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FRRPD TO SELL ACTIVITY CENTER PROPERTY

OROVILLE, CA. (December 8, 2021) – The Feather River Recreation and Park District Board of Directors announces the intent to sell the Activity Center property located at 1875 Feather River Boulevard in Oroville.

The Board hired financial analysis, Scott Chalmers, to examine District finances due to operating budget concerns and limited reserves. Mr. Chalmers presented his findings to the Board of Directors during a public board meeting on November 18th which included a deferred maintenance list for all 15 FRRPD parks and facilities at an approximate cost of \$15 million. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Board moved forward with the consultant's recommendation to sell the Activity Center.

Since the purchase of the property in 2010, six different general managers have tried to operate the facility within the District's limited income, but the cost has always been an insurmountable loss. Between 2010 and 2014, FRRPD had to take out several loans to fund operations and in 2015 had to refinance the Activity Center property to consolidate the debt and take out additional equity on the mortgage to avoid bankruptcy.

The decision to sell the Activity Center was not easy, as the Board values the services and programming that the site provides to the community. The sale will, however, increase funding to better maintain the remaining facilities, properly allocate for operating expenses, and offer more competitive wages for staff. General Manager Shawn Rohrbacker plans to transition as many staff positions and recreation programs as possible to alternate locations. Addressing years of deferred maintenance in District parks will be a top priority.

A copy of the presentation and financial report summary is available online: https://www.frrpd.com/2021-11-18-board-november-18-2021-special-board-meeting

The Feather River Recreation and Park District is a California Special District that serves an area of 730 square miles in south-eastern Butte County. Our mission is to provide and maintain quality parks, recreation experiences, and related facilities and programs for all residents of the District in a fiscally sustainable manner that compliments the natural resources and cultural heritage of our community.

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