RESOLUTION NO. 09-13447

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING PARK POLICY GUIDELINES AND RESCINDING PRIOR RESOLUTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE DISTRICT

FACTUAL BACKGROUND AND REASONS FOR ACTION

Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington (District) owns, operates, and maintains a system of public parks, campgrounds and boating facilities, as required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) licenses for the Rock Island, Rocky Reach, and Lake Chelan Hydro Projects ("Park System").

On February 28, 2000 the Commission passed Resolution No. 00-11402 modifying the Park Rules and Regulations and authorizing the General Manager or designee to make minor changes. These Rules and Regulations require modification and updates.

Staff recommends that the Commission adopt the attached Park Policy Guidelines and authorize the General Manager (or designee) to create and maintain policies and procedures to operate the Park System in accordance with these guidelines. Staff also recommends that all prior resolutions associated with Park Rules and Regulations be rescinded. The General Manager concurs with this recommendation.

ACTION

IT IS RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF CHELAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

<u>Section 1</u>. The Commission hereby adopts the attached Park Policy Guidelines and authorizes the General Manager (or designee) to create and maintain policies and procedures to operate the Park System in accordance with these guidelines.

<u>Section 2</u>. Resolution No. 00-11402 and all prior resolutions pertaining to Park Rules and Regulations are hereby rescinded.

Dated this 20th day of April 2009.

President

Vice President

Vice President

Secretary

Commissioner

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Chelan County Public Utility District No. 1 Park Policy Guidelines Adopted by the District's Board of Commissioners on April 20, 2009

Purpose of these Park Policy Guidelines

The Chelan County Public Utility District No. 1 (District) owns and maintains a system of 14 public parks, campgrounds and boating facilities as required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission licenses for the Rock Island, Rocky Reach and Lake Chelan Hydroelectric Projects. The District operates seven (7) of these parks. The other seven (7) are operated by other agencies on the Districts behalf. These Policy Guidelines apply to the seven (7) parks operated by the District (Park System).

These Park Policy Guidelines are created as an overview to be used by management to develop detailed policies and procedures for operation and maintenance of the Park System.

The overriding guiding principle is that the District will provide parks which are open and safe to all members of the public without discrimination.

Intoxicants

No person shall bring into or consume in any park any controlled substances or legend drug. No person shall bring into or consume in any park any intoxicating liquor or alcohol, including, but not limited to hard liquor, wine, and beer, except by express written permission from the District's Director of Shared Services (or equivalent position). This permission will be limited to non-profit events that provide a secure area and will include conditions appropriate to protect the District from any liability associated with any of the activities or events.

Solicitation

No person shall engage in commercial solicitation nor sell, rent or peddle any goods, services, wares, merchandise, liquids, or edibles for human consumption in any Park System, except by concession or written permission granted by District's Director of Shared Services (or equivalent position). Permission will be limited to situations that provide public or community benefit.

Signage

No person shall post any signs, posters, advertising, decoration, notices or anything similar to any tree, shrub, fence, railing, post, or structure within any Park System, without prior written permission from the District's Director of Shared Services (or equivalent position). Permission will be limited to situations that provide public or community benefit.

Camping

All camping must be in areas specifically created, designated and/or marked for that purpose except by advanced written permission by the District's Director of Shared Services (or equivalent position). Permission to camp outside designated campsites will be limited to situations when the camping is directly related to an event that has public or community benefit. District campsites are designed for recreational use and are not intended for residential use. Policies will limit the duration of stays to maintain the character of all uses as recreational in nature.

Weapons

No person except law enforcement shall openly display a firearm or weapon in any park area, nor shall any person discharge or propel across, in, or into any park area, a firearm, bow and arrow, spear, spear gun, harpoon, sling shot, BB gun, air or gas weapon, or any device capable of injuring or killing any person or animal, or damaging or destroying any public or private property.

Provided however that it is permissible to possess hunting equipment secured in a vehicle or transported across District property and gear used for fishing that would otherwise be in violation of this policy (i.e., relocating a firearm from a vehicle to a boat in preparation to duck hunt, or possessing a fillet knife for the purpose of cleaning fish).

It is permissible to possess any normal camping equipment provided that the equipment remains within the confines of the individual's campsite.

Any threatening or abusive physical contact with another person or the use of force against another person or other violent contact such as pushing, striking or grabbing is prohibited.

<u>Usage</u>

Use of the Park System is on a "first come first served" basis. This does not preclude the establishment of a reservation system.

Bonds and Insurance

The District Parks Department will require bonds and insurance as appropriate for special events.

Implementation of Guidelines

The General Manager (or designee) shall have the authority to adopt reasonable rules and regulations for operation, management and use of the Park System so long as those rules and regulations follow these guidelines and support the principles stated herein.