on options to resolve structural concerns and determine the potential impacts to the 2010 camp season.

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A memorandum with further information on the status of the USFS permit and facility conditions, along with an analysis of options, is anticipated to be brought to City Council by the end of February or early March 2010.



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