

## CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### Study Session Worksheet

**Presentation Date:** 7/30/13      **Approx Start Time:** 9:00      **Approx Length:** 60 min

**Presentation Title:** Barton/Carver Parks and Clackamas River

**Department:** County Counsel, Sheriff's Office, Business & Community Services, Transportation

**Presenters:** Stephen Madkour, Matt Ellington, Gary Barth, Rick Gruen, Mike Bezner

**Other Invitees:** Kim Ybarra, Sgt Steve Thoroughman

#### WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD?

Direction from the board on its preferred approach to address access, crown control, alcohol use, littering, traffic, and general use of Barton and Carver Parks and the Clackamas River.

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

During the summer months the Clackamas River experiences heavy usage from boaters and rafters. The majority of river users access the river at County owned Barton and Carver Parks. Heavy use on the river results in these parks operating at or near maximum capacity, with overflow parking on the shoulder of county roads. Park rules prohibit the possession of alcohol on park property. However, river users will frequently run the river with coolers of canned and bottled alcoholic beverages, and based on current observations the majority of empty cans and bottles are discarded along the river.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (current year and ongoing):

On July 23, 2013 the Board of County Commissioners agreed to move \$40,000 from Contingency to the Sheriff's budget for enhanced enforcement on the Clackamas River. The issues presented by the popularity of the Clackamas River are too numerous for the sheriff's office to handle alone. The problems of traffic, parking, alcohol use, littering, and disorderly conduct will require a collaborative approach to resolve.

#### LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

Provide the sheriff's office with clear authority to inspect personal property items.

#### PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION:

Public outreach and information, as well as partnering with other river users will likely be necessary to successfully implement any changes.

#### OPTIONS:

Amend county parks rules to specifically provide authority for the sheriff's office, and perhaps park rangers, to perform visual inspections of coolers. Those refusing inspection would be directed to leave the park premises;

Educate users and enforce on alcohol;

Educate users and enforce on littering;

Increase cost of parking;

Implement park admission fee or river use fee;

Amend Code to require PFD for all river users;

Provide fee based shuttle services between Carver and Barton Parks;

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

Division Director/Head Approval \_\_\_\_\_

Department Director/Head Approval \_\_\_\_\_

County Administrator Approval \_\_\_\_\_

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