



Regional Parks

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Director

**MINUTES
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
2:30 P.M.
Wednesday, July 13, 2022**

1.0 **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

Chair Gamache called the meeting to order at 2:27 P.M.

2.0 **ROLL CALL:**

Commission Members Present:

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

Staff:

Beahta R. Davis
Heather Placencia
Michael Jimenez

3.0 **GUESTS/MEDIA**

None

4.0 **RESCIND JUNE 8, 2022 MOTION APPROVING MAY 11, 2022 MINUTES
AND REVIEW AND ACCEPT REVISED MAY 11, 2022 MINUTES.**

Regional Parks Advisory Commission previously adopted the May 11, 2022 meeting minutes. It was determined that these adopted minutes contained misinformation. County Counsel advised that the easiest course of action would be to rescind the previous approved minutes and strike the inaccurate statement from the minutes.

Motion: Commissioner Kreeger

Second: Commissioner Farrell

Abstain: Commissioner Mitchell

Minutes approved with the adoption of rescinding the previous approval and striking the inaccurate statement.

5.0 **REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2022**

Motion: Commissioner Farrell

Second: Commissioner Kreeger

Abstain: Commissioner Mitchell, Commissioner Espinoza

Minutes approved.

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6.0 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

TRAILS:

Mrs. Davis recommended concentrating on the trails within Regional Parks facilities and requested a field meeting with the Commission to receive their advice. Commissioner Kreeger spoke about mountain biking and requested to have bike specific trails at Yucaipa Regional Park. Mrs. Davis explained there are currently no designated biking trails but is willing to look at the enhancement. She did state that there is more grant funding available for multiple use trails.

Commissioner Kreeger asked about the material used to construct trails. Mrs. Davis explained that most of the trails are natural although some are made with decomposed granite. Mrs. Davis requested the Commissioners make recommendations for location and educational trail signage. Commissioner Kreeger discussed the opportunity to have Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts complete their service projects to assist. Mrs. Davis reminded the Commission that if a scout group completes a project while they are camping inside of a Regional Park, they receive half off their camping. A Point of Order was called by Chairman Gamache at this time.

Commissioner Mitchell spoke about the dangers of mountain bikers, equestrians and hikers sharing the same trails and would recommend different trails to reduce injury. Commissioner Farrell asked about the current trails. Mrs. Davis stated Regional Parks is responsible for all the trails located in the Regional Parks, Santa Ana River Trail, and Cucamonga Trail. Commissioner Jones expressed her concerns with the Commissioners just focusing on the trails inside of the Regional Parks and would like to see more trails listed on the outdated map. Mrs. Davis stated that when Regional Parks hires a Deputy Director, she would assign the task of updating the trail map to this individual.

Commissioner Mitchell was on the previous Trails Committee, and the Committee wanted to have signage and/or mileage markers on the trails for safety. Commissioner Jones brought up concerns with the use of Electric Bikes on trails. Chairman Gamache stated speed limit signs can be discussed. Commissioner Kreeger stated the Commission should start with Regional Parks' trails. Mrs. Davis stated park staff can identify trails and their conditions within their assigned parks. This information will be provided at the next meeting.

Park Advisory Commission Trails Scope of Work:

- Identify and list the trails and agency responsibility
 1. Trails inside Regional Parks and their conditions
 2. Trails managed by Regional Parks, located outside of the parks and their conditions
 3. Trails connecting to the Regional Parks Trails and their conditions
- Trail Safety
 - Off-Highway Vehicle
 - Electric Bikes
 - Signage
- Publication of trails
 - Online
 - Update trail maps
- Identify future trails

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- Integrating volunteerism at Regional Parks that can help provide labor to install signage and benches on our trails.

VOLUNTEERISM AT REGIONAL PARKS:

Commissioner Jones recommended the Department consider using volunteer groups after a large function to assist with clean up. Mrs. Davis stated there are service groups that volunteer at the Regional Parks and explained the volunteer process.

FIELD MEETINGS:

Commissioner Kreeger proposed a Commission meeting in the field. Mrs. Davis provided information about Yucaipa, Glen Helen, and Cucamonga-Guasti Regional Parks for consideration.

The Commission unanimously voted to visit Glen Helen Regional Park in November. The Commission will meet at 11:00 am at Glen Helen Regional Park for the site visit and the Regional Parks Advisory Commission meeting will commence at 2:30 pm on-site.

Motion: Commissioner Kreeger

Second: Commissioner Jones

Motion Approved

7.0 DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PARKS REPORT

Mrs. Davis provided an update on the rodent treatment plan for Prado Regional Park. Mrs. Davis stated there were 90 participants at the movies in the park at Yucaipa Regional Park and Summer Day Camp Activities were held at various parks. Free Snow Cone Day was offered at Cucamonga-Guasti and Prado Regional Parks and every Saturday in July participants can hike with a Park Ranger. The Junior Park Ranger program is in full swing. Every participant will receive a Lego Park Ranger or a Junior Park Ranger patch for visiting four parks. Friday, July 15, 2022 is Park and Recreation Employee Day, with 50% off entrance fees at all parks except Mojave River Forks and Calico Ghost Town Regional Parks. All administrative staff members are working at a Regional Park for the day. Summer programs will continue through August with a Fly a Kite Day at Cucamonga-Guasti Regional Park on Thursday, August 18, 2022.

Mrs. Davis stated Cucamonga-Guasti Regional Park's pool is still closed due to a leak. Glen Helen Regional Park and Yucaipa Regional Park have both been hitting their swimming capacities consistently during the weekends.

Jaime Munoz, Jr was promoted to Park Superintendent at Prado Regional Park. Regional Parks is working with our Human Resources partners to advertise for the Deputy Director, Assistant Superintendent-Cucamonga-Guasti Regional Park, and various General Service Worker positions throughout the system. Interviews for Park Ranger II vacancies were held recently.

The San Bernardino County budget was passed by the Board of Supervisors, which included the new playground at Prado Regional Park. Commissioner Shannon expressed his concerns regarding the thefts and homeless encampments at Mojave Narrows Regional Park. Mrs. Davis stated Regional Parks have been working with security as well

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as California Fish and Game Wardens to address these concerns. Mrs. Davis confirmed with the Commission that the Spring Valley Lake project will not affect the water at Mojave Narrows Regional Park.

Mrs. Davis stated that Regional Parks received a 2022 NACo achievement award for California Days at Calico Ghost Town Regional Park. Mrs. Davis also reported that the Santa Ana River Trail Phase III construction project went out to bid and bids returned \$3.2 million above the budgeted amount. Regional Parks is seeking additional grant funding for this project.

8.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

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

Continue trails discussion

Commissioner Farrell asked about Jane Hunt-Ruble. Mrs. Davis stated she was not able to attend the meeting, but Heather Placencia will notify her regarding the next one.

10.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Mitchell read an article and would like to thank the parks staff for everything they do.

Commissioner Farrell stated he was happy to be in attendance.

Commissioner Shannon stated he was excited about the trails project.

Commissioner Espinoza expressed her concern about the rodents being part of nature. She asked about the planting of trees after the Santa Ana winds. Mrs. Davis stated they replant with native trees, although they are holding off due to the drought.

Commissioner Jones inquired about the Regional Parks Administrative offices move date. Mrs. Davis stated the move is now scheduled for November.

Commissioner Kreeger stated he was happy to be in attendance.

Commissioner Gamache stated Regional Parks improves quality of life.

11.0 **NEXT MEETING:**

August 10, 2022

12.0 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:09 P.M.