



Regional Parks

BEAHTA R. DAVIS

Director

**MINUTES
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
2:30 P.M.
Wednesday, December 14, 2022**

1.0 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Gamache called the meeting to order at 2:41 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
Steven Farrell, Member-At-Large
Bob Mitchell, Member-At-Large

Staff:

Beahta Davis
Heather Placencia

Commission Members Absent:

Rory Shannon, First District

3.0 GUESTS/MEDIA

Marven Norman, Inland Empire Biking Alliance (IEBA)

4.0 REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 12, 2022 AND NOVEMBER 9, 2022

Motion: Commissioner Farrell
Second: Commissioner Kreeger
Minutes approved

5.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS TRAILS:

Crafton Hills Conservancy was unable to provide further information regarding E-Bikes. Chair Gamache stated that cyclists should not ride faster than the conditions allow and that the Advisory Commission should focus on safety to assist in avoiding conflict and injury. Gamache explained the new legislative laws in effect in 2023 regarding cyclists. Mrs. Davis suggested that better signage on the trails is needed and information could be posted on the Regional Parks website. Chair Gamache stated it would be beneficial for Regional Parks personnel to attend reoccurring cycling events and annual rides. Mrs. Davis will bring signage designs to the January Commission meeting.

Commissioner Jones discussed the possibility of connecting the Cucamonga Trail and the Pacific Electric Trail. She also discussed speaking with City Councils regarding this

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process. Chair Gamache stated as a member of the Commission, they may not have the authority to speak for the County. Commissioners can speak as an individual. It was suggested that Commissioner Jones attend the City Council meeting as a resident.

6.0 **DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PARKS REPORT**

Mrs. Davis discussed all the projects throughout Regional Parks.

At Glen Helen Regional Park the demolition and replacements of three restrooms, picnic pavilions, and the splash pad have started. The three new waterslides project will commence in January 2023. Once all the listed projects are completed, the asphalt project will be conducted.

The design process for the playground at Prado Regional Park has begun. Once renderings are complete, Mrs. Davis will present them to the Commission. The design for the gate house and entry monument have started. The project replacing the infrastructure in the RV campground, restrooms and showers by Mallard, RV campground, and the tent campground will be starting soon. There has been continuous rodent and irrigation projects with two companies added to the rodent plan and outside vendors added to the irrigation team.

The new equestrian building and corral project, as well as the splashpad project, will begin at Mojave Narrows Regional Park once approval is received from the Board of Supervisors on January 10th, 2023.

Mrs. Davis presented board items approved by the Board of Supervisors. The Glen Helen Regional Park Bridge was approved to move to the construction phase, and the upgrade of the pool emitters at Yucaipa Regional Park was also approved. The Interim Use Permit with International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local No. 47 was approved for Prado Regional Park, and the lease agreement with Close the Lid Entertainment was approved to continue their operation for Dorsey's Dog Shop at Calico Ghost Town Regional Park. On January 10th, 2023, an Interim Use Permit will be presented to the Board of Supervisors regarding a three-year permit with the Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Movement in the United States of America at Prado Regional Park.

Commissioner Kreeger expressed his concerns regarding the traffic issues from the last International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers event. Mrs. Davis stated she will discuss a better traffic strategy with the Park Operations Chief to improve traffic concerns associated with this event.

Mrs. Davis discussed Regional Parks Events. The annual Calico Holiday Fest occurred the week after Thanksgiving and was well attended. On Saturday, December 17, 2022, the first Flannel and Flapjacks event at Calico Ghost Town Regional Park will occur. Regional Park personnel are preparing for California Days at Calico Ghost Town Regional Park and the return of the Environmental Science Camp that will be offered at all Regional Parks.

Commissioner Mitchell asked if the splashpad at Mojave Narrows Regional Park will be larger than the current one. Mrs. Davis expressed that the splashpad has not been designed yet but it will be a destination amenity.

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Mrs. Davis stated Santa Ana River Trail Phase Three, from Waterman Avenue to California Street, received funding and construction will be moving forward in February 2023. This should be completed by the end of 2023.

7.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Marven Norman from Inland Empire Biking Alliance (IEBA) attended the meeting. He discussed the policies regarding bikes and his concerns regarding ATP grants. He stated AB1909, effective in January 2023, will allow E-Bikes on trails although there is an option for local jurisdictions to ban E-Bikes.

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

Continue Trails Discussion

Reschedule site visit

Selection of Commission Chair and Vice-Chair

9.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Mitchell wished everyone a Merry Christmas and is grateful for the year.

Commissioner Farrell wished everyone a happy holiday.

Commissioner Espinoza apologized for being late to the meeting and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Jones congratulated Regional Parks on the new building and thanked Marven for attending the meeting.

Commissioner Kreeger wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Commissioner Kreeger presented Mrs. Davis with a Certificate of Recognition in honor of receiving the Chairman's Excellence in Public Service Award from Chairman Hagman.

Chair Gamache thanked everyone for attending the meeting and is looking forward to a productive new year. He reminded the Commission that elections will be conducted at the January 2023 meeting.

10.0 **NEXT MEETING:**

January 11, 2023

11.0 **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Kreeger seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:33 P.M.