



Regional Parks

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Director

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**MINUTES
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
2:30 P.M.
Wednesday, May 8, 2024**

1.0 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Espinoza called the meeting to order at 2:32 P.M.

2.0 ROLL CALL:

Commission Members Present:

Louis Gamache, Third District
Patty Espinoza, Fifth District
Bob Mitchell, Member-At-Large
Anahi Perez, Second District
Michael Kreeger, Fourth District

Staff:

Jose Canedo
Heather Placencia

Commission Members Absent:

Thurston Smith, First District
Steven Farrell, Member-At-Large

3.0 GUESTS/MEDIA

None

4.0 REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 10, 2024

Motion: Commissioner Mitchell
Second: Commissioner Gamache
Abstain: Commissioner Perez
Minutes approved.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

None

6.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TRAILS

Mr. Canedo stated that Mrs. Davis will provide additional information regarding the trials at the next Commission meeting.

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PARK MAINTENANCE PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Canedo updated the Commission on the additional pesticide training that park staff completed for weed control. A discussion ensued regarding the spraying notification procedure. Regional Parks purchased a new tractor and sweeper, which will be shared between multiple parks. Cucamonga-Guasti Regional Park is currently working on landscape curbing, which is a great opportunity for staff to learn how to enhance the park. Prado Regional Park has a new Assistant Superintendent. Yucaipa Regional Park has ongoing irrigation repairs. There is a volunteer group that will be completing painting of the restrooms at Yucaipa Regional Park.

7.0 **DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PARKS REPORT**

Mr. Canedo provided the Director's Report and April Accomplishments. Regional Parks received Board of Supervisor approvals for a Grant agreement with Coastal Conservancy and an IUP with Southern California Lineman's Rodeo. Regional Parks is continuing the hiring process for lifeguards and Public Service Employees.

During April, there were 290 students and 41 chaperones that participated in the Environmental Science Day Camp and 110 participants at multiple park activities. The Stargazing Event at Mojave River Forks Regional Park had over 1500 people in attendance and the campground was sold out. Mr. Canedo went over the Glen Helen Masterplan Community meeting. He thanked Commissioner Smith for his attendance. Commissioner Gamache has requested to see the outline of the meeting when it is completed.

The safety test of the new Glen Helen waterslides was completed. Mr. Canedo described the sand project at Glen Helen Regional Park which will teach the park staff how to smooth out the holes in the park for the San Bernardino County Picnic. Tree stump grinding continues, and summer pool prep is completed. Mr. Canedo provided information and a verbal invitation to the Commission regarding the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on May 24, 2024.

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 Kreeger thanked Regional Parks staff for the Lake Gregory Tour and apologized for missing the Commission meeting. He stated there are bald eagles at Prado Regional Park.

Commissioner Mitchell stated he viewed Phase IV of the SART trail. He stated Mrs. Davis and himself have spoken about some difficulties on the trail, although it is nice to see one more step. After the Lake Gregory tour, he went back up to Lake Gregory and rented a boat with some friends. He stated it was nice to see the number of people using the park. He drove by the gate at Mojave Narrows Regional Park and said the road was

nice. He is pleased to hear that Mojave River Forks Regional Forks had a positive event. He stated that he has been on the Commission for 15 years and it is nice to see good things happening at the parks.

Chair Espinoza thanked the Commission for participating in the Lake Gregory Regional Park site visit.

11.0 **NEXT MEETING:**
June 12, 2024

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 P.M.