



HUNTER VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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Greetings to All Hunter Creek Subdivision property owners and residents:

On October 19, 2020, the Del Norte Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) Board conducted a public hearing. This public hearing was a Protest Hearing to determine if there was sufficient community opposition to HUNTER VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT (Hunter Valley CSD) activating Parks and Recreation Powers to augment Hunter Valley CSD current responsibilities as the subdivision's provider of drinking water. The purpose of this public hearing was to hear from voters and property owners in the District if there was sufficient cause to allow, deny or refer the matter for vote. In the absence of sufficient protest, the LAFCo Executive Officer determined that Hunter Valley CSD be granted Parks and Recreation Powers within its boundary, which includes the Hunter Creek Subdivision. LAFCo will continue to work with the CSD on some remaining conditions of approval, then issue a Certificate of Completion for the powers activation.

The Hunter Valley CSD Board of Directors, property owners and residents have been seeking to obtain the parcel of land called Hunter Creek Park located at the corner of Duncan Drive and Weber Drive in the middle of the Hunter Creek Subdivision. The County of Del Norte was deeded this park land in 1965-66 during the creation of Hunter Creek Subdivision. In early March of 2020 the County of Del Norte decided not to maintain the park and to surplus the park land by signing over the deed to an organization that could and would assume all future maintenance and improvement responsibilities and to include installing an approved commercial grade playground. The property owners and residents took a survey in which 89% voted to not only pledge ten thousand plus dollars for the park revitalization but to pay an annual Parks and Recreation fee to be billed with but separately accounted from the Annual Water Fee.

To demonstrate their dedication and support for the park, property owners applied and were granted volunteer status by the County of Del Norte to assume responsibility for mowing the park land. Hunter Valley Subdivision residents have been donating their time, weed eaters and riding mowers a minimum of twice a month since March 15, 2020. A group of lady mowers, calling themselves the "LADYBUGS" are now a permanent fixture in this task. Furthermore, by late September 2020 a new School Bus Stop with motion detecting solar powered lights was built by volunteer residents who donated their labor, all new materials, and artistic talents to paint bright graphics all around the new structure. A gently used commercial grade 15+ station playground has been donated to Hunter Valley CSD for installation in Hunter Creek Park in the future.

Once the LAFCo Certificate of Completion is issued, our final challenge is to convince the County of Del Norte Board of Supervisors that Hunter Creek residents are supportive, deserving, and capable of revitalizing existing facilities, improving the park property utilization, maintaining the Hunter Creek Park lawns and can demonstrate sufficient funding to support these efforts. We will advise all when this meeting with the C Board of Supervisors will occur.

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