



Regional Parks

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Director

**MINUTES
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
2:30 P.M.
Wednesday, March 13, 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 2:36 P.M.

2.0 ROLL CALL:

San Bernardino County

Commission Members Present:

Louis Gamache, Third District
Michael Kreeger, Fourth District
Steven Farrell, Member-At-Large
Bob Mitchell, Member-At-Large

Staff:

Beahta Davis
Beverly Pickens

Commission Members Absent:

Scott Ryan, First District
Nicole R. Van Winkle, Fifth District

3.0 GUESTS/MEDIA

Leroy Bell, Grand Jury
Jeff Chodos, Grand Jury

4.0 MINUTES APPROVED – Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Motion: Commissioner Farrell
Second: Commissioner Gamache
Abstained: Commissioner Kreeger
Minutes approved.

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS - OLD BUSINESS

TOUR

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ROBERT A. LOVINGOOD
First District

JANICE RUTHERFORD
Second District

DAWN ROWE
Third District

CURT HAGMAN
Chairman, Fourth District

JOSIE GONZALES
Vice Chair, Fifth District

Gary McBride
Chief Executive Officer

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Commissioner Gamache stated he was impressed with what they saw. The office at Calico is fantastic, decorated in period; serves its purpose and is well done. Mojave Narrows and Mojave River Forks contacts with staff positive work ethic and sense of ownership. Really impressed with the work ethic and sense of ownership.

Commissioner Mitchell stated moving the cattle back to graze at Mojave Narrows was nice to hear. The water levels are up, work ethic you could see the ownership of staff. It was great to see the equipment working and maintained. The flooding at Calico impacted the campground area; staff were working on cleaning up.

Commissioner Gamache stated it is reflective of good leadership.

Commissioner Farrell asked if the cabins were impacted by the flooding. Mrs. Davis responded no.

Commissioner Mitchell stated the cabins at Calico are in the OHV campground, he didn't realize that before. We looked at the cemetery it is kind of cool. Interesting to know what they are doing with the buildings at the top of the town and what we will be doing with them when they are vacated. Mrs. Davis responded that quarterly solicitations have gone out for both concessions. New concessions will operate those facilities after the proposal process is complete. Commissioner Mitchell stated Mojave River Forks was very clean. It is one of his favorite parks. The park is kept up. It was a good day.

6.0 **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

PARK OVERVIEWS

Mojave Narrows

Kemper Campbell ranch brings cattle over 3 to 4 times per week to graze in designated areas of the park. Staff received special training on wrangling cattle since the cattle sometimes escape from the designated areas. In addition to the cattle, we have partnered with Cal Fire and the Mojave Desert Resource to continue keeping the trails clean. The department entered into an agreement with the City of Victorville for the River Walk Trail that goes through the park. Commissioner Kreeger asked about the beavers. Mrs. Davis responded staff spend a lot of time taking down the beaver dams. Commissioner Mitchell stated the bridge is done at the park and new signage for the park at the outer road. It was nice to see. Commissioner Kreeger asked about events at the park. Mrs. Davis responded the events went well. The department did receive complaints that the park could be closed for events. The events held at Mojave Narrows were open to the public for a fee.

The trout derby is scheduled for this Saturday at Mojave Narrows. There are 25 prizes based on weight and time. Commissioner Kreeger stated the pictures online show there have been some really big fish. Calaveras Trout has done an excellent job of providing some really nice active fish for the derbies. Feel free to come up to the event. First place prize is \$500 cash.

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Lake Gregory

We are close to the end of the dam rehabilitation project. The Completion Ceremony is scheduled for April 26th and will include breakfast with the Supervisor at 8:00 a.m. Please RSVP when you receive your invitation. A lot of repairs need to be done from the storms including significant dredging from the basins. Commissioner Farrell stated it is very expensive. The department is working through the process to get the permits to clear the basin (3 permits are required). There was some other damage around the park including trail erosion and storm drain failure. It will take a while to recover from the storm damage. Tree removal due to the bark beetle is continuing. Commissioner Kreeger asked at what point can the lake be filled. Mrs. Davis responded the lake is full due to the storms; it will be drained some for the completion of the dam project.

Cucamonga Guasti

Staff are getting the slides and pool area ready for the season. In the pool area a volleyball area and large games will be available. All amenities at the splash pad have been repaired. A contract will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in April for peddle boats. The peddle boats should be available in May. The contract is with the same group that will provide the peddle boats at Yucaipa. They have agreed to provide a temporary dock until the dock is repaired.

Yucaipa

The contract for the peddle boats and snack bar was approved yesterday by the Board of Supervisors. The contractor is repairing the snack bar as part of their contract. Summer staff will be starting early for pool prep. The lake has to be lowered in order to prep the pool. Commissioner Kreeger asked about the campground electrical project. Mrs. Davis responded the electrical project is still going on. Commissioner Farrell asked if the repairs to the snack bar were inside or outside. Mrs. Davis responded the repairs are inside, specifically the ventilation system needed to be replaced. Some of the woodwork around the snack bar has been taken down. The woodwork was not supportive of the structure. Commissioner Mitchell asked about the playground near the lake. Mrs. Davis responded replacing the surfacing is waiting for final approval for funding.

