



## Regional Parks

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Deputy Director

**MINUTES  
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY  
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION  
2:30 P.M.  
Wednesday, June 12, 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:

Thurston Smith, First District  
Patty Espinoza, Fifth District  
Bob Mitchell, Member-At-Large  
Anahi Perez, Second District  
Steven Farrell, Member- At-Large

Staff:

Jose Canedo  
Heather Placencia  
Nicholas Miller

Commission Members Absent:

Louis Gamache, Third District  
Michael Kreeger, Fourth District

**3.0 GUESTS/MEDIA**

None

**4.0 REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM MAY 8, 2024**

Motion: Commissioner Mitchell

Second: Commissioner Farrell

Minutes approved.

**5.0 NEW BUSINESS**

None

**6.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

TRAILS

The ATP grant application for SART Section IV B/C was approved for submission by the Board of Supervisors on June 11, 2024.

PARK MAINTENANCE PROJECT UPDATES

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Canedo updated the Commission on the park maintenance projects. At Glen Helen Regional Park the sand project for the kickball area is almost completed, six missing valves were located and Ecomats are being used by the waterslides. A conversation regarding Ecomats commenced at this time and Mr. Canedo explained to the Commission what the Ecomats were and how they are being used. Prado Regional Park pumps were serviced, and a maintenance plan is being prepared to help with the pressure and distribution of water for irrigation. Cucamonga-Guasti Regional Park added another 150 linear feet of landscape curbing to the dirt trail. Staff at Yucaipa Regional Park are continuing irrigation and swimming pool maintenance. Mojave Narrows Regional Park is experimenting with wireless valves, which has been a success so far.

The Glen Helen Regional Park Waterslide Grand Opening was a success. Commissioner Perez and Commissioner Espinoza were both in attendance. Approximately 75 people stayed for the Movie Night and 100 fisherman were fishing until park closure.

7.0 **DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PARKS REPORT**

Mr. Canedo provided the Director's Report and May Accomplishments. Regional Parks received Board of Supervisor approvals for a Lease Agreement to operate Leatherworks at Calico Ghost Town Regional Park, an Interim Use Permit for a Sabaidee Festival, an Interim Use Permit with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and a 2023-24 budget adjustment for 2023-24 budget.

Lifeguard orientation was completed for the season and a Federal Earmark for the Glen Helen playground improvement project was received.

Mr. Canedo went over the programs and events during the month of May. The Bluegrass Festival had over 1200 participants. There were over 50 participants at the Mother's Day Crafts, 30 participants at Animal Evidence, over 1000 participants at the Art Nature Festival, and 300-400 participants at the Spring Fling. There were approximately 3200 participants at the Fish and Wildlife Festival at Prado Regional Park. Mr. Canedo described vendors and activities that the Festival had to offer. With the ability to pre-sale tickets, the entry process was better than last year.

Commissioner Mitchell requested the Calico Ghost Town Regional Park Stairs be added as proposed business for the next Commission meeting.

Mr. Miller explained the Watermaster Board Agenda Item and the SART Grant Application Request to the Commission. A conversation ensued regarding both Board Agenda Items and all the Commissioner's questions and concerns were answered by Mr. Miller.

June 22, 2024, is the Summer Kick Off at Yucaipa Regional Park. The Commissioners were presented with a copy of the flyer.

8.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

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

Continue Trails Discussion

Update on parks maintenance projects

Calico Staircase

10.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Perez thanked Regional Parks for the invitation to the Glen Helen Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. She is looking forward to the exciting things to come.

Commissioner Smith stated he missed a few meetings due to medical issues and he is glad he is back.

Chair Espinoza thanked Regional Parks for the invitation to the Glen Helen Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. She walked through the park and was very excited to see the tree is still there. Chair Espinoza inquired about a swing for special needs at the playground. Mr. Canedo explained this is part of the new island playground design.

11.0 **NEXT MEETING:**

The July 10, 2024, Commission meeting will be held at Big Morongo Canyon Preserve located at 50100 Park Avenue, Morongo Valley, CA 92356. The tour will begin at 11:00 AM and the meeting will commence at 2:30 PM. The Commissioners have requested to carpool to the Preserve. This idea will be presented to Director Davis.

12.0 **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Farrell, seconded by Commissioner Smith.  
Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:26 P.M.