

RESOLUTION NUMBER R-304452

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A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SAN DIEGO AMENDING COUNCIL POLICY NO. 400-
03 PERTAINING TO SELF-SUSTAINING RESERVOIR
RECREATION PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Reservoir Recreation Program [Program] has generated revenues through user fees [the Fees]; and

WHEREAS, the Fees have not been increased for more than ten years; and

WHEREAS, maintenance and recreation costs have increased significantly; and

WHEREAS, enhanced services (waterskiing, jet skis and windsurfing) are not fully cost-recoverable; and

WHEREAS, until July 2006, the Water Department Enterprise Fund directly subsidized these recreation programs; and

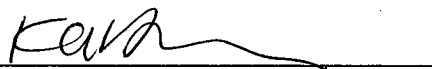
WHEREAS, using Business Process Reengineering, the Park and Recreation Department and the Water Department have worked jointly to determine necessary changes to the Program that will allow it to operate without Water Department subsidies; and

WHEREAS, such changes include the amendment of Council Policy 400-03 to provide for the Water Department to be reimbursed by the City General Fund and authorizing the Mayor to set reasonable user fees to offset costs to provide Lake recreation activities; NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that Council Policy No. 400-03 titled "Self-Sustaining Reservoir Recreation Program" is amended as set forth in Attachment 1.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is instructed to add the aforesaid to the Council Policy Manual.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By 
Kimberly Ann Davies
Deputy City Attorney

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Attachment 1: Council Policy 400-03 Revision
Attachment 2: Council Policy 400-03

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of DEC 01 2008.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By *Aria Richards*
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: *12.15.08*
(date)

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

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CITY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
COUNCIL POLICY

SUBJECT SELF-SUSTAINING RESERVOIR RECREATION PROGRAM	POLICY NUMBER	400-03
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BACKGROUND

The City of San Diego has conducted a Lakes Recreation Program since the establishment of the City's municipal reservoir system in 1913. The primary purpose of the City's reservoir system is the impoundment and production of a safe, domestic water supply. Public recreation is, by necessity, a secondary but highly valuable byproduct of the reservoir system.

Historically, patronage of municipal reservoirs was based primarily on special interest activities such as fishing, waterfowl hunting and camping. Council Policy 400-3 was originally developed to ensure that the City Lakes Recreation Program operates on a self-sustaining basis with user fees offsetting all associated costs of the program.

As a result of general growth in San Diego and residential development around municipal reservoirs (particularly Murray and Miramar), public usage and policies for public access have changed significantly from an orientation toward revenue producing, special interest activities to non-revenue producing community use activities and access. From 1993 to 2006, general water rates were used to offset all costs associated with basic levels of public access, community usage, and related grounds and facility maintenance (Tier I). In 2006, the San Diego County Grand Jury addressed the use of Water Department and Metropolitan Waste Water Department enterprise funds for purposes unrelated to the water and wastewater systems. Subsequently, the Mayor directed that these Tier I costs incurred by the Water Department for recreational activities should be fully reimbursed by the City General Fund.

PURPOSE:

It is the intention of the City Council that the San Diego City Lakes Recreation Program continue to provide broad-based leisure and recreational opportunities for the citizens of and visitors to the City of San Diego. The General Fund will reimburse the Water Department Enterprise Fund for all costs associated with basic levels of public access, community usage and related grounds and facility maintenance (Tier I). Reasonable user fees will continue to offset the direct costs associated with Tier II Traditional Recreation Programs (fishing, boating and waterfowl hunting) and Tier III Water Contact Program (water-skiing, jetskiing, boardsailing) activities.

POLICY:

The City Council recognizes that the primary purpose of the municipal reservoir system is the impoundment and production of a safe municipal water supply. The City Lakes Recreation Program is highly valued by the citizens of San Diego for the leisure and recreation activities it provides. Aside from the primary purpose of providing for the municipal water supply, public access, recreation and

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protection of natural watershed, are the most valuable public benefit and goal of all reservoir system management. The Mayor is authorized to recommend reasonable user fees to offset costs to provide Lake recreation activities, with City Council approval.

In recognition of the primary purpose of the municipal reservoir system, the Director of Public Utilities has the authority to temporarily suspend any recreation activity due to water quality, security or safety issues, for a period not to exceed ninety days, without City Council approval.

CROSS REFERENCE:

Municipal Code Sec. 67.41

HISTORY:

- Adopted by Resolution R-172824 09/27/1962
- Amended by Resolution R-211482 09/05/1974
- Amended by Resolution R-254869 08/24/1981
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PURPOSE:

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