



## Regional Parks

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**MINUTES  
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY  
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION  
2:30 P.M.  
Wednesday, July 10, 2024**

**1.0 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

Vice Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 2:30 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  
Louis Gamache, Third District

Staff:

Jose Canedo  
Heather Placencia  
Behta Davis

Commission Members Absent:

Michael Kreeger, Fourth District

**3.0 GUESTS/MEDIA**

Aisha Weaver  
Dave Kooiman  
Eric Fikse

**4.0 REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 12, 2024**

Motion: Commissioner Farrell  
Second: Commissioner Perez  
Minutes approved.

**5.0 NEW BUSINESS**

None

**6.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

TRAILS

The contract with Cal Poly is still in process.

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Fifth District

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#### PARK MAINTENANCE PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Canedo updated the Commission on park maintenance projects. Regional Park Staff and Chino Valley Fire are working together to perform weed abatement at Prado Regional Park. There is continued maintenance of gatehouses, picnic table repairs, and ongoing irrigation repairs.

#### CALICO STAIRCASE DISCUSSION

The stairs at Calico are being replaced and in the design phase. Director Davis will continue to provide updates to the Commission when available.

### 7.0 DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PARKS REPORT

Director Davis presented the Director's report to the Commission. The Board Agenda Item for the Santa Ana River Trail (SART) 4A Grant Agreement was approved by the Board of Supervisors, as well as the Board Agenda Item for the Watermaster at Mojave Narrows Regional Park. There has been Board of Supervisor approvals for multiple events and a Board Agenda Item for a Grant Agreement for Lake Gregory Regional Park Boat Launch was also approved. The recruitment for the Camp Host program has begun. Director Davis explained the Camp Host program in detail to the Commission and a discussion ensued. Regional Parks also received a Proclamation from the Board of Supervisors for Park and Recreation Month in July 2024.

Glen Helen Regional Park will be hosting a Family Swim Night, which will allow patrons to swim for an additional two hours. There will be a DJ, lawn games, and snow cones for inside and outside of the swim facility. The Father's Day craft at Guasti Regional Park was very popular with 28 participants and there were 185 participants at the Wild West Games and Bubble Bonanza at Mojave Narrows Regional Park. The Fish and Wildlife Festival had 3200 participants and The Summer Bash at Yucaipa Regional Park had 300 participants.

Director Davis updated the Commission on the high attendance numbers that Yucaipa Regional Park had on July 4, 2024.

Beginning July 1, 2024, all parks except Calico, Mojave River Forks, and Big Morongo began extending their hours until 8:00 pm. Mojave Narrows Regional Park has also been open seven days a week. This has gained positive responses at all parks. Director Davis provided an update regarding the Permit to Enter with Cal State University-San Bernardino.

Lake Gregory Regional Park's North beach is currently closed due to poor water quality. Commissioner Farrell expressed his concerns regarding the inability to find information on Lake Gregory Regional Park's website regarding the algae concerns. A discussion ensued regarding water quality at Lake Gregory Regional Park and how the park is trying to move the water with aerators and running boats. There are also caution signs regarding algae posted around the lake. Director Davis explained the testing process to the Commission.

There were two fires at Mojave River Forks Regional Park. The campground was evacuated during both incidents. There is currently a fire in Lytle Creek and Glen Helen Regional Park is serving as the fire camp for the National Forest Service.

8.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dave Kooiman and Eric Fikse presented their proposal and interest in a Real Estate Lease at the Prado Golf Course.

9.0 **COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS BY TITLE FOR NEXT MEETING**  
Continue Trails Discussion

Update on parks maintenance projects

Prado Golf Course

Big Morongo Preserve

10.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Chair Espinoza hoped everyone had a wonderful Fourth of July.

Commissioner Farrell stated he was glad we postponed the Big Morongo Canyon Preserve on-site meeting due to the extremely hot weather that was expected.

Commissioner Gamache stated he is also pleased that the on-site meeting was postponed due to the extremely hot weather and looks forward to visiting Big Morongo Canyon Preserve in the Fall.

Commissioner Mitchell stated he was invited by Redlands Water bottle Club to speak on behalf of Regionals Parks regarding the Santa Ana River Trail (SART). Director Davis also attended. Commissioner Mitchell and Director Davis both had a positive experience during the meeting. The attendees were happy with the news on the progress of the trail and were able to express their concerns and get their questions answered. Commissioner Mitchell stated he joined the Commission because of the SART trail.

Commissioner Smith expressed his concerns regarding the Watermaster Board Agenda Item affecting Mojave Narrows Regional Park. A discussion ensued regarding the water usage at each park. Commissioner Smith stated that he has heard positive responses regarding the new hours of operation.

11.0 **NEXT MEETING:**  
August 14, 2024.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M.