



Regional Parks

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Director

**MINUTES
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
2:30 P.M.
Wednesday, April 14, 2021**

Held via WebEx, 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

Jeff Sorenson, Fourth District Board of Supervisors

4.0 MINUTES APPROVED – Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Motion: Commissioner Mitchell
Second: Commissioner Jones
Minutes approved.

5.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

6.0 DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PARKS REPORT

Mrs. Davis stated last month a 31-day trout derby was held at Cucamonga Guasti, Glen Helen, and Mojave Narrows Regional Parks. The derby was very successful a 9.92 lb. trout caught at Glen Helen by a teenager was the overall winner. The winners have

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been coming in this week to pick up their prizes. There have been a few questions on if we will do the 31-day derby again next year. Mrs. Davis stated it was a successful way to hold a derby during a pandemic. The Department is evaluating if the Derby will be held next year in the 31 or 1 day format.

Mrs. Davis stated the Department has been offering virtual programs. We have had some volunteers as well as our staff participate in our fishing workshop videos online. The upcoming Fish and Wildlife Festival will be virtual and will include some of these videos. The Department has done educational videos and is working on a video for Earth Day. We were unable to hold Calico Days in September due to the pandemic. Our favorite performers are doing videos for us. The Department is working with the Concessioners to film videos of each shop at Calico for locals and tourists to let them know Calico is open and what is available.

We are excited about the videos, please take a look at them on our website and social media pages. We have had multiple staff, volunteers, and concessionaries participate in filming.

The program to house the homeless who were at risk from COVID 19 run by Public Health, Behavioral Health and Office of Emergency Services at Glen Helen has ended. The twenty trailers are being sanitized and repaired. The Department will present an item to the Board of Supervisors in May turning the trailers into a program at parks where they will be available for reservation at Calico, Mojave Narrows, Prado, and Yucaipa.

Regional Parks is applying for a Prop 68 Grant - Regional Parks Programs Grant. The grant is for up to \$3 million per park. We will be holding three virtual community meetings in May. You will be receiving an e-mail with information about the virtual community meetings next week.

Mrs. Davis distributed the event list. The list includes the videos and when they will be released.

Mrs. Davis stated we are hiring for lifeguards. Currently enough lifeguards have been hired to open Glen Helen and Yucaipa. The vacancies at Cucamonga Guasti should be filled with the next round of interviews. The Lifeguard Olympics will be held on Saturday, May 22nd starting at 8 a.m. at Cucamonga Guasti. Since we are still hiring lifeguards, if you know of someone, please have them apply. The department is reimbursing for certifications after the lifeguard has worked 80 hours. Commissioner Mitchell asked if we were reaching out to seniors for those positions. Mrs. Davis responded anyone 16 years of age or older that is certified and can perform the job duties. Commissioner Mitchell stated in the past the department reached out to that age bracket. Mrs. Davis stated we haven't done that this year.

Mrs. Davis provided the following information regarding state fishing licenses in response to the request from Commissioner Farrell. Staff can ask to see the state fishing license but cannot issue citations for patrons who do not having one. Commissioner

Farrell stated that the question came from the Fish and Game Commission meeting minutes. Mrs. Davis stated she spoke with the Fish and Game Warden who patrols the majority of our parks to confirm that staff can ask to see the state fishing license. In addition, the county fishing permit states it is only valid with a state fishing license. Commissioner Mitchell asked if we have a phone number for Fish and Game for staff to contact if the customer doesn't have the license. Mrs. Davis stated staff let the fisherman know they can't fish without the state license. Information on where to obtain a state fishing license is provided to the customer. If they continue to fish the police department is called. To help with some of these concerns Fish and Game Wardens have been patrolling our parks. They have been visiting Lake Gregory since we are stocking the lake. Chairman Gamache asked if the sale of the fishing permit included asking to see the state license at the gate. Mrs. Davis stated staff remind customers when they purchase the permit that a state fishing license is required for anyone 16 years of age or older.

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

Chairman Gamache requested the trail connection under the 71-freeway connecting Chino and Chino Hills trails and Prado Regional Park and Chino Hills State Park be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

8.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Greg Stone, Pomona Valley Model Airplane Club – While our flying activities continue, we have been asked by the engineering team at Cal State Long Beach to use the field for their aircraft testing. They have a team competing in the SAE Aero Design Heavy Lift competition. Once they complete initial safe flight at a desert location then they will use the field to fine tune their flight missions. We will continue to offer and support aeronautic and STEM programs. We appreciate everyone and all the programs being offered and do our part to support educational activities.

Eldona Reasoner Arns, Trails Committee – Ms. Arns spoke about the trail connection between Chino and Chino Hills under the 71 freeway. Ms. Arns stated the State Park has given permission for the connection. That section of the trail is complete. Ms. Arns would like to make the Chino/Prado side accessible at least to the park. The trail could be used as an alternate connection to the Santa Ana River Trail (SART) since the pinch point of SART has not been completed. Ms. Arns stated she was hoping the Commission could put the connector on the front burner. Ms. Arns asked if it is possible to push for the trail connection? Chairman Gamache stated he thinks it is possible to explore some options. We will put this on the agenda for a briefing at the next meeting.

9.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Jones stated her only comment for Ms. Arns is not knowing what overpass she is speaking of. Ms. Arns stated it is just south of Pine Avenue overpass. Chairman Gamache stated it is part of the Prado Master Plan.

Commissioner Espinoza stated she is happy to be here and learning the process.

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Commissioner Mitchell thanked Commissioner Farrell for bringing up the question regarding fishing licenses.

Chair Gamache stated he appreciated everyone attending today's meeting. Another great meeting. He stated he looked forward to hearing more about the trail underpass.

10.0 **NEXT MEETING:**

May 12, 2021

11.0 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.