



## Regional Parks

**BEAHTA R. DAVIS**  
Director

**MINUTES  
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY  
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION  
2:30 P.M.  
Wednesday, January 13, 2021**

Held via Conference Call

**1.0 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

Chair Mitchell called the meeting to order at 2:30 P.M.

**2.0 ROLL CALL:**

San Bernardino County

Commission Members Present:

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

Staff:

Beahta Davis  
Beverly Pickens

**3.0 GUESTS/MEDIA**

Greg Stone, Pomona Valley RC Club

**4.0 MINUTES APPROVED – Wednesday, December 9, 2020**

Motion: Commissioner Kreeger

Second: Commissioner Farrell

Minutes approved.

**5.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mojave Narrows Pedestrian Entrance - Mrs. Davis provided the following numbers regarding entrance on the trail from the City of Victorville:

March – September - 20,858

October – a little bit over 2,500

November a little bit over 2,300

December-- 248 (Lower attendance probably due to the cold weather.)

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Payment from the City of Victorville for entrance to the park will be received at the end of the fiscal year. Commissioner Gamache asked how many people walk in the park at the front gate and pay the entrance fee? Mrs. Davis responded we do not have very many people who pay the fee at the gate. Most pedestrians have purchased the annual park pass for entry.

6.0 **NEW BUSINESS:**

Election of Chair – Nominations were opened for the Chair. Commissioner Kreeger nominated Commissioner Mitchell. Commissioner Mitchell declined the nomination and nominated Commissioner Gamache. Commissioner Kreeger seconded the nomination. Voting was conducted. Commissioner Gamache was elected Chair. Chair Gamache took over the meeting and thanked the commissioners. Nominations were opened for Vice Chair. Commissioner Mitchell stated Nicole had served as Vice Chair and did a tremendous job and he appreciated her support. Commissioner Kreeger nominated Commissioner Farrell. Commissioner Farrell declined the nomination due to other conflicts. Commissioner Farrell nominated Commissioner Mitchell with his experience. Commissioner Mitchell declined the nomination. Commissioner Mitchell nominated Commissioner Kreeger. Commissioner Farrell seconded the nomination. Voting was conducted. Commissioner Kreeger was elected Vice Chair.

7.0 **DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PARKS REPORT**

Mrs. Davis provided the following information to the Commission:

The Department is in the final stage of selection for the Engineering Study for the Prop 70 land. At the next meeting we should be able to provide consultant information. The RFP for planning and development closed, currently evaluating proposals.

Campgrounds have been closed since December 8<sup>th</sup> due to the stay-at-home orders. Repairs to the irrigation in the campgrounds at Prado and Yucaipa have taken place during the campground closure. The installation of a new restroom in the top part of the campground at Yucaipa has also started and should be completed in March.

Trout stocking continues at the parks. Photo of a trout caught at Lake Gregory was shared with the commission.

Santa in a Snow Globe went well at Calico. Photo of Santa was also shared with the commission.

Monthly activities continue at the parks. This month's activity is "Find a Superhero Saying".

Regional Parks is featured on the County's calendar. Calico is the featured park. Each month includes a fact about Calico. The calendar covers two years.

Commissioner Farrell asked if there was an update on Lake Gregory. Mrs. Davis responded we are still in negotiations.

8.0 **COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS BY TITLE FOR NEXT MEETING**

None

9.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Stone from Pomona Valley Model Airplane Club provided an update on the Toys for Tots collection they did in December. In addition to the truckload of toys they delivered to the San Bernardino Children's Fund, they collected \$1,340 in cash that was also provided to the Children's Fund. They appreciate everyone and everything that is being done to keep our parks open.

10.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Kreeger thanked everyone for electing him Vice Chair. Commissioner Kreeger thanked staff for the great job of updating Facebook.

Commissioner Mitchell stated it was an honor to serve as Chair for the last few years and looks forward to the coming year with Lou as our leadership. Commissioner Mitchell stated he appreciates the staff. It has been a tough year for everyone.

Commissioner Farrell stated Happy New Year. Commissioner Farrell stated he hopes this year is better than last year. Congratulations to Chair Gamache and Vice Chair Kreeger.

Chair Gamache thanked the Commissioners for their involvement and thanked Commissioner Mitchell for his time as Chair. Chair Gamache thanked Commissioner Kreeger and stated we miss Nicole. Chair Gamache stated he read somewhere that the first rule of 2021 is there was no 2020. We came through a difficult time. A fantastic opportunity to work on the campgrounds when there are not a lot of campers around. Thanks to the park leads for staying on top of things. Great to see the sense of ownership, that is a credit to Beahta.

Mrs. Davis thanked the commissioners for their support and dedication. We really appreciate all you are doing for our department. Looking forward to better things in 2021.

11.0 **NEXT MEETING:**

February 10, 2021

12.0 **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Farrell seconded by Commissioner Mitchell.

The meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.