

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 02-296

DATE: August 14, 2002

C.D. 15

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: KEN MALLOY HARBOR REGIONAL - CHANGE OF OPERATING HOURS

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Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Approve the modification of the operating hours of Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park as follows: Northern end of park to open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 4:00 p.m.; all other park areas to open at sunrise and close at sunset.
2. Forward this request to the City Council for approval and amendment to Municipal Code Section 63.44 B.14(c) to include Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park.

SUMMARY

Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park is comprised of 231 acres, which includes the 40-acre Lake Machado. It is significant as one the last remaining wetlands in the South Bay. Its marshes, coastal sage scrub and water area are home to over 300 species of birds and a variety of other animals. As such, it is a popular destination for bird and nature walks and attracts students on field trips from various southland schools and universities.

It is requested that the hours of operation at the Park be revised to help protect this natural resource and ensure public safety. Overall, it is requested that the park open at sunrise and close at sunset; however, some areas of the park exist where the sensitive nature of the habitat is particularly vulnerable, and exacerbated by illegal encampment and other unsanctioned uses of the park.

Therefore, the South Bay Chapter of the Audubon Society and City Attorney have requested that hours at the northern end of the park be more restrictive (opened at 10:00 a.m. and closed at 4:00 p.m.) to allow the Los Angeles Police Department the legal authority to inspect the riparian forest during daylight hours and remove anyone using this area as an encampment.

The Board can administratively establish earlier closing and later opening hours for any of the facilities under its control (City Charter Section 10 et seq.); however, without approval of the City Council by ordinance, such actions would not have the force of the law.

Council District 15 concurs with this request.

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