



Regional Parks

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**MINUTES
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
2:30 P.M.
Wednesday, February 12, 2020**

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

1.0 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Mitchell called the meeting to order at 2:32 P.M.

2.0 ROLL CALL:

San Bernardino County

Commission Members Present:

Robert L. Kinzel, Second District
Nicole R. Van Winkle, Fifth District
Bob Mitchell, Member-At-Large
Steven Farrell, Member-At-Large

Staff:

Diana Alexander
Beverly Pickens

Commission Members Absent:

Louis Gamache, Third District
Michael Kreeger, Fourth District

3.0 GUESTS/MEDIA

Chairman Mitchell welcomed Diana Alexander to the meeting. Chairman Mitchell asked Mrs. Alexander about her background. Mrs. Alexander provided a brief description of her background with the County for the Commission.

4.0 MINUTES APPROVED – Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Motion: Commissioner Farrell
Second: Commissioner Kinzel
Minutes approved with minor revisions.

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS - OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Mitchell spoke about the upcoming tour and community meeting. The tour will consist of Mojave River Forks Regional Park including Etiwanda Game Association and Mojave Narrows Regional Park. The meeting will be held at Mojave Narrows.

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Discussion was held regarding the time for the community meeting. The commission agreed the meeting would be at 4:30 p.m. at Mojave Narrows.

6.0 **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mrs. Alexander stated the new website is still being worked on in some areas. The new website should launch later this month.

Mrs. Alexander provided the following information regarding the parks:

Prado – the Master Plan is wrapped up for the most part. Currently working on a marketing plan for the Master Plan to include videos. We want to do a phased plan of marketing the Master Plan. Meetings will be scheduled with Chino and Chino Hills, TAC, CAC regarding the Plan and through a social media blast to the residents. We are looking at some of the new positions in the Department to see if one of the positions can take the lead on project or if we can hire a consultant. Prioritizing starting with the 270 acres on the east side of the park since we have money to spend on that area. This area will be funded using Prop. 70 funds. Working with the State and Army Corps of Engineers to determine if Prop. 70 monies can be used in other areas of the park.

Yucaipa is doing very well. The park is one of the biggest revenue generating parks. The park is preparing for swim season and currently recruiting for lifeguards. Commissioner Farrell asked if the department still had the program that was paying for a portion of the training. Mrs. Alexander responded yes.

Glen Helen is doing well. The Department is working with Live Nation regarding the final concert schedule. The park is preparing for swim season and currently recruiting for lifeguards. Mrs. Alexander stated the County Picnic was held at Glen Helen last year. Live Nation assisted with parking for the picnic. It was a cool event for County employees. The County is looking at Glen Helen or Yucaipa for the County Picnic this year. Chairman Mitchell stated the OHV area contract is being worked on. Everything is going smoothly. The house on the hill will be demolished.

Cucamonga Guasti is doing well. Currently working with Real Estate Services Project Management Division to have the pool ready for swim season. In the process of hiring lifeguards for the park. The Department and Real Estate Services are working on a contract with Top Golf for an area adjacent to the park.

Big Morongo is beautiful.

Lake Gregory is currently being operated by Regional Parks' staff. The contract with Urban Parks, (i.e. Cal Parks, Basecamp Hospitality) expired in December. Currently working on the contract with the new operator. Looking to hire staff to help with weddings until the contract is in place. We plan to honor and move forward with the events that are on the calendar. There was a meeting with Edison at Lake Gregory last night. Mrs. Alexander stated she was told that it was a good meeting. Things are going well. We hope to have the contract signed in March. The Department is working with Special Districts and Public Works on a lake management plan for Lake Gregory and all

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other lakes. Commissioner Farrell asked if there was any talk as part of the negotiations ending the access to the area of the lake that is currently accessible for free. Mrs. Alexander responded yes that is part of some of the things that has been discussed. Commissioner Kinzel stated there is a lot of discussion within the community regarding the presentation. There is a lot of negative and positive based on the presentation the community received. Mrs. Alexander responded that the presentation was broad and over the top. The vendor provided the presentation based on what they currently do in other locations. The vendor provided the presentation without a contract in place. There will be a summer season at the park.

Moabi - The Department is currently working on contracts with the concessionaire, the Bureau of Land Management and the California State Lands Commission. Commissioner Farrell asked how the State Lands Commission was involved. Mrs. Alexander stated the developed portion of the park is on State Lands Commission land. Discussion was held regarding the land at the park.

Mrs. Alexander distributed the event list and derby results to the commission.

7.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

N/A

8.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Mitchell distributed the PVMAC flyer to the commission that Mr. Stone provided.

9.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Kinzel shared a comment card he picked up at Eaton Canyon Park in Los Angeles with the Commission. He asked if the department had a place for comments or QR codes that could be scanned for comments besides going online. Chairman Mitchell stated the website and reservation system have a place for comments. The card was left to be shared with Mrs. Davis when she returns.

Commissioner Farrell asked if the department kept a database for contacting our customers. Staff stated from the reservation system there is an e-mail list. There is a mailing list from fishing derbies. There is a list from the Prado Master Plan meetings. Mrs. Alexander stated the short answer is yes. Commissioner Van Winkle stated industry wide that is pretty common to have multiple lists.

Chairman Mitchell stated he meets with Mrs. Davis every month the week before the Commission meeting to review what we are going to discuss. Chairman Mitchell stated he would like to invite any Commissioner to attend the meeting scheduled with Mrs. Davis. It would be limited to one Commissioner per meeting. Chairman Mitchell discussed adding items to the agenda. Chairman Mitchell stated any Commissioner could request to have an item added to the agenda. Chairman Mitchell stated some of the Commissioners need to check in with the Clerk to check the status of their appointment to the Commission. Some of our appointments are expired.

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Commissioner Kinzel asked if a photo presentation or video of the parks could be added to a meeting when the agenda is small as an educational tool. Chairman Mitchell asked if the videos of the parks from Ron Stark were available for Commissioner Kinzel to see. Mrs. Alexander stated we have some new videos that Tammy Gann has done.

Commissioner Farrell thanked Chairman Mitchell for the interest and effort to include the Commission members in the meeting with Mrs. Davis.

Motion by Commissioner Farrell, seconded by Commissioner Van Winkle to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.