

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: January 7, 2014

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 3C

APPLICANT: Roger Moellendorf, Director

REQUEST: Discussion only regarding the possible acquisition of the Empire Ranch Golf Course by the City and its recreational potential.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: The Empire Ranch Golf Course (Exhibit A) is under bankruptcy protection and the City may be contracting with the bankruptcy estate to purchase the golf course. The golf course is vitally important to the City as a surface disposal site for the application of the City's effluent water. In a sense, the golf course can be thought of as an extension to the City's waste water treatment process. The golf course which comprises of 27 holes and approximately 210 acres also has tremendous recreational value for the City as well.

At the December 5, 2013 Board of Supervisors meeting the Board directed staff to contract with an appraiser to develop an appraisal for the course. The Parks & Recreation staff wants to discuss the recreational potential of this property with the Commission in order determine what type of recreational facilities and amenities should be or could be included on this property if the course is purchased by the City and if it is used and managed as a parks and recreational asset. During the Board of Supervisors' meeting there was interest expressed by the Board of the suitability of the site as a disc golf course.

In preparation of this meeting staff suggests that the Commissioners refer to our Parks & Recreation Master Plan for guidance. Additional public meetings and hearings will be needed if the use of this property changes from its present use as a golf course.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: This is a discussion only item and no action can be taken.

