



Regional Parks

BEAHTA R. DAVIS

Director

**MINUTES
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
2:30 P.M.
Wednesday, June 14, 2023**

1.0 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Gamache called the meeting to order at 2:35 P.M.

2.0 ROLL CALL:

Commission Members Present:

Thurston Smith, First District
Louis Gamache, Third District
Michael Kreeger, Fourth District
Patty Espinoza, Fifth District
Bob Mitchell, Member-At-Large

Staff:

Beahta Davis
Mary Sheehan

Commission Members Absent:

Anahi Perez, Second District

3.0 GUESTS/MEDIA

None

4.0 REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM MAY 10, 2023

Motion: Commissioner Kreeger
Second: Commissioner Mitchell
Abstained: Commissioner Smith
Minutes approved

5.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TRAILS:

Chair Gamache discussed the possibility for future artwork and/or a grant similar to the City of Redlands trail. He stated he is going to get additional information for the Commissioners. The nesting birds on the Santa Ana River Trail will be re-evaluated in the next few months.

6.0 DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PARKS REPORT

There were 2,383 Environmental Science Day Camp participants at Glen Helen, Yucaipa, and Mojave Narrows Regional Parks.

Mrs. Davis discussed the current staff openings within Regional Parks. The Deputy Director is in the interview process. There are Assistant Superintendent openings at Glen

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Helen, Prado, and Mojave Narrows Regional Parks and a Park Ranger position open at Prado Regional Park. The General Service Employee and Summer season lifeguards are in the hiring process and ongoing.

Regional Parks partnered with the Fish and Game Commissioners and County Museums to plan and organize the 2nd Annual Fish and Wildlife Festival at Prado Regional Park. There were over 800 cars with an estimated 2,500 participants. California Department of Fish and Wildlife donated an extra stock of catfish prior to the event and set up a booth with loaner fishing poles. The event was sponsored by Supervisor Hagman, Bass Pro Shops, and Hesperia Recreation and Parks District. The event was well received and a great success.

Mrs. Davis discussed the Department's Fiscal Year 23-24 budget. Regional Parks received \$30 million for Capital Improvement Projects and \$1 million for the Department's operations budget. She also provided a presentation which reviewed current parks' projects.

Mrs. Davis asked Commissioners to provide her with a list of recommended projects for the Regional Parks in their districts.

7.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

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

Continue Trails Discussion
Proposed Date for Park Tours

9.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Mitchell provided pictures and information about Lake Gregory Regional Park and the many new activities and improvements that have been done since the new management company has taken over operation. He is very impressed with what has been accomplished. He stated the park and lake are functioning at its highest level and is a benefit to the residents and patrons. Mrs. Davis stated that the Lake Gregory Community Recreation Company has been a good partner and works well with the local community.

Commissioner Kreeger appreciated the update on the projects and welcomed Commissioner Smith to the Advisory Commission.

Commissioner Smith introduced himself to the Commission and looks forward to working with them.

10.0 **NEXT MEETING:**

July 12, 2023

11.0 **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Espinoza, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 P.M.