

R-22-34
Meeting 22-05
March 10, 2022

AGENDA ITEM #1

To: Board of Directors
Open Space Authority

From: Andrea Mackenzie
General Manager

SUBJECT

Approve Resolution Honoring Alum Rock Park's 150th Anniversary

REVENUE/COST

There is no cost associated with this item.

BACKGROUND

In 2022, Alum Rock Park celebrates its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary. Alum Rock Park, which was founded in 1872, making it one of California's oldest municipal parks, is located in San José's eastern foothills of the Diablo Mountain Range. The park is managed by the City of San José Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS). With over 13 miles of trails across 720 acres, Alum Rock Park welcomes a variety of activities including hiking, biking, horseback riding, birdwatching, and picnicking; staff also offer a variety of educational programs and summer camps that help connect children and adults with nature.

The Open Space Authority and the City of San José Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services entered into a Memorandum of Understanding on April 11, 2017, to share certain recreational and resource management responsibilities between the Open Space Authority's Sierra Vista Open Space Preserve and Alum Rock Park, given the adjacency of the two parks. Trail systems between Alum Rock Park and Sierra Vista Open Space Preserve are interconnected and encourage visitors to explore both landscapes as one.

DISCUSSION

The partnership between the Open Space Authority and City of San José Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, especially between the Authority's Open Space Technicians and the Alum Rock Park Rangers, has expanded opportunities for visitors to explore and appreciate this significant municipal park and the adjoining Sierra Vista Open Space Preserve in the nation's tenth largest city and has enabled both agencies to more efficiently deliver services to the public.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the Resolution honoring Alum Rock Park's 150th Anniversary.

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Attachment(s): *Resolution 22-26 -- A Resolution of the Governing Board of the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority Acknowledging Alum Rock Park's 150th Year Anniversary*