



MENDOCINO COUNTY – GENERAL SERVICES AGENCY

MONTHLY OPERATIONAL UPDATE

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A Safe and Healthy Community

Staff is working with a local contractor to repair / remove the damaged equipment and trees at Bower Park due to recent storm events. Work has commenced with much of the downed trees/debris removed from the park as of mid-April, as well as repair and restoration of the Parks baseball field completed to support the upcoming season. All downed trees have been removed and the restroom building has been repaired. The park has been partially re-opened to support the local baseball league. The overall work completion for the storm damage is approximately 90%. Staff is working with FEMA and Cal OES personnel on the Emergency assistance being provided. The overall restoration of the park to a safe to visit condition is estimated to cost \$148,000.

Staff is working with a local contractor to replace an HVAC unit at the Public Health building. The unit is more than 20 years old and has completely failed. The replacement will cost approximately \$23,000.

Staff responded to a report that the Willits PD was unable to safely access the parking area located behind the Willits Justice Center. Coordination and several hours of weekend on-call work led to the repair of the gate ensuring the maximum safety for the Willits PD vehicles that utilize that parking area.

Staff has been working diligently to replace a failed water heater in Juvenile Hall to ensure the maximum safety and care for the tenants of that facility. The total estimated cost of this replacement is \$9,500.

Staff is currently working through the process of going out to bid for the necessary HVAC unit replacement at building 7C of the Avila Center in Fort Bragg. The total cost of the replacement is estimated to cost \$31,000.

Staff is working with the Ukiah Little League and a local Electrical Contractor to upgrade the electrical system at Lions Park in Redwood Valley. This upgrade will assist the little league with the safe usage of the pitching machines used during the baseball season.

Facility Grounds Maintenance Staff has opened Indian Creek and McKee Parks as of the first of April.

Facilities Staff has responded to an emergent water damage claim at building two at the Willits Integrated Services Center to remediate and repair water damage in and around the staff break room; preliminary estimate for this insurance claim is \$74,000. Staff is also responding to replace a failed HVAC unit at the Public Health Building with an initial estimate of \$25,000.

A new project associated with the IT initiative upgrading the county network to high-speed fiber optic communications lines will be on an upcoming agenda; the underground pathway between the Administration center and the new 911 Communications center was found to be impassable, and as a result, staff will be working on a solution to repair or bypass the damaged areas.

SB 844 Jail Expansion Project: The County's has prequalified three (3) prime contractors for the project and staff is anticipating final state approvals in May to permit the County to issue bid documents Shortly thereafter. The current milestone schedule shows the project completing in late 2025.

Design for the construction of the pretrial release program modular at the Jail is complete and issued for bids; Bids are due May 18, 2023. Tentative construction duration of 8-9 months will have the project completing in early 2024.

The project to replace the cooling equipment for the Administration Center server room was completed the first week of May 2023.

Work is under way at the Fort Bragg Justice Center to replace the HVAC system with the goal of completing the project before the end of 2023. Consistent with prior board direction, this project will replace the existing propane fired boiler with a new high efficiency all electric Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF) heat pump system. The Children's Services Roof Recoat project is under way and is planned for completion by the end of May 2023.

The Agriculture Building Roof Replacement Project is being fast tracked for completion prior to the next winter rains. Project bidding is scheduled for May 2023.

Contractors have recently completed work to install a scan card access control system for the Probation and Juvenile Hall buildings.

Facilities Project staff has recently received authorization to proceed with several 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 improvements at Bower Park. Work is underway to procure agreements for planning and design consultants.

Commitments for funding the completion of Phase III of the Administration Center Roof replacement will be deferred until construction bids are received for the Jail Expansion project.

Staff met with Visit Mendocino to kick off a joint branding campaign for the park system which will include updated signage and other marketing materials. Our staff is excited to partner with Visit Mendocino. We expect to have new materials out for public enjoyment in the Summer of 2023.

Staff and the Parks Ad Hoc members met jointly City of Ukiah Parks and Recreation representatives and the Ukiah Pickleball Club President regarding a joint venture agreement with the City of Ukiah for potential conversion of the Ukiah Low Gap Regional Park tennis courts to pickleball courts. Staff brought the item before the Board of Supervisors on March 28, 2023. The Board approved the item and authorized the Purchasing Agent to begin negotiations.

It's that time of year where group area picnic reservations are ramping up in Mendocino County. Weekend slots are filling up fast for Redwood Valley Lion's Club Park in Redwood Valley, Low Gap Regional Park in Ukiah, and Mill Creek Park in Talmage. Please call the General Services Agency – Parks Division at (707) 234-2875 to check availability today, don't wait!



Mill Creek Park Seating Area – photo by Emily Saengarun

The General Services Agency initiated a phased reopening of Bower Park, located at 38100 Old Stagecoach Road, Gualala, on Friday, April 21, 2023. The park has been closed since January 6, 2023, due to damages to all areas of the park from the atmospheric river events this winter.

Phase I of the reopening included the parking lot, the restroom facility, and the baseball field.