



## Regional Parks

**Behta R. Davis**  
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**MINUTES  
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY  
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION  
2:30 P.M.  
Wednesday, April 10, 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:

Louis Gamache, Third District  
Patty Espinoza, Fifth District  
Bob Mitchell, Member-At-Large  
Steven Farrell, Member-At-Large

Staff:

Behta Davis  
Jose Canedo  
Heather Placencia

Commission Members Absent:

Anahi Perez, Second District  
Michael Kreeger, Fourth District  
Thurston Smith, First District

**3.0 GUESTS/MEDIA**

Aisha Weaver  
Nathan Godwin

**4.0 REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 13, 2024**

Motion: Commissioner Mitchell  
Second: Commissioner Gamache  
Minutes approved.

**5.0 NEW BUSINESS**

None

**6.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

TRAILS

The contract for Cal Poly is in the approval process. Park staff is starting the trail signage. SART III is almost complete. The ribbon cutting will take place when SART III is fully completed. Commissioner Mitchell and Gamache expressed their concerns regarding the uncompleted area and presented their ideas on signage and ways to

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obstruct bicyclists from entering the uncompleted portion. Mrs. Davis will present the Commissioner's concerns and recommendations to the Department of Public Works. SART IV A received funding from the Coastal Conservancy. The Department is submitting a grant application to ATP to fund the design/construction of SART IV B/C. Regional Parks staff participated in the Redlands Bicycle Classic to gain suggestions from the public for SART IV B/C.

#### PARK MAINTENANCE PROJECT UPDATES

An Eagle Scout project will be conducted at Prado Regional Park to work on picnic tables in May and the snack bar has begun renovation. The trail is being worked on at Cucamonga-Guasti Regional Park and the Yucaipa Regional Park monument was painted by park staff. Mojave Narrows Regional Park's restroom project at the dry camp area has begun as well as the Pelican picnic and restroom renovations.

SART trail's maintenance contract has been extended for 6 months. There was a discussion regarding the length of the extension and the concerns with the contractor.

### 7.0 DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PARKS REPORT

Mrs. Davis presented photographs of the projects that Mr. Canedo and park staff have been completing to enhance the look of parks.

In March, over 300 children attended the Environmental Science Day Camps at Yucaipa, Mojave Narrows, and Glen Helen Regional Parks. There were several events over the last month and park staff filled 9,000 Easter eggs for Easter Celebrations.

One hundred and fifty youth participated in Fishing Day with Supervisor Baca, Jr. at Glen Helen Regional Park. This event was sponsored by Supervisor Baca, Jr., Bass Pro Shop, California Department of Fish and Game, Probation, Children and Family Services and Regional Parks. Regional Parks premiered the Department's new mascot, Bob the Bobcat. The mascot will be appearing at 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events. Commissioner Farrell stated he would like to see the bobcat in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Commissioner Mitchell recommended a public TV channel to film segments on the parks. He will provide the contact information to Mrs. Davis.

Multiple new staff members recently started, and more are starting soon. Interviews for the Assistant Park Superintendent at Mojave River Forks Regional Park are still being conducted. An Assistant Park Superintendent for Prado Regional Park was selected and is in the background process.

Mrs. Placencia will email event fliers to the Commission, which will include the Stargazing event at Mojave River Forks on April 27, the Community Meeting on May 1st, and the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on May 24th at Glen Helen Regional Parks. The stargazing event is the first event at Mojave River Forks Regional Park. A Community Meeting will be held at Glen Helen Regional Park on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm, to gain community input for the Glen Helen Masterplan. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to celebrate all the new renovations and amenities at Glen Helen Regional Park will be held on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm.

Mrs. Davis spoke to Friends of Big Morongo Preserve and they are interested in having the Commissioners at the Preserve for their next on-site Commission meeting. Chair Espinoza recommended ed Big Morongo Preserve as the site for the July 10, 2024 Commission. There were no objections.

Regional Parks is implementing a a new Point of Sale system. This will allow park patrons to purchase park entry, swim entry, and other fees prior to arriving at the park.

Mrs. Davis discussed the well status and water issues at Mojave Narrows Regional Park. The Prado Masterplan is being updated and Mrs. Davis will provide updates at future meetings.

8.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Godwin thanked the Commission for coming to Lake Gregory Regional Park. Mrs. Davis stated that Lake Gregory is a perfect example of a successful public/private partnership.

Commissioner Farrell inquired about Houston Creek. A discussion ensued regarding raising awareness on how much water, rain, and snow end up in Lake Gregory.

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

Continue Trails Discussion

Update on parks maintenance projects

10.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Mitchell thanked Mr. Godwin for hosting the Commissioner meeting and expressed how uplifting it is to see the renovated buildings.

Commissioner Gamache thanked Mr. Godwin for his time and attention at Lake Gregory Regional Park. He expressed the rarity to see a public/private partnership work so positively. He stated that everything is well maintained, which was not the case the last time he saw the park. He also expressed his appreciation to Mr. Canedo for updating the look of the parks.

Commissioner Farrell stated he is both encouraged and pleased with Mr. Canedo's certifications and the training he and the park staff are receiving for wildlife habitats.

Chair Espinoza thanked Mr. Godwin for the tour of Lake Gregory Regional Park.

11.0 **NEXT MEETING:**

May 8, 2024.

12.0 **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Gamache, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell.  
Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 P.M.