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PRPD to Apply for Community Change Grant in Partnership with the Butte County Fire Safe Council

October Highlights

Paradise, CA, October 9, 2024 – The Paradise Recreation and Park District (PRPD, District) Board of Directors (Board, BOD) held its Regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at the Terry Ashe Recreation Center.

The Board heard presentations from representatives of the Paradise Arts Theatre and Culture Hub (PATCH) and the Honey Run Covered Bridge Association (HRCBA). PATCH brought to the consideration of the Board a request for donation of funds to assist efforts for future PATCH projects. The Board voted to increase the proposed amount and match funds donated by other local organizations.

The HRCBA is rebuilding the bridge lost in the Camp Fire and currently has an MOU with PRPD which allows for support and future collaborations. Staff suggested forming a temporary committee for the purpose of continuing these efforts, to which three Board members volunteered, 2 members and an alternate.

The District continues to pursue additional funding for the Lakeridge Park resiliency and recreation center hub to support the community of Magalia, which would be on the site at Lakeridge Park. Staff requested approval of the Board to submit a proposal for the Environmental Protection Agency Community Change Grant, in collaboration with the Butte County Fire Safe Council (BCFSC), which would supplement the existing grant awarded to the District of building a small Lakeridge Park building and grounds and would allow for funding to create a larger resiliency hub on the site. Additionally, the grant would fund fuels reduction projects and educational workshops to support wildfire mitigation efforts in the Magalia area. The Board approved the District Manager to submit the grant proposal and the agreement with the BCFSC.

The next Regular Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the Terry Ashe Recreation Center.

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Since 1948, the Paradise Recreation and Park District provides recreation facilities and programs to the residents of Paradise, the Butte Creek Canyon area, and the unincorporated communities of Magalia/Paradise Pines and Concow/Yankee Hill. The District serves 50,000 people living in a 170-square mile area and manages over 1,000 acres of park land and facilities.