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# STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** January 17, 2019

**TO:** Advisory Board of Directors

**FROM:** Dave Mitchell, District Administrator  
Noe Villa, Parks Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** District's Open Space Management Plan 2019 - 2021

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

By motion, approve the District's Open Space Management Plan 2019 - 2021

## **BACKGROUND:**

Currently the District has just over 100 acres of Open Space that it owns and manages. In early 2014, District Staff began discussing the need to manage the acres in a more concise practice through developing a guiding document and an addition of a parks maintenance crew that would specialize in open space management principals. In June of 2014, District staff began to develop open space management principals and maintenance standards for the District's Open Space and included in the FY14-15 budget was funding to create and equip a 3 person parks open space crew. On February 10, 2015 the Advisory Board approved the first Open Space Management Plan.

SRPD staff has been very efficient in implementing the first three year plan and completed the work 6 months early prompting staff to bring the next three year plan early to the Advisory Board.

SRPD staff has continued the success of the program in the second version of the plan is one year ahead of schedule with the completion of the current plan.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The attached 2019-2021 open space management plan provides guidance on why we have open space, the accepted uses and the goal for open space, past and ongoing maintenance expectations for each park, and a schedule of proposed higher level of maintenance in certain parks.

It is still proposed that the District re-evaluate the plan every three years as changes in open space principals do modify from time to time and the needs of the community will evolve and the District will need to evaluate with the community the uses of the open space.

The 2019-2021 plan focuses efforts primarily in the Stock Ranch Nature Preserve in the reduction of natural fuel elements.

### **FUNDING**

There are no additional funding requests with the approval of the plan. All funding requests necessary to move forward with the plan will be part of the yearly District budget. Available Stock Ranch Assessment Funding will also be used to supplement funding of staff working at Stock Ranch.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
**Dave Mitchell**  
**District Administrator**

**Attachments:** Open Space Management Plan