



## Regional Parks

BEAHTA R. DAVIS  
Director

**MINUTES  
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY  
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION  
4:30 P.M.  
Thursday, March 5, 2020**

Held at: Mojave Narrows Regional Park  
Shelter 5  
18000 Yates Road  
Victorville, CA 92392

**1.0 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

Chair Mitchell called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

**2.0 ROLL CALL:**

San Bernardino County

Commission Members Present:

Robert L. Kinzel, Second District

Louis Gamache, Third District

Michael Kreeger, Fourth District

Bob Mitchell, Member-At-Large

Steven Farrell, Member-At-Large

Staff:

Beahta Davis

Beverly Pickens

Valeda Fox

Shawnita Jones

Steven Lampignano

Jason Collins

Commission Members Absent:

Nicole R. Van Winkle, Fifth District

**3.0 GUESTS/MEDIA**

Laurie Marsden, First District, Board of Supervisors

Rory Shannon, Friends of Mojave Narrows

Bill Deppe, Friends of Mojave Narrows

**4.0 MINUTES APPROVED – Wednesday, February 12, 2020**

Motion: Commissioner Farrell

Second: Commissioner Kinzel

Abstained: Commissioner Gamache and Commissioner Kreeger

Minutes approved.

**5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS - OLD BUSINESS**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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Commission Guidelines – Discussion was held regarding the section of the guidelines covering the election of the chair and vice chair. Motion by Commissioner Kreeger to have staff revise the guidelines regarding the election of the chair and vice chair to reflect current standards. Seconded by Commissioner Gamache. Motion carried.

### 6.0 **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mrs. Davis stated the grant application the Department submitted for Mojave Narrows was not chosen. There are several other grant opportunities that will be coming up and projects from the previous grant application will be submitted.

Mrs. Davis stated there is constant traffic into the park from the Riverwalk Trail. The Department has a MOU with the City of Victorville. The first year the City paid a flat fee. This year the City installed a camera and will pay based on the number of users.

The fee hearing is scheduled for later this month. The Department is requesting changes to language related to camping clarifying the two vehicle per site language. The third vehicle at a site will be charged the extra vehicle fee. The fee for Glen Helen park closures was discussed. Commissioner Farrell asked if the changes to the group tent sites that were discussed at Yucaipa were included in the fee changes. Mrs. Davis responded, "Not this year".

Mrs. Davis distributed the event list to the commissioners. Mrs. Davis stated the Easter celebration will be held at Calico on April 12<sup>th</sup>. The Civil War Days event at Calico was well attended. The Department will be looking at adding some additional activities for this event next year.

Mrs. Davis distributed the derby summaries to the commission.

Mrs. Davis stated Kristie Stevens, Recreation Coordinator is working on plans and hiring for the new summer camp starting in July at Mojave Narrows and Prado. The summer camp will be two weeks at each park for children ages 8 to 12.

Mrs. Davis stated that the new website is up. The site includes great pictures of every park. The Department is one of the first County agencies to implement a new website. The site works on cellphones and computers, and includes a link to the reservation system. Please take a look at the site. If you have any comments please send them to her in an e-mail.

### 7.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### 8.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Deppe stated that it was good the commission came up to the park.

Mr. Shannon asked if there were any plans to open the park seven days a week or extend the hours of operation. Mrs. Davis stated we are still looking into this, but we don't have the budget at this time.

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9.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Kreeger thanked the guests for coming out. Commissioner Kreeger stated he appreciated the Friends of Mojave Narrows' volunteer work. Commissioner Kreeger stated he forgets how big and how much space there is at this park. There is lots of opportunity here. Commissioner Kreeger thanked park staff for being here. Commissioner Kreeger thanked staff for setting up the visit to the dog training facility.

Commissioner Farrell echoed Commissioner Kreeger's comments. Commissioner Farrell stated he is looking forward to coming back to the park when it is irrigated and green.

Commissioner Gamache stated he wanted to recognize Mrs. Davis and her team. He sees the hard work, progress, pride and stewardship. Well done.

Commissioner Kinzel stated he visited Glen Helen and Prado Regional Parks. It's nice to be here. Commissioner Kinzel stated this is a beautiful park. Commissioner Kinzel stated he stayed for the FOR Parks meeting two months ago. Is there a relationship with FOR Parks and the Friends of Mojave Narrows? Mrs. Davis responded no, they have two different roles. FOR Parks is involved in fundraising for Regional Parks. Friends of Mojave Narrows are volunteers at Mojave Narrows Regional Park, who conduct nature walks and have helped with educational signage.

Chairman Mitchell stated he is grateful for the commissioners that are onboard. He appreciates their involvement, going out to see the parks individually and talking with the Supervisors' offices, making them aware of what is going on in the parks. Chairman Mitchell thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Gamache, seconded by Commissioner Kreeger to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.