

The chart below compares the two proposals for operation of the Tecopa Hot Springs and Campground, from California Land Management and the Hummingbird Family Resource Center, with current county operations. The county will make a decision in about 6 weeks.

Your comments can be addressed to:

Board of Supervisors, PO Drawer N, Independence CA 93526.

The Hummingbird FRC would appreciate a copy for our records at: PO Box 414, Tecopa CA 92389.

Current Status: Inyo Co. Parks	1. California Land Mgt, Inc.	2: Hummingbird FRC, Inc.
Controlled by: the public. Funds stay in community and county.	Eric C. Mart, of Palo Alto, President, Secretary/Treasurer and sole private stockholder, with many decades in Parks & Rec management. Manages over 200 parks, campgrounds, and day-use areas in CA, OR and WA. In business under CLM, Inc. since 1981. Some are user-fee, some free.	Controlled by: the local community and public. Funds stay in community and county, and will be used to fund vital social services at the Hummingbird Family Resource Center.
N/A	Concessionaire fee to county: first 2 years greater of \$1,500 or 1% of gross; remainder of contract \$5,000 or 5% of gross. When revenues exceed \$200,000, 10% of gross.	2% concessionaire fee to county.
N/A	Contract pd : 10 yrs, 2 renewable 5 yr options.	Contract pd: 10 yrs, 2 renewable 5 yr options.
BATHS		
Baths open 24hrs	Baths open when staffed.	Baths open 24hrs unless closed for safety.
Staffed during business hours.	Staffed during business hours.	Staffed during business hours, with camp hosts and volunteers at other times.
Baths and day use areas free to campers and public; donation box available.	Baths and day use areas free to campers, \$5 to public each visit, ticket books of 25/\$80 (\$3.20) or 12/\$45 (\$3.75). \$2.50 under 12; under 2 free.	Baths and day use areas free to campers and public for up to one hour; donations strongly encouraged.
Nude bathing only.	Clothed bathing only.	Nude bathing only.
Separate gender bathing only.	Mixed bathing only.	Separate gender bathing only.
2 pools each (men & women); enclosed private setting.	More pools added with temperature variation, screened opening to outdoors.	2 pools each (men & women); enclosed private setting. Family pool added in future.
CAMPGROUND		
2 Park Rangers and ½ time office staff. 2 additional ½ time in winter. Manager in Lone Pine. Employees have full county pay status and benefits. Some live on site, some off.	1 asst. manager and 2-3 hosts in winter, 2 host/ caretakers in summer. All employees live on site, space and services as part of pay. Manager in Big Bear, San Bernardino. Total salary \$35,000/yr.	1Camp Coordinator, one office manager (1/2 time) and 3 hosts in winter, 1- 2 host/ caretakers in summer.
Camp fees are \$10 & \$14 (electric), with monthly rates.	Camp fees are \$12 & \$16 (electric), no monthly rates. Reservation fee: \$10. Additional persons after 2: \$2. \$5 each additional vehicle.	Camp fees are \$10 & \$14 (electric), with monthly rates. Will add rate for RV's over 30" and second vehicle.
Pumping Fee: \$5, free to campers	Sewage Pumping Fee: \$5, \$3 for campers.	Pumping Fee: \$5, free to campers
Showers free	Showers \$.25 per increment.	Showers free
No supplies available.	Camp store will be added.	Camp store will be added.
Sewage: County is seeking a grant to repair pond, to comply with CA state law.	Sewage: County should deal with current pond. Willing to help finance a pump station to pump sewage 'elsewhere'. Suggests a County Service District to pay future costs.	Sewage: County is seeking a grant to repair pond, to comply with CA state law.
Potable water: None available closer than the Elementary School.	Develop deep-water well for water supply and irrigation, or add filtration system.	Potable water: None available closer than the Elementary School. Explore creating drinking water supply in the future.
Funding sources: Campground fees, taxpayer funds, LA Water, COSO Geothermal, government-to-government grants.	Funding sources: Campground and day-use fees, multi-million dollar corporation. Will make basic cosmetic improvements. Suggests County roll concessionaire fees back into improvements.	Funding sources: Campground fees, donations from day users and fundraising campaigns. County should use Prop 40 funds for promised infrastructure improvements.