



RESOLUTION NO. 247-96

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of El Dorado County has initiated an extensive update to the River Management Plan for the South Fork of the American River; and

WHEREAS, the cost for this update process exceeds revenue derived from the Commercial rafting user day fees established by Board of Supervisors Resolution 34-81 over the three year project; and

WHEREAS, Section VI.A.2. of the River Management Plan authorized the Board of Supervisors to adopt Commercial user day fees by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has determined that the cost of this update process should be born by the River Trust Fund, whose revenue is derived from the Commercial user day fees,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that beginning January 1,1997 each commercial operator shall be required to pay a commercial user day fee of \$2.00 per passenger or guest for each user day on the South Fork of the American River.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 5TH day of NOVEMBER, 1996,
by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes: SUPERVISORS: WILLIAM S. BRADLEY, RAYMOND J. NUTTING, J. MARK NIELSEN, WALTER L. SHULTZ, JOHN E. UPTON

ATTEST
DIXIE L. FOOTE
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By Margaret L. Meedy
Deputy Clerk

Noes: NONE
Absent: NONE

Raymond J. Nutting
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

I CERTIFY THAT:
THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT IS A CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE.

DATE _____
ATTEST: DIXIE L. FOOTE, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado, State of California.
By _____
Deputy Clerk



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Board of Supervisors
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Subject: Proposed User Day Fee Increase: Commercial Rafting

Dear Board Members:

Recommendation:

General Services recommending that the Board adopt the attached Resolution which increases the commercial rafting user day fee from \$1.00 to \$2.00 beginning January 1, 1997.

Reason for Recommendation:

The commercial user day fee was set in 1981 by the Board of Supervisors at \$1.00 per user day. Annually this fee, coupled with permit fees, generates approximately \$85,000 annually to be placed in the County River Trust Fund. The River Trust Fund is used to support the River Management Program through the Department of General Services. Over the years the revenues derived from the commercial rafting industry and the costs to operate the program have been in balance.

It was recognized that the upon the initiation of the River Management Plan update process that the annual River Trust Fund revenues would not be adequate to cover the cost of the consultant contract. Staff anticipates that the revised River Management Plan, scheduled to be adopted by the Board in early 1998, will include a series of recommendations regarding the management of the South Fork, including commercial user day fees.

As an interim measure, the Department of General Services is recommending that the current user day fee be increased to \$2.00. Attached is a River Trust Fund Projection worksheet which outlines revenue projections based upon a \$1.00 increase as well as a \$2.00 increase. The \$1.00 increase is recommended with the expectation that fees may be adjusted again in 1998 as a result to the River Management Plan update process.

This fee increase has been discussed with representatives of the Commercial rafting industry. Their primary concern was that the County not increase fees until January 1, 1997 to allow each company time to establish their commercial rates for 1997 season.

The River Management Advisory Committee has also recommended the \$1.00 increase be approved and implemented January 1, 1997.


Fiscal Impact:

If the Board were to approve the \$1.00 user fee increase, revenue to the River Trust Fund would be increased by approximately \$80,000 annually. Because the commercial rafting season does not begin until May, it is anticipated that the fee increase will only generate approximately \$7,000 in this 96/97 fiscal year. The full revenue increase will be experienced in the 97/98 fiscal year.

Action to be Taken Following Approval:

Board Chairman to sign Resolution and the Department of General Services to notify Commercial Outfitters of the fee increase.

Very truly yours,


George Cuttrell
Director of General Services

cc. Craven Alcott, Parks and Recreation Manager