

**January 23, 2012 – Agenda Packet
No Scott Creek Beach Report**

February 2012 – No Agenda or Minutes

**March 19, 2012 – Agenda Packet
No Scott Creek Beach Report**

April 2012 – No Agenda or Minutes

**May 21, 2012 – Agenda Packet
No Division Reports**

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2012-13 PROPOSED BUDGET

In an effort to achieve operational efficiencies in County operations and conserve limited general fund resources, the Parks, Open Spaces and Cultural Services Department was consolidated with the Department of Public Works in fiscal year 2011-12 as a separate division.

The Parks Division continues its mission to acquire, develop and provide safe, well designed and maintained parks while offering a variety of recreational and cultural opportunities for the community. This includes the operation of the County's 1,400 acre park system, Simpkins Family Swim Center, a variety of after-school and summer recreational programs, as well as cultural services programs. Over the last decade the community of Santa Cruz County has seen a 30 percent increase in the number of active parks. These new parks and open space areas provide a wealth of recreational opportunities for residents and non-residents alike. The Parks Division is also responsible for providing staff to the County's Parks and Recreation Commission and the County's Arts Commission. Funding of community programs offered through other providers is included in the Parks Division budget. Staff continues to evaluate and implement new processes and fee structures to improve efficiencies in order to continue to provide quality recreational and cultural opportunities with a smaller workforce.

Responsibility for maintenance of managed park sites has grown from 56 to 59 sites over the last fiscal year, and the division continues to host over 900 functions annually. In addition, staff manage concessionaires and the rentals of private houses in County park sites, provide oversight of community gardens, the memorial bench program, grazing contracts, volunteer programs, and horse-boarding. Park sites range in location from Pinto Lake Park in the south to Greyhound Rock in the north, and from beach access points along the coast to the 410 acre Miller property located in Boulder Creek.

Action Minutes

**June 18, 2012 – Agenda Packet
No Division Reports
Action Minutes**

July 2012 – No Agenda or Minutes

August 2012 – No Agenda or Minutes

**September 10, 2012 – Meeting Cancelled
No Division Reports**

October 2012 – No Agenda or Minutes

**November 19, 2012 – Agenda Packet
No Division Reports
Action Minutes**

**December 2012 – No Meeting
No Division Reports**