



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: March 17, 2021

To: Board of Directors

From: Michael J. Aho, District Administrator

Subject: Approve Providing Public Wi-Fi in Village Park, The Community Clubhouse and the Veterans Memorial Amphitheatre as Part of the Fiber Optic Cable upgrade.

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I. Recommendation

Approve the 1 Gbps tier of fiber internet through Comcast to allow for free community Wi-Fi at Village Park.

II. Background

The District’s current internet plan does not provide enough bandwidth to allow the Veteran’s Memorial Amphitheater to run productions nor does it meet the business needs for the more advanced technology that will be a part of the overall Village Park renovations. The District has opted to install fiber optic wi-fi through its current internet provider, Comcast, as a solution. Additionally, the Board has asked staff to look into providing public Wi-Fi for the park. To accommodate both needs, Comcast has recommended a 1 Gbps tier fiber internet package at the cost of \$20,040 per year with a 5-year contract.

III. Problem /Situation/ Request

With the Village Park renovations, the Fair Oaks Village Park Community Center, the Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse, Village Hall, and Village Park public Wi-Fi will all run off of the same internet connection. That level of use by itself would necessitate upgrading to 500 Mbps. By upgrading to the next level of 1 Gbps, the District would meet its business needs and at the same time offer free community access to park users.

IV. Financial Analysis

Purchase of fiber internet at the 1 Gbps tier will cost \$20,040 a year with a 5-year contract; for 500 Mbps the annual cost is \$13,980. The monthly charges will not take effect until a few months before the new facilities open. This cost will be offset by eliminating the account at the Amphitheatre, the existing Clubhouse internet connect, which is about \$5,500 per year and the balance will be absorbed into the budget for the applicable fiscal year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Aho
District Administrator