

A Safe and Healthy Community

The Agreement for the Bower Park Restoration Grant in the amount of \$2,200,000 was approved by the Board of Supervisors in April during the General Board of Supervisors Meeting. The signed agreement was sent to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation in April 2023 for final State Signatures, in the meantime staff are preparing to complete an application for the Local Assistance Specified Grants, which is the next step. General Services Agency will be utilizing the Parks Needs Assessment to identify and address the needs of the park as well as gathering public input during development of the restoration plan.

Design for the construction of the pre-trial release program modular at the Jail is complete and issued for bids; Bids are due June 8, 2023. Tentative construction duration of 8-9 months will have the project completing in early 2024.

SB 844 Jail Expansion Project: Staff is anticipating final state approvals in June to permit the County to issue bid documents Shortly thereafter. The current milestone schedule shows the project completing in late 2025.

Project completed in May include the for the Administration Center Server Room Cooling Project and The Children's Services Roof Recoat project.

The Agriculture Building Roof Replacement Project is being fast tracked for completion prior to the next winter rains. Contract award and approval is anticipated in June or early July.

Facilities Project staff has received authorization to proceed with several significant grant funded projects including Electric Vehicle Charging Stations for the Administration and Yokayo Centers; A solar roof replacement and battery back-up project for the Willits Library; Upgraded restroom facilities for Mill Creek Park; Back-up Generators for critical facilities and Improvement at Bower Park. Work is underway to procure agreements for planning and design consultants.

A failed HVAC unit at the Public Health building on Dora St has been replaced to ensure a safe working condition for the staff and customers of both the Public Health and Behavioral Health Departments. Total cost was \$17,975.

The County garage staff continues to work on streamlining the current fleet by submitting for surplus the oldest, most underutilized fleet vehicles, and re-distributing newer underutilized vehicles to the Departments that need replacement. This month four (4) more County fleet

vehicles were submitted for surplus, and two (2) were redistributed to a department in dire need of more vehicles.

Staff have met with several stakeholders interested in the Mendocino County Parks system. As we continue to develop a long-term operational model for parks, we are exploring long-term relationships and future ownership opportunities in the parks.

Staff identified and aggressively pursued a major water leak at Bower Park this month requiring water to be secured to the park for several days. The leak has been repaired and water has been restored to the park.

Staff is working with a local tree contractor to remove a hazardous tree from Lions Park in Redwood Valley. This will allow the park to continue to be utilized safely by the residents of the County for years to come.

Staff has been working with the Jail kitchen staff and a local contractor to perform vital repairs to the Jail kitchen walk in freezer. A compressor failure led to a \$16,530 repair to keep the kitchen operating at maximum capability.

Staff is working to repair the HVAC system for the staff area of the Ukiah Library. The work is expected to cost approximately \$1,836.

Spring and Summer are the perfect seasons to hit the trails to hike and explore within the County Parks. We share these trails and open areas with many creatures, one of which being the Pacific rattlesnake. Here are a few facts to help you stay safe if you encounter a rattlesnake:

- Keep your distance - rattlesnakes can strike only a distance equal to half their own length.
- Watch where you step or reach with your hands.
- Stand still if you think you hear a snake, until you've located the snake; then move away.
- Beware of snakes without a rattle—baby rattlesnakes don't have rattles and adult rattles can break off.

Hazardous tree removal was completed at the Redwood Valley Lion's Club Park on Friday, May 26, 2023. The picnic and playground area were temporarily closed to the public for one day.