



Special Use Agreement South Bay Soaring Society

Board Operations Committee Meeting
September 18, 2024



Staff Recommendation

Execute a five-year Special Use Agreement with
South Bay Soaring Society

For use of the premises to conduct radio-
controlled model sailplane flying at Mission
Peak Regional Preserve with a \$250 annual fee

OVERVIEW

- Special Use
- Location
- Background
- Annual Payment
- Staff Recommendation



Special Use

- Special Use Agreements must meet the “District objectives, with appropriate public benefit and priority”

- Special Use Agreement defined as:

Any on-going recreational development, activity, service, or land use that is provided for group and general public benefit by clubs, associations, or similar groups operating as a non-profit entity with membership open to the public

- District currently has 30 Special Use Agreements:
- Types of groups and their use range from archery, swimming, equestrian, scouting, horticultural, etc....



LOCATION

MISSION PEAK REGIONAL PRESERVE

The gliders are both launched and recovered from this site.



BACKGROUND

- ❑ South Bay Soaring Society is a non-profit organization, has used an area of land in Mission Peak for almost 25 years.
- ❑ Has approx. 50 - 200 members who fly radio-controlled sailplanes and gliders at various locations throughout the Bay Area.
- ❑ Access is usually twice a month, by foot using Peak Meadows Trail from February through to late summer.
- ❑ A max of ten member-only sailplanes are allowed onsite at any time.





BACKGROUND & PAYMENT

- Mentor youth through public and private programs.
- Encourage participation in a science based sporting environment, emphasizing fair play, and learning while having fun.
- Requested that their fee (\$250 annually) remain the same as only a limited number of their group use this site infrequently, they access the site as any other park user does, and they have no storage at the site.



OUTREACH

Holds activities and programs teaching scientific principles related soaring and the skills necessary to create, maintain, and fly radio-controlled gliders.



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Execute a five-year agreement, commencing January 1, 2025, and terminating December 31, 2029, for a Special Use Agreement with South Bay Soaring Society, allowing its members the use of a limited area in Mission Peak Regional Preserve, to conduct radio-controlled model sailplane/glider flying with an annual fee of \$250.

There is no financial or operational cost to the District.





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QUESTIONS?

Tiffany Margulici – Business Service Manager
Seleney Sanchez – *Acting* Unit Manager, Unit 1
Gordon Willey – Park Supervisor