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## CARMICHAEL RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT ASSESSMENT UPDATE AND REFUND INFORMATION

### GREETINGS:

This letter is to update Carmichael residents/property owners about the recent property assessment for Carmichael Recreation and Park District.

First I'm sorry to say that the District recently lost a legal challenge to our property-owner approved 2014 special assessment. As you may recall, the District was named as the Defendant in the case "Sacramento Tax-Payers Association, a California Corporation," Pamela Pinkston, an individual, and Penny Hanscom and Dave Hanscom, as individuals and as Trustee of the Dave/Penny Hanscom Revocable Trust v. County of Sacramento, Carmichael Recreation and Park District, et al. (Sacramento Superior Court Case No.: 34-2014-80001869-CU-WM-GDS). In this case the STA and two Park District residents challenged the Prop 218 assessment procedure used by the District's consultants. Unfortunately the judge ruled that the engineer's report supporting the assessment was not in compliance with Prop 218 and we must now invalidate the assessment. Assessment refunds will be issued.

If you owned property in the Park District during fiscal years 2014-15 and/or 2015-16, and paid the assessment on your property tax bill, you may pick up a refund application at the District Office located at 5750 Grant Avenue in Carmichael, CA or you may print out a refund application from the District Website, [www.carmichaelpark.com](http://www.carmichaelpark.com). Applicants are encouraged to mail a completed refund application with required supporting documents by November 30, 2016 as directed on the form.

All assessment revenues not claimed for refund will be used by the Park District.

The District will continue to move the park system forward with limited resources. I wanted to assure you that the District and its staff will put forth every effort to make the District more efficient and better maintained than it has ever been. We will not have the resources to improve major infrastructure, produce major maintenance changes and build new facilities as would have been possible with the assessment but the effort to improve what we have, with what we have, will be strong and ongoing.

We will continue to make improvements as funds allow. Over the past couple years we have used available resources to construct a Sutter Park Trail, connecting to Jensen Botanical Garden; to replace a much needed old sewer line at La Sierra Community Center; to provide new gym floors at La Sierra Community Center and new roofing on several sections of the La Sierra building; to renovate the Carmichael Park dog park; to refurbish the outside of the Veterans Hall, to install new picnic tables and BBQ's throughout the park system. These efforts will continue as funding is available.

**Many of our larger improvements, without the assessment, will have to wait for funding, such as a new community pool, new skate park, completion of the Carmichael Park Master Plan, completion of the Capra Park Master Plan, and major roofing improvements to name a few.** Park security and security lighting will remain a priority, upgraded as funds become available.

In closing, I again wanted to thank you for your support of the District and to ensure to you that staff and the Advisory Board of Directors will continue to strive to make the Park District the best we can be. For questions about the refund process, please call the District's designated Assessment Administrator at **(855) 831-1188**.

Tarry Smith, District Administrator  
Carmichael Recreation and Park District