



Regional Parks

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**MINUTES
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
2:30 P.M.
Wednesday, September 11, 2024**

1.0 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Commissioner Smith called the meeting to order at 2:33 P.M.

2.0 ROLL CALL:

Commission Members Present:

Thurston Smith, First District
Patty Espinoza, Fifth District
Bob Mitchell, Member-At-Large
Louis Gamache, Third District

Staff:

Jose Cañedo
Mary Sheehan

Commission Members Absent:

Michael Kreeger, Fourth District
Steven Farrell, Member- At-Large
Anahi Perez, Second District

3.0 GUESTS/MEDIA

Aaron Keedy

4.0 REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 14, 2024

Motion: Commissioner Gamache
Second: Commissioner Espinoza
Minutes approved.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

None

6.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TRAILS

No update on the nesting birds timeframe between September-February

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More information to come on the Grants applied for in June/July.

PARK MAINTENANCE PROJECT UPDATES

Regional Parks staff continue to perform irrigation repairs at their respective parks. Prado Regional Park continued with weed abatement mowing throughout the park. Cucamonga-Guasti staff have completed replacing picnic tables as well as installing additional "No Parking" signs and posts along Turner Ave. Staff currently completed painting the restrooms at Big Morongo Canyon Preserve. Calico staff is getting prepared for its fall season and the scheduled events coming up.

Opportunities are being sought for Certification/training classes to enhance staff skillset is being explored in various maintenance fields.

PRADO GOLF COURSE

Prado Regional Park's golf course was on the agenda to discuss the proposal that was provided to the Commission during the July 2024 meeting. A conversation ensued regarding the golf course. The Commission will be provided with the budget information from this concession at the next meeting.

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7.0 DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PARKS REPORT

Mr. Cañedo spoke about upcoming events/accomplishments. Information of the months past events were shared. Calico Regional Park is in the midst of its fall season with staff performing maintenance repairs throughout the park. Calico instituted its fall season hours of operations for Friday and Saturday nights of closing at 8 p.m. The Doggie-Poolooza two-day event at Yucaipa Regional Park was a success. Day one was for the small dogs, under 25 pounds. Day two was dedicated for the large dog breeds above 25 pounds. San Bernardino County Public Health Animal Care along with San Bernardino County Museum's were also present at the event.

Mr. Cañedo informed the Parks Advisory Committee that displaced families that are being evacuated from their residence due to the Bridge and Line Fires, will be accommodated at Regional Parks. Displaced families will receive campsites at a discounted rate. Mr. Canedo mentioned that Mojave Narrows and Mojave River Forks Regional Parks can accommodate horses.

The Commissioners were informed that Lake Gregory is currently closed due to the Line Fire. Safety personnel want to keep the roads clear for safety vehicles as they travel throughout the mountain region.

8.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Aaron Keedy addressed the commission seeking information to create an access opening to the Cucamonga Creek Trail near the corner of Jennet St. and Turquoise Ave. in Rancho Cucamonga. Mr. Cañedo stated he will meet with Mr. Keedy after the meeting to address his concerns.

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

Continue Trails Discussion

Update on Parks Maintenance Projects

November 13, 2024, Big Morongo Canyon Preserve Site visit and Park Advisory Commission meeting.

10.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Gamache wanted to recognize the today, September 11, 2024, and the sacrifices made by victims and those who defend us. Commissioner Gamache also mentioned that the Commissioners will continue to work to preserve the parks for the community and all who come to enjoy the outdoors.

Commissioner Espinoza agreed with Mr. Gamache, and also stated that she is hoping to welcome in more of the homeless veteran population to the parks.

Commissioner Mitchell visited Cucamonga-Guasti Regional Park and remarked how pristine the park looked. He was pleased how green the grass was and expressed his appreciation of all the work staff has accomplished to improve the park. Commissioner Mitchell also noticed the new shelters and tables installed throughout the park. Commissioner Mitchell inquired of Mr. Cañedo about the splash pad. Mr. Cañedo expressed that he along with Parks staff have been meeting with companies to explore new materials to improve the splash pad. Commissioner Mitchell inquired about concerns with birds at Guasti and if the tests that were done provided any insight as to their condition. Mr. Cañedo will follow up and provide an update at the next Park Advisory Commission meeting. Commissioner Mitchell is glad a lot of changes are taking place and wanted to thank the Department.

Commissioner Smith inquired about the Nocturnal Rave and how the current fire situations could impact the event. Mr. Cañedo informed the commission that Nocturnal was canceled due to the focus of emergency personnel on addressing the needs associated with the Bridge and Line fires. In addition, Glen Helen Regional Park is being considered as an Incident Command Center for the Bridge Fire. Commissioner Smith also asked about the wells/water issue at Mojave Narrows. Mr. Cañedo will have more information at the next meeting.

11.0 **NEXT MEETING:**

October 9, 2024.

12.0 **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Gamache seconded by Commissioner Espinoza

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 P.M.