



## Regional Parks

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**MINUTES  
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY  
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION  
2:30 P.M.  
Wednesday, January 8, 2025**

**1.0 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

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

**2.0 ROLL CALL:**

Commission Members Present:

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

Staff:

José Cañedo  
Heather Placencia  
Mary Sheehan

Commission Members Absent:

Steven Farrell, Member-At-Large

**3.0 GUESTS/MEDIA**

Ruben Llamas

**4.0 REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 11, 2024**

Motion: Commissioner Kreeger

Second: Commissioner Perez

Abstain:

Minutes approved.

**5.0 NEW BUSINESS**

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Chair Espinoza opened nominations for Chair. Chair Espinoza nominated Commissioner Smith for Chair; Commissioner Kreeger Seconded. Vote, approved, accepted by Commissioner Smith. Commissioner Mitchell nominated Commissioner Perez for Vice Chair; Commissioner Smith Seconded. Voted approved and accepted by Commissioner Perez

6.0 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**  
**TRAILS**

Mr. Canedo provided an update on a tour of SART Phase III. Regional Parks are looking into purchasing electric bicycles to assist staff in maintaining the trails more frequently.

**PARK MAINTENANCE PROJECT UPDATES**

All parks are still focusing on irrigation repairs. Cucamonga-Guasti Regional Park is continuing their curbing project, and the maintenance building will be open next week. Glen Helen and Yucaipa Regional Parks are focusing on maintenance projects. Mojave Narrows Regional Park is removing stumps from within the park and a new concessionaire is moving into Calico Ghost Town Regional Park.

7.0 **DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PARKS REPORT**

The Board of Supervisors approved a donation of \$14,000 from the Friends of Regional Parks to support fishing workshops in the Fourth and Fifth Districts. A budget increase was approved to perform a consultant study for potential sports and entertainment facility at Prado Regional Park. An approval to the non-financial terms and conditional of sale for the existing membrane wastewater treatment plant located at Calico Ghost Town Regional Park was also approved by the Board of Supervisors. An amendment for Close the Lid and Calico Odessa Railroad will be going to the Board of Supervisors on January 14, 2025.

Mr. Canedo went over last month's programs and events. These programs and events consisted of All About Birds, Snowflake Crafts, Candy Cane Hunt, Holiday Crafts and Winter Crafts. The Prado Regional Park One-Day Fishing Derby was extremely successful.

The upcoming programs and events include Cany Cane Experiments, Snowflake Painting, Snowflake Crafts, Make Your Own Bird Feeder, Make Your Own Valentine and California Days. Mrs. Placencia will forward event fliers to Commissioners.

8.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT**  
None

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

Onsite Commission Visit

Continue Trails Discussion

Update on Parks Maintenance Projects

10.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

A conversation ensued regarding the next onsite Commission meeting. Chair Smith would like to move forward with an onsite meeting at Mojave Narrows Regional Park for the March Commission meeting. The Commission would like to include Mojave River

Forks Regional Park during this meeting. It was recommended to add as Proposed Business by Title for the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Mitchell apologized for missing the previous meetings.

Commissioner Espinoza wished everyone a Happy New Year and apologized for being late to the meeting.

Commissioner Perez thanked everyone for the Vice Chair nomination and wished the Commission a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Gamache told the Commissioner to be careful with the approaching winds and for everyone to have a productive new year.

Commissioner Smith asked for a well update. Mr. Canedo said he will provide an update at the next Commission meeting.

11.0 **NEXT MEETING:**  
February 12, 2025

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 P.M.