

Meeting Date: June 17, 2019

Agenda Item: 6.1 Created By: M. Yee

Approval of Community Garden Policies

Executive Summary:

The Board of Directors will consider approval of community garden policies for the Hayward Community Garden.

Financial Impact:

The District may incur costs associated with the hiring of a community garden specialist to provide oversight of the community garden policies.

Staff Recommendation:

Approve the community garden policies for the Hayward Community Garden.

Description of Item:

The renovation of the Hayward Community Garden is expected to reopen in July 2019. As a pilot project for the District's first officially sanctioned community garden, HARD will be managing and operating the Hayward Community Garden for the benefit of the community. HARD's mission for the community garden includes:

- Establishing the Hayward Community Garden;
- Promoting community interest in gardening;
- Providing HARD residents with gardening, recreational, and socializing opportunities;
- Enabling local residents within HARD's boundaries to supplement their diets with home-grown produce;
 and
- Providing physical space for community gardeners to learn about resource conservation, urban gardening, and related issues in a safe, enjoyable environment.

These community garden policies are intended to provide a framework for garden management and operations, by addressing garden elements, organizational structure, and regulations and best practices for organic gardening. HARD's community garden specialist shall be available to offer guidance and technical assistance to ensure success of Hayward Community Garden for the benefit of the community.

ATTACHMENTS:

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