



Regional Parks

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Director

**MINUTES
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
2:30 P.M.
Wednesday, September 9, 2020**

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:

Robert L. Kinzel, Second District

Louis Gamache, Third District

Michael Kreeger, Fourth District

Nicole R. Van Winkle, Fifth District

Bob Mitchell, Member-At-Large

Steven Farrell, Member-At-Large

Staff:

Beahta Davis

Beverly Pickens

3.0 GUESTS/MEDIA

Tony Mejia, Board of Supervisors, First District

Greg Stone, Pomona Valley RC Club

4.0 MINUTES APPROVED – Wednesday, August 12, 2020

Motion: Commissioner Kreeger

Second: Commissioner Kinzel

Minutes approved

5.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

6.0 NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Davis provided the following update regarding the RV's at Glen Helen Regional Park to the Commission:

OES and HSS coordinate the program for homeless individuals and families who have been impacted by the Corona Virus. There are twenty trailers stationed at Glen Helen for this program. Use of the trailers is dependent upon need so there have been times

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when most of the trailers have been in use and times when none of the trailers have been in use. Meals, food service and case management services are provided to the families and individuals assigned to the trailers. The program is still going on.

7.0 **DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PARKS REPORT**

Mrs. Davis provided the following information to the Commission:

As you know there is a fire in the Yucaipa area, the El Dorado Fire. A fire camp is set up at Yucaipa Regional Park. Fire crews at the park are from in and out of state. The fire camp has been in the park since Saturday and expect to be in the park while they continue to fight the fire.

Friday morning Regional Parks was notified about a fire at the park office at Cucamonga-Guasti Regional Park. The maintenance portion of the park office caught on fire. The maintenance area and a portion of the park office were damaged. A mobile office will be brought in for staff to work out of for the next four to five months while repairs are completed. Staff are currently located in the swim facility office. Commissioner Kreeger asked if any equipment was lost. Mrs. Davis responded a gator, lawn mower, tools and equipment that was in the shed and one truck. Fleet has provided a loaner golf cart and truck. Commissioners Kreeger asked the cause of the fire. Mrs. Davis responded that the fire may have been caused by batteries. The fire is still under investigation. Commissioner Farrell asked what type of batteries. Mrs. Davis responded batteries for power tools.

Mrs. Davis stated swim season typically ends on Labor Day. The Department is operating the pool at Yucaipa weekends only through the end of September.

Ghost Haunt at Calico Ghost Town will be cancelled due to current restrictions associated with the Coronavirus pandemic. The concessionaires will be notified tomorrow. The town will be decorated to provide a festive atmosphere.

Commissioner Kreeger asked about Doggie Poolooza. Mrs. Davis stated the event was cancelled.

Commissioner Kreeger asked about the Indian Guides and Princess events. Mrs. Davis responded that both of those events were also canceled. The group tent area of Yucaipa Regional Park has been closed due to the pandemic.

Commissioner Farrell stated it has been a difficult year for concessions. Any discussions held regarding impacts to contracts? Mrs. Davis responded discussions are being held with Real Estate Services to develop a plan for leaseholders in the County. Currently we are not charging late fees. Most concessionaires have paid their lease payments.

Commissioner Mitchell asked about the Sheriff's Rodeo. Mrs. Davis responded the event has been cancelled.

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Commissioner Mitchell asked about the OHV concession at Glen Helen. Mrs. Davis responded they are able to operate in some areas.

Commissioner Farrell stated these are challenging times for everybody. What are we going to do over the next year, are you addressing that with a strategic plan or proposal any context for reacting to these at this point. Mrs. Davis responded we are developing plans and some meetings are set up in the next couple of weeks. An update will be provided pending the outcome of the meetings.

Mrs. Davis stated an ATP Grant-Cycle 5 was submitted for consideration. If approved this grant will cover the unfunded costs for SART III. The grant was submitted ahead of the September 15th deadline.

Commissioner Kinzel stated with the closure of the San Bernardino National Forest Lake Gregory has been impacted. This past weekend the park was overly used and incredibly impacted. The Lake Arrowhead Chamber of Commerce was directing people to Lake Gregory as the only place for swimming on the mountain. Hopefully at some point someone addresses how we going to operate and maintain it. Mrs. Davis responded that the Department is working on some solutions. She is not able to discuss them today, but may have information at the next meeting.

Commissioner Mitchell stated he stopped by Big Morongo and was informed we are strongly negotiating to have the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) take over the park. Commissioner Farrell asked is this true? Mrs. Davis responded yes. The BLM has funding to take care of the park and address deferred maintenance, however they are not permitted to use funds on property they do not own. Commissioner Mitchell stated as he remembered the BLM gave the land to us and requested that Mrs. Davis provide additional information at the next meeting.

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

Chairman Mitchell requested the history of the land ownership prior to this time be included on the agenda for the October meeting.

9.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Stone stated the Pomona Valley Model Airplane Club is still communicating with Cal Poly Pomona their engineering flying activities are on hold until on campus activities resume.

10.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Gamache stated kudos for being flexible and keeping the pool open longer especially with the heat we have had. Thank you for what you do.

Commissioner Kreeger agreed with Commissioner Gamache. Commissioner Kreeger asked about the status of the Prado Master Plan. Mrs. Davis responded the plan is complete. An RFP was released for an Engineering Study to determine infrastructure needs associated with amenities recommended in the Master Plan. Presentations will

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be scheduled for the groups that submitted proposals within the next two weeks. The engineering plan should be complete in 9 to 12 months after the contract is awarded.

Commissioner Van Winkle thanked staff for coming up with solutions for the unexpected challenges. A friend in the industry visited Cucamonga-Guasti and said the park was beautiful and well kept, but said there wasn't enough clear signage regarding Covid19.

Commissioner Farrell stated appreciation for staff during this difficult time. Commissioner Farrell asked if staff have looked at the Countywide Plan. Is there anything that staff deems appropriate for the Commission to discuss? How the plan affects Regional Parks. Stay safe everyone.

Chairman Mitchell stated he visited Yucaipa last month the fire camp was packing up. They were pressure washing the area they used. Chairman Mitchell also visited Big Morongo and stated they have built a new kiosk, it is nice and well built. Chairman Mitchell thanked the commissioners for their diligence and thanked the guests for attending. Chairman Mitchell thanked staff for their excellent work.

11.0 **NEXT MEETING:**
October 14, 2020

12.0 **ADJOURNMENT:**
Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Farrell seconded by Commissioner Gamache.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.