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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Board approves agreements with Tri-Valley Conservancy**

*LIVERMORE* — At a regular meeting Wednesday night, the Board of Directors for the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District voted to authorize two agreements with Tri-Valley Conservancy regarding additional property for Sycamore Grove Park.

A Cooperative Funding Agreement will allow title transfer to LARPD for the 73-acre parcel previously known as the Bobba property. The property was purchased by the Conservancy in August 2009 with the intent to transfer it to LARPD and place a conservation easement on it. Another agreement allows for an extension to the existing Right of Entry agreement, which allows District staff and consultants to enter the property for maintenance and inspection purposes to produce a Resource Management Plan (RMP). These agreements allow LARPD to work toward obtaining the deed for the parcel, with the goal of using the land for a regional trail to connect to Del Valle Regional Park. District staff anticipates the RMP to be completed by spring 2012.

An informational report on results for the 2011 season of Camp Shelly at Lake Tahoe was presented to Directors, who expressed their congratulations to staff and volunteers for their successful outreach efforts. Marketing outreach included brochures distributed at various events, posters, e-mail efforts, local press coverage and a Facebook page. Campsite reservations increased by more than 23 percent from the 2010 season, including more weekday campsite bookings. These efforts have allowed Camp Shelly to break even instead of being subsidized \$32,000 by LARPD.

The Board also approved a routine request for a temporary advancement of funds from Alameda County, which is necessitated by the timing of receipt of property taxes. The District has done this in previous years, with no interest cost to LARPD.

In other matters, Director Laureen Turner – who was elected to the Livermore City Council this week – voiced her thanks for her time on the Board and said she looks forward to new challenges ahead.

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