

Regional Parks

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Director

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MINUTES SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION 2:30 P.M. Wednesday, April 9, 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 Staff:

Beahta Davis
Heather Placencia
Chaquana Bright
Jose Canedo
Blane McNally
Krista Guiterrez

Commission Members Absent:

Mirna Ruiz, Fifth District Anahi Perez, Second District

3.0 **GUESTS/MEDIA**

Jonathan Andersen

4.0 REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 12, 2025

Motion: Commissioner Kreeger Second: Commissioner Gamache

Abstain: None Minutes approved.

5.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

The Cartegraph System will be presented to the Commission at a later meeting.

6.0 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

TRAILS

Regional Parks is still collaborating with the San Bernardino County Information Technology Department to finish mapping the trails. There will be a presentation to the Commission once the refinements are complete.

PARK MAINTENANCE PROJECT UPDATES

Glen Helen Regional Park staff are getting ready for the concert season. They are partnering with LiveNation to smooth out the trail and the parking lot. Park hours have been extended for the summer, with most parks now staying open until 8:00 PM through Labor Day weekend. Park staff are conducting irrigation repairs and weed abatement.

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 Global Music Rights, Tunjo Entertainment IUP, Watermaster Payment, IBEW Local IUP, Teamsters Local 1932 IUP, and the Bottle House Contract. The Request for Proposal for the Glamping area at Prado Regional Park and the Point of Sale and Reservation System will be released in the month of April. Director Davis will present the Prado Regional Park Masterplan to the Commission once it is completed.

There were several Environmental Science Day Camps conducted in the month of April at Glen Helen, Mojave Narrows and Yucaipa Regional Parks with roughly 46 students at each camp. There were several Spring programs, which consisted of All about Birds, Build Your Own Compost, and Plant Day. Over 500 participants took part in the Fishing Derby at Mojave Narrows Regional Park, while 150 youth joined the 'Fishing with Supervisor Baca, Jr.' event at Glen Helen Regional Park.

Future events include Create Your Own Herb Garden at Prado and Cucamonga-Guasti Regional Parks, Earth Day Crafts at Yucaipa Regional Park, Easter Egg Hunts and Celebrations at all Regional Parks, Cinco de Mayo Celebration at Glen Helen Regional Park and The Bluegrass Festival at Calico Ghost Town Regional Park.

Several projects are currently underway at Mojave Narrows Regional Park. These include a new snack bar, destination splashpad design, shelter replacements, and pumps for the new splashpad. The barn and corral should be completed by Fall 2025. Picnic tables and campfire rings have been replaced. Commissioner Kreeger inquired about the snack bar. Director Davis stated that the management and operation of the snack bar will go out for bid when the construction is completed.

8.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

9.0 COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS BY TITLE FOR NEXT MEETING

Continue Trails Discussion

Update on Parks Maintenance Projects

10.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Mitchell is pleased by everything that was presented during the meeting.

Commissioner Farrell discussed the Prado Dam Project. Commissioner Farrell provided Director Davis with a handout for further information.

Commissioner Kreeger thanked park staff for the tour, noting that the park is beautiful, and that maintenance has noticeably improved. He encouraged the team to keep up the good work.

Commissioner Gamache appreciated being out at Mojave Narrows Regional Park to see the progression on where we are in phenomenal and encouraging.

Commissioner Smith thanked the Commission for visiting the "hidden jewel in the desert". He thanked all the staff for their hard work.

11.0 **NEXT MEETING**:

May 14, 2025

12.0 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 P.M.