



Regional Parks

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Director

**MINUTES
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
2:30 P.M.
Wednesday, June 12, 2019**

Held at: General Services Building
Regional Parks/Airports Conference Room
777 E. Rialto Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92415

1.0 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairperson Mitchell called the meeting to order at 2:39 P.M.

2.0 ROLL CALL:

San Bernardino County

Commission Members Present:

Louis Gamache, Third District
Nicole R. Van Winkle, Fifth District
Steven Farrell, Member-At-Large
Bob Mitchell, Member-At-Large

Staff:

Beahta Davis
Beverly Pickens

Commission Members Absent:

Michael Kreeger, Fourth District

3.0 GUESTS/MEDIA

Jeff Sorenson, Fourth District, Board of Supervisors
Marven Norman, IEBA
Laurie Marsden, First District, Board of Supervisors

4.0 MINUTES APPROVED – Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Motion: Commissioner Farrell
Second: Commissioner Gamache
Minutes approved.

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS - OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Davis stated we reviewed the information we received and additional information is required for naming the stage at Yucaipa for Barbara Wormser. Mrs. Davis stated that we need accomplishments Mrs. Wormser made during her term or while she was a member of the commission. Commissioner Mitchell stated she was on the commission

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for 20 years. Commissioner Mitchell reported he would get the information. Mrs. Davis stated Commissioner Mitchell could meet with Casey McPheron and provide the information once he receives it. The department will schedule a time for Commissioner Mitchell to meet with Casey McPheron. Mrs. Davis stated the department is reaching out to previous staff members for additional information.

Mrs. Davis stated a Prado Master Plan meeting was held before this meeting. The presentation that was going to be scheduled for the July meeting will be rescheduled. There are some other presentations that need to be complete before the master plan is presented to the Commission. The presentation will be in August. This project is going well. Commissioner Farrell asked who else will receive a presentation. Mrs. Davis responded the presentation will be held for Chief Operating Officer, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, the CEO and the Army Corps. The Army Corps owns the land.

6.0 **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

PARK OVERVIEWS

Calico

The second phase of roof repairs have started. There will be two phases for the pizza garden, which is located next to Lil's Saloon, due to the roof needing more repairs than planned. Part of the work will be completed and the remainder will be submitted for the third phase. The reverse osmosis system is installed. The system will be operational soon.

Mojave Narrows

Steven Lampignano, the new Park Ranger II is doing a great job. The park looks fantastic. The Friends of Mojave Narrows have also installed signs showing the trails in the park.

Mojave River Forks

No report.

Lake Gregory

Mrs. Davis stated the dam is complete. Site cleanup is continuing. The RFP for the management of the park has posted. The preproposal conference was held. The conference was well attended. We have received some inquiries from people who did not attend the preproposal conference. The preproposal conference was not mandatory. The proposals are due on July 12th. We are excited about this new opportunity. The new opportunity adds Camp Switzerland to the contract and stresses the community involvement.

Glen Helen

The swim facility is ready to operate, however, due to the availability of lifeguards we have not been able to consistently open this facility. The facility should be open around July 4th. We are still recruiting and hiring lifeguards.

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Cucamonga Guasti

A nature program will take place on Saturdays in July and at Mojave Narrows on Saturdays in August. The talk will be about the Great Horned Owl. If the programs are successful we will look at offering the program at all parks next year. Game night will be incorporated with night fishing. There will be no fishing on Thursday and Friday during the day after stocking the week of night fishing. Night fishing will be available at all of the fishing parks.

Prado

Ryan Isom is the new Park Superintendent at Prado. This has been a change for the better. The park is cleaned up quicker after events.

Yucaipa

The swim facility is open. The department never has a problem hiring staff for Yucaipa. The staff from Yucaipa have worked at Glen Helen the weekends we have been able to operate Glen Helen.

Big Morongo Preserve

No report.

Moabi

Contract negotiations are in process with the concessionaire. Commissioner Farrell asked when the contract is up. Mrs. Davis responded the contract has expired already. They are currently operating on a month to month basis because we were on a month to month with the State.

Santa Ana River Trail

Phase IV A, B, and C are still in design. Phase III is in design. Working up information for construction for Phase III. Commissioner Mitchell asked if it is mapped out and if a map could be provided at the next meeting showing the new route. Mrs. Davis responded yes.

Mrs. Davis stated interviews are scheduled for the Park Operations Chief. The Park Superintendent position at Calico closed on Friday. A Staff Aide has been hired. Jacqueline Talamantes will be handling payroll and quotes for contracts.

The department held a hiring event and filled 115% of the vacancies for General Service Workers. The General Service Workers should be on board by June 22nd at all parks.

7.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

None

8.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Marven Norman stated Highland and Redlands are having meetings regarding their connector projects to the Santa Ana River Trail.

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Laurie Marsden stated the district is actively seeking to fill their vacancy on the commission.

9.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Van Winkle stated her family went to Yucaipa to fish on Memorial Day; they had a good time. The family they went with said the month or six weeks before the restroom was flooded.

Commissioner Mitchell asked about the canal/channel area at Moabi. Mrs. Davis stated the restoration area is complete. There is an island in the middle. We will try to get a picture of the area. You can't take a boat through the area. Commissioner Mitchell requested an update on the accomplishments and what is effect now at the next meeting and what the concession operators have done with the area with the new opportunities. Mrs. Davis stated she would get some more information from the Bureau of Reclamation.

Commissioner Gamache stated he visited Anza Borrego. They have some nice trails that are ADA accessible that might work at some of our remote facilities. The area is in the Culp Valley Primitive, the trails were lined with stone on the edge filled the center with gravel and aggregate. Thoughtfully designed. It might work up at Calico.

Commissioner Farrell stated the composite they put in at Lake Gregory many years ago has worked out really well. Commissioner Farrell wanted to know about the bylaws being included in the e-mail. Commissioner Mitchell stated he wanted to get the bylaws into the commissioner hands. The bylaws are from 1987. Commission members requested the redlined version of the guidelines from 2015 or 2016 be sent to commission members. Commissioner Farrell asked if we had any news about filling the current vacancies on the commission. Mrs. Davis responded she had no news at this time.

Commissioner Mitchell stated he visited Prado on Mother's Day. It was Ryan's first day there. They had already cleaned the park from an event that was held earlier.

Meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.