



## Regional Parks

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**MINUTES  
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY  
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION  
2:30 P.M.  
Wednesday, February 14, 2024**

**1.0 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

Chair Espinoza called the meeting to order at 2:30 P.M.

**2.0 ROLL CALL:**

Commission Members Present:

Anahi Perez, 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  
Jose Canedo  
Heather Placencia

Commission Members Absent:

Thurston Smith, First District

**3.0 GUESTS/MEDIA**

None

**4.0 REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 10, 2024**

Motion: Commissioner Gamache

Second: Commissioner Mitchell

Abstain: Commissioner Kreeger

Minutes approved

**5.0 NEW BUSINESS**

None

**6.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

TRAILS

Mrs. Davis provided a presentation to the Advisory Commission regarding Cal Poly's work at Prado Regional Park. Due to time constraints, Cal Poly was only able to map the 2.93-mile trail around the lake. They provided their recommendations to upgrade the

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trail, which included maintenance, more signage, encouraging and motivational signs, installation of trash cans and possibly extending the trail. They are interested in returning during future semesters to complete more trails at Prado Regional Park and additional trails at the other Regional Parks. Mrs. Davis stated the mapping will be made available on Regional Park's website. Commissioner Gamache suggested a mapping program. The Commission would also like to include the difficulty rating, accessibility rating, and the type of trail.

#### PARK MAINTENANCE PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Canedo provided the project update. Glen Helen Regional Park staff grinded 15 stumps down and replaced 30 signs. Prado Regional Park staff teamed up with Cal Fire to trim trees and clear out basins. Cucamonga-Guasti Regional Park staff also teamed up with Cal Fire to trim and remove dangerous trees, hedges and clean the parking lots. Cucamonga-Guasti Regional Park staff also painted the restrooms and replaced an additional 30 picnic tables. Mojave Narrows Regional Park staff replaced signs, painted, and cleaned up the camping area. The waterslides at Yucaipa Regional Park were painted.

### 7.0 DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PARKS REPORT

Mrs. Davis stated the midyear budget was approved by the Board of Supervisors, which included 9 new Park Ranger positions and an Assistant Park Superintendent for Mojave River Forks Regional Park. Regional Park is having a hiring event next week to fill these newly added positions. Interviews are also being conducted for the Assistant Park Superintendent at Prado Regional Park. Reclassifications for multiple positions were also included in the midyear budget.

Due to these changes, the parks will have extended hours starting July 1, 2024, and Mojave Narrows Regional Park will be open 7 days a week with these extended hours. Calico Ghost Town Regional Park will also have extended hours from September through December on Friday and Saturday nights. This will give the opportunity for concessions to be open later.

Mrs. Davis showed the Commission some photographs of ongoing projects. These photographs consisted of the playground and splashpad at Prado Regional Park, and the island playground at Glen Helen Regional Park.

Mrs. Davis went over the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events for 2023. These events included California Days at Calico Ghost Town Regional Park, Spring Fling at Mojave Narrows Regional Park, the Stargazing Party at Mojave River Forks, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration at Lake Gregory Regional Park, and the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at Big Morongo Preserve. Mrs. Davis explained the Anniversary Passport and ways patrons can receive stamps for a prize. Mrs. Davis also announced the beginning of the environmental science day camps have begun at Glen Helen, Yucaipa, and Mojave Narrows Regional Parks.

Santa Ana River Trail Phase III is moving forward with a tentative completion date in April 2024. A grant for the construction of Santa Ana River Trail Phase IVA has been submitted

to Coastal Conservancy for consideration. Mrs. Davis should know more this week regarding the status of the grant. The ribbon cutting at Glen Helen Regional Park is tentatively set for Friday, May 24, 2024, between 3pm and 6pm. Mrs. Davis will invite the Commissioners when it is finalized.

Regional Parks contracted with Animal Pest Management to trap the wild hogs at Prado Regional Park. There are less gophers in the campgrounds.

A discussion ensued regarding the stocking of fish at Lake Gregory Regional Park. Mrs. Davis explained the concessionaire is required to stock the lake. Mrs. Davis provided an update on the conversation she had with the Professor for Cal State San Bernardino. They are in the process of creating an MOU for students to assist for a multiyear timeframe.

8.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

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

Continue Trails Discussion

Update on parks maintenance projects

10.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Perez thanked Mrs. Davis for the presentations and updates. She also wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Commissioner Kreeger thinks the trail program is a great program and likes volunteer assistance.

Commissioner Gamache provided a suggestion for Mrs. Davis to write a letter for the students' portfolios.

Commissioner Mitchell presented photographs as well as a video of a coyote from his visit to Glen Helen Regional Park. He went over the projects that were completed since the on-site Commission meeting at the park. He specifically expressed the potholes that were fixed, the small bridge project to the island, the building of the fishing dock, waterslides, and splashpad. He also stated they were putting in solar lighting throughout the park. Commissioner Mitchell presented photographs as well as a video of a coyote. He also stated he was impressed with the overall work that is being done in our parks.

Commissioner Kreeger inquired about owl boxes. Mrs. Davis stated Regional Parks as about 20 of them, which are in the process of installation.

Commssioner Farrell thanked Commissioner Mitchell for his presentation and visiting Glen Helen Regional Park.

Chair Espinoza thanked Commissioner Mitchell and the students that assisted in the trail study.

11.0 **NEXT MEETING:**  
March 13, 2024

12.0 **ADJOURNMENT:**  
Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Gamache, seconded by Commissioner Kreeger.  
Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:29 P.M.