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Hayward Area Recreation and Park District FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

OLD CREEK DOG PARK OF CHERRYLAND DEDICATION

Collaboration efforts benefit the community of Cherryland

Hayward, CA (May 18, 2015) – The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (H.A.R.D.) in collaboration with Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley’s Office, the Public Works Agency of Alameda County – Flood Control, and the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) – Measure WW, are pleased to announce the Dedication of the newest dog park, *Old Creek Dog Park of Cherryland*, to be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 30, 2015 at 400 Hampton Road, Hayward, CA.

Recognizing the need for additional dog parks in the District, the Board of Directors felt it would be a great open space addition as well as a positive benefit for the community. Now the fifth dog park in the District which had been in development for the past few years, General Manager John Gouveia stated, “The District saw the opportunity to utilize public land not open to the public for community benefit and by creating a dog park, which are now in demand by many communities, we could promote the physical well-being of our residents and their dogs by having a place to go to.”

The development of the dog park was made possible with the support of County Supervisor Nate Miley as well as a joint venture with the District leasing the property from the Public Works of Alameda County Flood Control. Funding was made possible with a \$200,000 grant from the East Bay Regional Park District’s Measure WW. According to EBRPD Assistant Finance Director Jeff Rasmussen “Measure WW made funding available directly to cities and special park districts for high priority community park projects. \$125 million (25%) of the proceeds go to cities, special park and recreation districts, county service areas, and the Oakland Zoo for much-needed local park and recreation projects.”

In order to prepare the new one acre dog park, which was designed by Alexander & Associates, it required the cleaning and removal of non-native plants and trees. The new dog park encompasses a Little Dog Area (up to 32 lbs.) and a Big Dog Area (over 32 lbs.), new fencing inside the park, a new parking lot, drinking fountains and iron fencing around the perimeter. The dog park is open from sunrise to sunset and will be maintained and managed by the District.

The District’s Board of Directors decided to name the dog park the “*Old Creek Dog Park of Cherryland*” because it incorporates the parks historical significance which is adjacent to a portion of the original San Lorenzo Creek and is located in Cherryland.

The District is grateful and proud to a be a part of this successful project which exhibits the collaborative efforts of agencies working towards the common goal of improving and creating parks for the community that make life better!

For additional information about the dedication event, please call (510) 881-6712.

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“Measure WW was approved by voters in Alameda and Contra Costa counties in November 2008. The \$500 million measure extended Measure AA, approved in 1988, to help the Park District meet the increasing demand to preserve open space for recreation and wildlife habitat. It made funding available directly to cities and special park districts for high priority community park projects. \$125 million (25%) of proceeds go to cities, special park and recreation districts, county service areas, and the Oakland Zoo for much-needed local park and recreation projects.”

supports the development and parks in the region.

General Manager John Gouveia or former board member Dennis Waespi who is now on the Board of the East Bay Regional Park District

The idea for the new dog park evolved at the suggestion of .