



Regional Parks

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**MINUTES
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
2:30 P.M.
Wednesday, March 12, 2025**

1.0 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 2:30 P.M.

2.0 ROLL CALL:

Commission Members Present:

Thurston Smith, First District
Steven Farrell, Member-At-Large
Louis Gamache, Third District
Michael Kreeger, Fourth District
Bob Mitchell, Member- At-Large
Anahi Perez, Second District
Mirna Ruiz, Fifth District

Staff:

Beahta Davis
Heather Placencia
Chaquana Bright

Commission Members Absent:

None

3.0 GUESTS/MEDIA

Ruben Llamas

4.0 REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 12, 2025

Motion: Commissioner Kreeger
Second: Commissioner Mitchell
Abstain: None
Minutes approved.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

LIGHTING AT CUCAMONGA-GUASTI REGIONAL PARK

Director Davis stated the lighting at all parks is a possible future project.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COL. PAUL COOK (RET.)
First District

JESSE ARMENDAREZ
Second District

DAWN ROWE
Chairman, Third District

CURT HAGMAN
Fourth District

JOE BACA, JR.
Vice Chair, Fifth District

Luther Snoke
Chief Executive Officer

ONSITE COMMISSION VISIT

The Commission discussed and agreed to do the onsite Commission visit and meeting at Mojave Narrows and Mojave River Forks Regional Parks on April 9, 2025, meeting.

6.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TRAILS

Regional Parks staff and the San Bernardino County Information Technology Department are collaborating to map all park trails using a Geographic Information System. These should be mapped within the next few months. There will be a presentation to the Commission once this is complete.

PARK MAINTENANCE PROJECT UPDATES

Glen Helen Regional Park staff are working on fixing the damage from recent storms, including the removal of damaged trees within the park. During the removal of the trees, a trail was located and will be reopened to the public soon. Prado Regional Park staff have been working on irrigation and a seeding project around the new playground. Yucaipa Regional Park's well was turned on and Mojave Narrows Regional Park staff has completed the removal of cat tails for this season. A discussion ensued regarding the Watermaster bill Regional Park received for Mojave Narrows Regional Park. This bill is the lowest it has been in years, and it is possibly attributed to cattail removal and/or the higher water table. Calico Ghost Town's damaged bridge was removed, and the new one should arrive in April.

7.0 DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PARKS REPORT

Director Davis discussed the Board Agenda Items seeking approval from the Board of Supervisors. These Board Agenda Items include: Tunjo Entertainment Interim Use Permit, Global Music Rights Contract, Watermaster payment, IBEW Local 47 Interim Use Permit, Teamsters Local 1942 Interim Use Permit, Yucaipa Soccer Complex Contract, and the Bottle House Contract.

There were multiple Environmental Science Day Camps conducted in the month of February at Yucaipa and Mojave Narrows Regional Parks. The attendance at these day camps were from 22-60 students per camp. Fly a Kite Day with Vice Chair Joe Baca, Jr. was held at Kessler Park, with 171 children in attendance. This event was free of charge and consisted of kite giveaways and community resource vendors. The Valentine's Day Crafts at Glen Helen and Yucaipa Regional Parks had a total of 32 participants.

Regional Parks partnered with the Yucaipa Lion's Club for a youth fishing derby at Yucaipa Regional Park. This event was a great success with 163 youth participants. This derby was free of charge with miniature workshops, free bait, free fishing poles, food vendors and prizes. California Days at Calico Ghost Town Regional Park was attended by over 3,700 patrons. This event included the first performance on the newly remodeled Silver Bowl stage. Recreation staff excelled in a last-minute performance of the Pony Express.

Mojave Narrows Regional Park also hosted a trout derby last weekend with a total of 400 participants. The largest trout caught was 12 pounds.

Future events consist of All About Birds at Cucamonga-Guasti and Yucaipa Regional Parks and Build Your Own Compost at Mojave Narrows and Glen Helen Regional Parks. Fishing Day with Vice Chair Joe Baca, Jr. and the playground Groundbreaking Ceremony will both be held at Glen Helen Regional Park.

Director Davis discussed the fee changes taking effect on May 10th, 2025. The notable additions include a fishing fee for youth fishing, holiday fishing fees, a 12-day fishing pass, summer passes, family swimming pass, and a holiday park entrance fee. Along with these additional options, there will be revisions to weekend and weekday entrances, annual vehicle passes, adult fishing and daily swimming admission fees.

Chaquana Bright was introduced to the Commission. She will be assisting with reservations and the Finance Division. Commissioner Mitchell brought up his concerns about patrons riding bicycles on the closed area of the Santa Ana River Trail. Commissioner Kreeger inquired about the Olympics and the Yorba-Slaughter House. Director Davis did not have an update for either one.

8.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The newly designed website may be missing some department information. Mrs. Placencia will reach out to Ms. Gann to review and update the website if necessary.

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

Continue Trails Discussion

Update on Parks Maintenance Projects

10.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Kreeger welcomed Commissioner Ruiz to the Commission.

Commissioner Mitchell visited Yucaipa Regional Park. He stated the park staff did an amazing job cleaning the park after the frisbee golf event. He was impressed by the office space and the layout. It was important to him to see that Regional Parks was taking care of the Yucaipa staff. He congratulated Director Davis on her hard work in making this possible. Commissioner Mitchell was also impressed with the cleanliness of the work area and how organized it was. The campgrounds were well kept. He said he would like to see the pavement fixed in some areas due to tree roots causing it to buckle. He stated the waterslides are clean and beautiful. He was pleased to see the old mobile home and shed were both gone. He also received positive feedback from a frisbee golfer.

Commissioner Ruiz is happy to be part of the Commission and she is looking forward to learning and sharing the Commission's vision.

Chair Smith visited Calico Ghost Town during California Days. He stated the vendors were in 1880's costumes and there was old-time gambling. He stated the parking lot was packed with patrons. He also welcomed Commissioner Ruiz to the Commission. He inquired about the cattle firebreak for Mojave Narrows Regional Park and the Watermaster difference

11.0 **NEXT MEETING:**

April 9, 2025

12.0 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:31 P.M.