

Multi-County Parks Director Call (Statewide Participants)

COVID-19 RESPONSE

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RCO Updates: Deanna Beck; Grants Manager King Co. – Email extending grant deadline from May 1st to June 1st; website will be updated soon. Prism was down last 10 days but should be working now.

No in person meetings. All web based and remote. Working with planning eligibility extensions, through June 1st. RCO is trying to be flexible and supportive of partners. Priority is grant managers should be reaching out directly and discuss current projects and help keep in compliance. Going to April 21st regular meeting held remotely. Request to reduce required match that would apply statewide. Reduce 10% non federal/non state match.

Outdoor Maintenance Proclamation – Has this changed park maintenance; the language allows to increase to at least mowing and some other tasks to maintain assets.

Dave, Redmond Parks: ROW maintenance landscaping contracts; mowing on side of road and keep it going for safety liability reasons.

Mary, Lakewood Parks: using to justify reduced labor, rotation, etc.; asked for MPT to send essential/non-essential document out to group. Pete MPT is going to send out.

Jen, Longview Parks: Mowing, trash, (weeds and pesticide mgmt. removed). No edging.

Lori, Everett Parks: Already shifted to what order represents. Just making sure bare minimum is done. Now reviewing for future, what is tipping point to begin adding more tasks to protect assets?

Pete MPT will share essential/non-essential document.

Revenue loss assumptions: how is everyone projecting?

Lori, Everett Parks- Revenue loss percentage assumptions; where are you in process? P&R is being evaluated separate from golf.

Daryl, Auburn Parks – Recreation is confusing, very dependent on what happens prior to summer. Will registrations be lower because of social gathering requirements, they are weeks away from

Pete MPT– Shared MPT % shortfall; have a financial impacts and scenarios branch that is working on these estimates through August. Recovery planning for Sept through Dec. Property tax and sales tax; PC Assessor has announced deferral on Property Tax collection through June.

Snohomish County did same with deferral on property tax collections.

Overcrowded Trailheads – unified trailheads: If you have to drive, it's too far. Looking for unified messaging.

Tom T- Snohomish County Parks – USFS, State and their trail heads are still being overrun. Better message for folks; if you take your car, the park is too far. Tested on Tuesday and had a lot of really good feedback. Over last 2 weekends, they were having to cite people for parking. Feel free to use sign. Communities are being overrun so trying to push the message.

Federal Aid: Joe Brady – Three pieces of legislation; passed last Friday concerned about 500,000 cut off and have been busy talking with other jurisdictions to voice P&R. Connected federal teams NRPA Trust of Public Lands and more for unified voice. Message is this is critical infrastructure, we are incurring a tremendous amount of use and massive hits to revenue. AT Risk! Help local government. Stepping into space, will share letter and email chains and how government relations offices can get hooked up.

Tom, Snohomish – working with Pierce County; County already qualifies; They had been working with County wide bond, use template funding for last 8 to 9 months to access funds. How are they disbursed. How do we create something more sustainable for all the districts.

Highly partisan – national league of cities is making sure language is included. 500,000; they are finding the cut-off is illegal. Dynamic environment.

Petern MPT asked Tom and others to share methodology of dividing the federal dollars.

Floors Open:

John with Federal Way – July 4th activities? Electeds will be asking soon.

Ryan, Mercer Island – lack of resources, elected to cancel event weekend after July 4th

Lori, Everett Parks – resource draw, don't have resources to prepare or fund events, will have to decide soon.

Pete, MPT, shared that Pierce County cancelled events through end of May that would gather between 1,000 and 30,000 attendees.

MPT – working on assumptions, June to August; delaying events to August; weighing June taste of Tacoma; no decisions on large events; working through it.

Daryl , Auburn Parks– Pretty sure May and June events will be cancelled. Farmers Markets?

Lori, Everett Parks – she will follow up about Farmers Markets

Sara, Puyallup – meeting with Farmers Markets, cancel April and move to May.

Renton – Will have farmers markets – produce only in June.

Travis, Si View – Normally don't open until June. Looking at if it's feasible if they scale down to produce only.

Mary, Lakewood– Supposed to start night market in April, delaying. Farmers market scaling to farmers/drive through maybe? Will send article about how other agencies are maintaining social distancing.

Travis will distribute documents to group mentioned in the meeting today.



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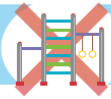
METRO PARKS TACOMA SIGN EXAMPLES



Area Temporarily CLOSED

to help reduce the spread of COVID-19

Practice social distancing.
Don't stand in groups. Keep 6 feet between people.



Stay off playground equipment.
Avoid surfaces that are touched often.

Enjoy walking, running, cycling and communing with nature.
You can still have fun in open park spaces.



Wash your hands often.
If you don't have access to a sink, use hand sanitizer.



We encourage you to check our website for updates:
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In light of the governor's orders and public health guidance and expectations around social distancing

This facility is temporarily CLOSED

All programs are canceled, including indoor, outdoor, and volunteer work parties. All rentals are canceled.

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Thank you for your understanding and patience as we care for our people and community.

