



Regional Parks

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Director

**MINUTES
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
2:30 P.M.
Wednesday, March 10, 2021**

Held via conference call with some commissioners present in person.

1.0 **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

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

2.0 **ROLL CALL:**

Commission Members Present:

Doug Robertson, First District
Victoria Jones, Second District
Louis Gamache, Third District
Michael Kreeger, Fourth District
Patty Espinoza, Fifth District
Bob Mitchell, Member-At-Large
Steven Farrell, Member-At-Large

Staff:

Beahta Davis
Beverly Pickens

3.0 **GUESTS/MEDIA**

None

4.0 **MINUTES APPROVED – Wednesday, February 10, 2021**

Motion: Commissioner Mitchell
Second: Commissioner Farrell
Minutes approved.

5.0 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

6.0 **DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PARKS REPORT**

Mrs. Davis stated signage was ordered and posted on the Santa Ana River Trail (SART) Phase I and II and on the San Antonio Heights Trail with information on who to contact

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regarding concerns on the trail. A photo of one of the signs was shared with the commission.

Mrs. Davis provided the following update regarding SART III and IV. The department applied for an ATP grant for Phase III of the trail. The grant was not funded in the initial review. SBCTA voted to adopt the Metropolitan Planning Organization's portion of the State Active Transportation Program and SART Phase III was one of the projects funded. The funding must be approved by CTC. CTC approval happens in June. Once the funding is approved SART Phase III will be fully funded. Commissioner Robertson asked what area Phase III covered. Mrs. Davis responded from Waterman Avenue to California. Mrs. Davis stated SART Phase IV A design is at 35% we still need additional funding for the remaining design and construction. Phase IV B & C design is complete, funding is needed for construction. Mrs. Davis stated we are focused on trying to construct the trail in order. Commissioner Jones asked what the plan is once the grant funding is approved in June. Mrs. Davis stated construction for SART III would start sometime in April 2022 on the section from Waterman to California. Commissioner Farrell asked what SBCTA is. Mrs. Davis responded San Bernardino County Transportation Authority. Commissioner Mitchell asked if the funding covered the section at Zanja Creek and the railroad crossing. Mrs. Davis responded yes.

Chairman Gamache reminded the commissioners to identify themselves before speaking since the meeting was being held in a blended format.

Yucaipa pool rehabilitation project has started. The project includes resealing the pool and rehabilitating the entry to the pool area. The project will be complete before the beginning of swim season. The group tent rehabilitation is complete. The RV campground area new restroom installation will be complete by the end of March. Commissioner Farrell asked about the swim entrance rehabilitation. Mrs. Davis responded the project will make the area more accessible and includes new posts and painting. Commissioner Mitchell asked if the vendor with the boats was returning to Yucaipa and Cucamonga Guasti. Mrs. Davis responded yes.

The Glen Helen waterslide replacement project is in progress. On Friday, the vendor for the waterslide will be selected. We should have a new waterslide installed by July 4th. Pool prep has started. Last year park staff did such a great job we do not have as much to do at Glen Helen as we do at other facilities.

Pool prep has also started at Cucamonga Guasti. Two weeks before Memorial Day we will be hosting the Lifeguard Olympics where staff will participate in a lifeguard orientation and some training as well as some competitions to determine who has the best swim staff for the summer. The winning staff will receive lunch on the director. If any of the commissioners want to come out and be someone who needs to be saved, please let me know. Mrs. Davis will have the date sent out to the commissioners.

Mrs. Davis distributed the event list.

Mrs. Davis stated the 31-day trout derby at Cucamonga Guasti, Glen Helen and Mojave Narrows seems to be going well. At this time, the largest trout is 9 lbs. 2 oz caught at

Glen Helen. Fishermen are excited about the Calaveras Trout Goldens that are being stocked at the parks. Mrs. Davis stated if you watch the trout stocking on Facebook you can see the different trout going into the lake.

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

Commissioner Mitchell requested an update on the water system at Calico. Mrs. Davis stated she could provide the update now. Chairman Gamache approved Mrs. Davis providing the update now. Mrs. Davis stated the reverse osmosis system has been working beautifully. There have been no issues with the system. Park staff have not replaced cooler pads since the system has been installed over a year ago. We are very pleased with the system. This has opened up time for staff to work on other projects.

8.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Greg Stone, Pomona Valley Model Airplane Club – While our members continue to build and fly, we continue to provide the field for aircraft testing from Cal Poly Pomona and any other local university competing in the collegiate design, build, fly competitions while they are still being judged based on report and video submissions. We also wait for schools to get back to STEM programs like the National Science Olympiad competition to again offer our support when in person competitions resume. We appreciate everyone and everything that is being done to keep our parks and programs open.

9.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Jones reported that the Top Golf construction earth movers are in full swing. There is a lot of buzz and excitement about the project. Happy that this is happening in our County.

Commissioner Kreeger stated congratulations on the grant funding for SART. Keep up the good work and looking for money we can get from other agencies.

Commissioner Espinoza stated congratulations on the grant funding for SART. It is wonderful and uplifting.

Commissioner Mitchell stated he reported at the last meeting regarding the ATV and other off-road vehicle use on the Santa Ana River Trail. Riverside County and Riverside Police Department went out on the trail and made an abundant number of arrests. This has curtailed the activity. It was good to see Riverside County and PD on that section of the trail. Trail users are pleased. Mrs. Davis responded San Bernardino County Code Enforcement was also out on the trail.

Commissioner Farrell stated the event list shows a video series. Are the videos posted online on our website? Mrs. Davis responded yes. Commissioner Farrell stated this is exciting, he will look for the videos. Commissioner Farrell also asked if WebEx or zoom could be used for the commission meetings. Mrs. Davis responded our agency is not able to use zoom. Mrs. Davis stated we would do some testing over the next month to see if WebEx could be used.

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Chair Gamache thanked everyone for another great meeting. Congratulations on the grant that is wonderful news.

10.0 **NEXT MEETING:**

April 14, 2021

11.0 **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Espinoza seconded by Commissioner Robertson.
Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.