



## Regional Parks

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Director

**MINUTES  
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY  
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION  
2:30 P.M.  
Wednesday, September 8, 2021**

Held via WebEx with some commissioners present in person.

1.0 **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

Chair Gamache called the meeting to order at 2:32 P.M.

2.0 **ROLL CALL:**

Commission Members Present:

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

Staff:

Beahta Davis  
Michael Jimenez  
Tammy Gann  
Beverly Pickens

Commission Members Absent:

Doug Robertson, First District  
Steven Farrell, Member-At-Large

3.0 **GUESTS/MEDIA**

Steve Garcia, Lake Gregory Recreation  
Jane Hunt-Ruble, San Bernardino County resident

4.0 **MINUTES APPROVED – Wednesday, August 11, 2021**

Motion: Commissioner Kreeger  
Second: Commissioner Espinoza  
Minutes approved.

5.0 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Santa Ana River Trail – Mrs. Davis stated staff have identified some additional areas of access. Public Works is working to place boulders at the areas. Staff are having difficulty

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identifying the area near Mt. Vernon and the apartments that was stated at the last meeting. Mrs. Davis asked Commissioner Mitchell if he had other identifying markers to provide to staff to assist with finding the location.

Minutes from July 14, 2021, meeting – Discussion was held regarding the minutes from the July meeting and the request to attach the e-mail to the minutes. There are concerns regarding the privacy of the citizen since the e-mail contains personal information. The minutes include exactly what is in the e-mail that is read during the meeting. Motion by Commissioner Espinosa to approve the July minutes as written without attaching the e-mail. Seconded by Commissioner Jones. Motion carried.

#### 6.0 **DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PARKS REPORT**

Mrs. Davis introduced Steve Garcia from Lake Gregory Community Recreation Company to provide the Lake Gregory update. Mr. Garcia stated they have wrapped up the majority of the summer season. The beach will be open for a couple more weekends. Fishing and boating are year-round activities. Monthly community events and weddings at the Lodge will continue throughout the fall season. They hired fifty employees, repaired the boat docks, provided Duffy electric boats for rental, and had great success. They have met and exceeded projections by over 30%. Based on the information provide the lake had 28,000 paying customers in 2018 in the swim area. This season the lake had 40,000 customers in the swim area. Based on the numbers and including weddings they are estimating 100,000 visitors to the park. Many are repeat visitors. The response from the long-time stakeholders in the community has been good. It was a great season.

Mrs. Davis provided the following information regarding Top Golf. Top Golf is on schedule to complete construction in February 2022. The grand opening is still planned for March 2022.

Mrs. Davis provided the following information regarding public access to meetings. The public can attend the meetings in person. A listen only phone number has been provided. The suspension of the Brown Act provisions ends this month. Meetings will return to in person starting October 1<sup>st</sup>. If this changes, Regional Parks will maintain the services that were implemented during the suspension of the provisions of the Brown Act.

Mrs. Davis provide the following information regarding the Yucaipa swim facility incident on August 13<sup>th</sup>. Some park goers were injured when a pump malfunction caused pool chemicals to release at a higher rate than normal at the Yucaipa Regional Park Swim Facility. DOSH and EHS inspected the facility the day of the incident and a follow-up inspection was conducted a week later. The facility was able to reopen August 20<sup>th</sup>. The incident is still under investigation. Chair Gamache asked for a definition of the acronyms. Mrs. Davis stated Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) and Environmental Health Services (EHS). In addition, staff and chemical availability will impact the operation of swim facilities for the rest of the summer season.

Mrs. Davis stated there have been algae concerns in the lakes over the last month. Currently, fishing or pedal boat rentals are not available at Yucaipa. The department is not stocking fish at Yucaipa since the lake is at the danger level. These fish have been

stocked at Prado. Glen Helen is at the caution level along with Pelican Lake at Mojave Narrows. Fishing is available at Glen Helen and Mojave Narrows and signage is posted regarding the need to clean the fish before eating. Tammy Gann created an algae frequently asked questions (FAQ) page for Regional Parks' website. Chair Gamache asked how often the lakes were checked. Mrs. Davis stated the department partners with the water board. The lakes are tested before every major holiday in the summer and at any sign of algae. Chair Gamache asked if the FAQ was available in alternate languages. Ms. Gann responded there is a translate feature on the website on the top right-hand corner that is available to translate. This feature does not work for videos and documents in pdf format.

Mrs. Davis distributed event flyers and the event list to the commissioners. Mrs. Davis stated events are starting to return to the parks. Calico Days is the last weekend in September, Ghost Haunt at Calico is scheduled for the last two weekends in October. The summer event series ended with community appreciation days held at Calico, Yucaipa, and Prado Regional Parks on Labor Day weekend. Winter events will take place at the parks after Calico events are completed. Movie nights for campers will also resume after the Calico event season has ended. Chair Gamache stated the flyers were very nice.

Mrs. Davis shared a video created by Tammy Gann and Kristie Stevens with the commission. The first portion of the video will be included on the website and presented at different activities that staff attend. The video will be e-mailed to the commission. The department is continuing to make videos. If any of the commissioners are interested in participating in the videos, we would be more than happy to include you. Chair Gamache stated the video is well done, lots of energy and enthusiasm. Chair Gamache requested the link to the edited video be included in the minutes <https://youtu.be/-tRi3RJ-MRQ> .

Chair Gamache asked about the catfish derby. Mrs. Davis stated the derby went over well and was well received. Mrs. Davis stated she would provide the numbers from the catfish derby at the next meeting and have an update on trout vendors for trout season.

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

None

8.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jane Hunt-Ruble stated she was going to comment on the toxic algae, but Mrs. Davis covered that in the meeting. Ms. Hunt-Ruble stated usually the blooms are caused by lack of aeration in the lake. Ms. Hunt-Ruble stated she is glad signs were posted at the parks regarding the algae in the lakes.

Greg Stone, Pomona Valley Model Airplane Club – Our Toys for Kids fun fly and collection event is scheduled for Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. We will also collect toys during the week before the event. We want to extend an invitation to everyone to visit if you are in the area to see firsthand what we do.

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We are ready to support the college engineering programs design, build, fly activities as they are getting underway. AIAA has issued the build and flight parameters for this year's competition, so the colleges are starting to assemble their teams.

We appreciate everyone's support and continue to do our part to support educational activities.

### 9.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Jones thanked staff for providing the meeting option via WebEx during the COVID restrictions. Looking forward to meeting in person in October.

Commissioner Kreeger stated the sound and video is exceptionally better than the last few months. Thank you for the great update on Lake Gregory. Great video the enthusiasm came through. Commissioner Kreeger asked about the Prado Master Plan. Mrs. Davis stated we are starting the planning process for some of the proposed improvements in the park. We are also working on updating the land plan to submit to the State for approval. This process will include commission and community involvement. Commissioner Kreeger stated he looks forward to seeing park staff at the event tomorrow.

Commissioner Espinoza stated the video was very lively and informative. The prices on the Calico event flyers are great and affordable. It's wonderful that people have this opportunity.

Chair Gamache stated the video is very nice, appreciate when that effort is put in to showcase what we have. Chair Gamache stated the situation with the remote meetings is fluid. Chair Gamache thanked the Director and staff for the good work they are doing.

### 10.0 **NEXT MEETING:**

October 13, 2021

### 11.0 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.