



## Regional Parks

**Behta R. Davis**  
Director

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Deputy Director

**MINUTES  
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY  
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION  
2:30 P.M.  
Wednesday, October 11, 2023**

**1.0 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

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

**2.0 ROLL CALL:**

Commission Members Present:

Thurston Smith, First District  
Louis Gamache, Third District  
Bob Mitchell, Member-At-Large  
Michael Kreeger, Fourth District  
Steven Farrell, Member-At-Large

Staff:

José Cañedo  
Heather Placencia

Commission Members Absent:

Patty Espinoza, Fifth District  
Anahi Perez, Second District

**3.0 GUESTS/MEDIA**

None

**4.0 REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 13, 2023**

Motion: Commissioner Smith  
Second: Commissioner Farrell  
Abstain: Commissioner Kreeger

Minutes approved

**5.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

TRAILS:

Mr. Cañedo discussed the Santa Ana River Trail's maintenance agreement with the San Bernardino County Public Works, previously approved by the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Cañedo will provide an update regarding Santa Ana River Trail Phase III at the next Advisory Commission meeting. Chair Gamache requested information regarding the specific maintenance projects of the trail. Commissioner Mitchell expressed concerns regarding an underpass by the freeway that gathers storm water.

Mr. Cañedo will present a working maintenance plan to the Advisory Commission when it is completed.

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6.0 **RESCHEDULING OF SITE VISIT AT LAKE GREGORY REGIONAL PARK**

The Site Visit for Lake Gregory Regional Park was tentatively scheduled for April 10, 2024.

7.0 **DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PARKS REPORT**

Mr. Cañedo discussed Regional Parks staffing. The new Recreation Coordinator, Heather Hill, has started and Krista Gutierrez was promoted to Assistant Superintendent for Mojave Narrows and Mojave River Forks Regional Parks.

Mr. Cañedo went over the Board Agenda Items that were being submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval. These Board Agenda Items consisted of the Glen Helen Master Plan and an extension for the Prop 68 deadline.

The Harvest Festival at Mojave Narrows Regional Park was a success. There were 20 vendors, 1,600 participants and the hayride was sold out with 225 tickets sold.

The upcoming events include pretzel spiderwebs at Cucamonga-Guasti Regional Park, pumpkin carving at Glen Helen Regional Park, and Calico Ghost Town Ghost Haunt.

The Commission requested an update regarding fish stocking in the Director's report for next meeting.

7.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

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

Continue Trails Discussion

Continue Rescheduling of Site visit at Lake Gregory Regional Park

Water Quality Partnership Cal State San Bernardino

Discussion on Community Partners

9.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Smith discussed Friends of Mojave Narrows Regional Park and a discussion ensued regarding other parks community relation groups. Commissioner Smith stated that Lee Graham is interested in donating silver mining objects to Calico Ghost Town Regional Park. Commissioner Smith will gather additional information and provide it to the Commission.

Commissioner Farrell discussed the opportunity of Cal State San Bernardino's water sampling to assist in the researching on algae blooms. The Chair requested to add this discussion for Proposed Business for next meeting for further discussion with Director Davis. Commissioner Farrell would like to invite Dr. Alford to speak at the Commission Meeting in December.

Commissioner Mitchell praised our Communication Officer, Tammy Gann, for the quality and look of information being provided on social media.

Mrs. Placencia showed the Calico Ghost Town Ghost Haunt video that was completed by the Communication team.

Commissioner Kreeger apologized for missing the previous meeting.

10.0 **NEXT MEETING:**  
November 8, 2023

The November 8, 2023 Advisory Commission Meeting will be held on-site at Calico Ghost Town Regional Park. Chair Gamache asked the Commission members to inform the Commission if they can or cannot attend the meeting. The site-visit will commence at 11:00 am., with the Commission meeting starting at 2:30 p.m. Commissioner Kreeger stated he will be in attendance for the site-visit although will not be in attendance for the Commission meeting. Mrs. Placencia will reserve a van for the commute.

11.0 **ADJOURNMENT:**  
Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Kreeger and seconded by Commissioner Mitchell.  
Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 P.M.