Prado

The Master Plan process is still going on. The CAC and TAC meetings scheduled for March 27th have been cancelled. CAC and TAC members will receive assignments via e-mail. The basin level is at 505'; the dog training facility is under water. Commissioner Farrell asked if the basin was raised deliberately. Mrs. Davis responded yes, the Corps of Engineers adjusts the flow of water from San Bernardino County to Orange County; raising the water level helps the flow. Commissioner Farrell asked about Prop 70 lands. Mrs. Davis responded Prop 70 funding can be used on lands the County has ownership or total rights. The department is working with Real Estate Services to finalize our agreement with the Army Corps. Prop 70 funds are available for recreational or agricultural purposes. Commissioner Farrell asked for an update from the CAC and TAC meetings. Mrs. Davis responded the survey results up to that point and from the first workshop have been gone over, results of the art contest were shared. The vendor

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presented pictures of maps that were a result of the information received. Commissioner Mitchell stated the entrance and exit from the park for large events was discussed. The City of Chino talked about their plans for Pine Avenue, Johnson and Chino Corona. Mrs. Davis stated a plan was sent to the City Manager for him to comment directly to the County. The City has a vested interest in the ingress/egress of the park working for them as well. Mrs. Davis informed the Commission that Bob Fontaine, Park Superintendent is retiring at the end of the month.

Glen Helen

Repairs to the swim facility for the season have been completed. Currently hiring lifeguards; a hiring event was held a couple of weeks ago. The department is paying for lifeguard training. The trainings are scheduled for March.

Mojave River Forks

Staff has been doing a great job. The park looks stellar. Staff at Mojave Narrows go to Mojave River Forks twice a day. The park is mostly used by Boy Scouts.

Calico

Ryan Isom is the Interim Park Operations Chief. Shawnita Jones is the Interim Park Superintendent at Calico. Shawnita is doing a good job of staying up on things that need to be done at the park. A project to address erosion behind the rock shop is in process. The department is still working through the costs associated with the roofs. The roofs with the highest priority will be completed first. A CIP will be submitted for the remaining roofs. The concessionaire at the Leatherworks is leaving. The department received four proposals and interviewed three of the proposers. A successful proposal has been selected. The proposer has not been notified yet. The name of the successful proposer will be provided at the next meeting. Commissioner Mitchell stated he was interested in something Ryan brought up. The bunkhouse would have more use if it had shower facilities. Commissioner Mitchell asked if it was possible to have the cost to add a shower be brought to the Commission. Mrs. Davis stated the shower project would be a CIP. Mrs. Davis stated the cost to rent the bunkhouses and cabins were being reduced for events in the upcoming fee ordinance. Mrs. Davis stated we would look into the cost for the shower facility.

Moabi

Contract negotiations are in process with the concessionaire.

Big Morongo Preserve

No report.

Mrs. Davis distributed the event list to the commissioners. Mrs. Davis invited the Commissioners to come out and attend the events. The parks take on a different look at events.

Mrs. Davis distributed the Yucaipa Regional Park – Trout Derby Report. Mrs. Davis stated the first place trout at Yucaipa was 8 pounds 12 ounces.

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Mrs. Davis distributed the Civil War Days Event Report. Mrs. Davis stated the weather was challenging that weekend. The new re-enactors were excellent. Kristie and her staff did a great job. Challenging weather on Friday created a mess at the park. Staff did great job clearing Main Street and the campground of mud. Commissioner Gamache stated the numbers were fantastic for challenging weather.

Mrs. Davis distributed the Cucamonga Guasti Regional Park – Trout Derby for Kids Report. Mrs. Davis stated only eleven fish were caught at the derby.

Mrs. Davis stated the Staff Analyst is working on the Board Item for Barbara Wormser.

Mrs. Davis stated the department has a new Administrative Supervisor, Yvette Calimlim started March 4th. She is currently working on the budget.

Commissioner Kreeger thanked Mrs. Davis for the information and stated he liked the pictures Kristie put together.

Mrs. Davis stated the second Community Workshop for the Prado Master Plan is scheduled for Saturday, April 6th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Chaffey College Chino Community Center. Please attend if you are available and provide your input. The vendor will provide information on where we are and possible amenities for the park. There will be another survey available. The TAC and CAC will meet after the workshop then the plan will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Commissioner Kreeger stated he was floored by the number of people that attended the first workshop in Chino Hills. The workshop was good. A number of people had concerns over large scale concert venues. Commissioner Mitchell stated he listened to the people at the workshop quite a few were interested in more nature and natural settings. It will be interesting to see how it turns out. Commissioner Farrell asked about the number of survey responses. Mrs. Davis responded 100 to 150 surveys was the count we received. The number has grown since then. The survey is no longer available; it was taken off the website March 11th.

7.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

None

8.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

9.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

None

Meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.