



Regional Parks

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Director

**MINUTES
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
2:30 P.M.
Wednesday, September 14, 2022**

1.0 **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

Chair Gamache called the meeting to order at 2:31 P.M.

2.0 **ROLL CALL:**

Commission Members Present:

Rory Shannon, First District
Victoria Jones, Second District
Louis Gamache, Third District
Michael Kreeger, Fourth District
Patty Espinoza, Fifth District
Bob Mitchell, Member-At-Large

Staff:

Beahta R. Davis
Heather Placencia
Michael Jimenez

Commission Members Absent:

Steven Farrell, Member-At-Large

3.0 **GUESTS/MEDIA**

None

4.0 **REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 10, 2022**

Motion: Commissioner Jones
Second: Commissioner Shannon
Minutes approved

5.0 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

TRAILS:

Trail maps for Lake Gregory Regional Park and Big Morongo Canyon Preserve as well as previously requested information on the priority, usage, and popularity of the trails in each park were presented to the Commission.

Commissioner Jones requested an updated of the Cucamonga Trail ariel map to include the access point to the trail. Mrs. Davis stated she will obtain this information.

A discussion regarding E-Bikes ensued. Lake Gregory Regional Park currently has E-Bike tours through Crestline. Mrs. Davis is attending the National Recreation and Park

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Association (NRPA) Conference next week and will obtain information on industry standards regarding E-Bikes in parks. Chairman Gamache requested recommendations from Regional Park staff members regarding E-Bikes including signage, education, and safety. Commissioner Mitchell explained the existing laws of the trails in California.

It was concluded that more research needs to be conducted regarding E-Bikes and was continued to the October Commission meeting.

6.0 **DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PARKS REPORT**

The Regional Park advertising budget was provided to the Commission as previously requested. Tammy Gann is currently working on a data system to track the success of advertisement. Mrs. Davis discussed some of the upcoming Regional Park events including Calico Days, Nocturnal, Sheriff's Rodeo, and Halloween Haunt. Regional Parks is also partnering with El Dorado Broadcasting for a Harvest Festival on October 15-16, at Mojave Narrows Regional Park. A Better Way is also partnering with Regional Parks for a tree re-planting at Mojave Narrows Regional Park on October 28 in recognition of domestic violence month.

The Board Agenda Items being presented to the Board of Supervisors on September 27th and October 1st were discussed along with the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) allocations. The CDBG allocation includes four projects previously approved by the Board of Supervisors located at Glen Helen, Lake Gregory, Mojave Narrows, and Prado Regional Parks and must be completed by March 31, 2023. The splash pad at Glen Helen Regional Park will be the first new construction project beginning September 26th.

Mrs. Davis stated there are currently two vendors working on the rodent treatment plan at Prado Regional Park. Regional Parks will also be putting up owl boxes in hopes they will assist with attracting natural predators to Prado. An irrigation team was created by Regional Parks personnel to focus on irrigation issues within the parks. The irrigation team is currently assisting at Prado. Once their tasks are complete, they will work on irrigation at Mojave Narrows and then Yucaipa Regional Park. Mrs. Davis stated that Lake Gregory was the only regional park with storm damage.

Regional Parks staff created a recruitment video for the Deputy Director position which will be advertised within the next few weeks. The newly hired Assistant Superintendent for Guasti Regional Park will start mid-October and Regional Parks is still hiring for full-time General Service Workers. Mrs. Davis will not be at the October Advisory Commission meeting. Park Operations Chief Ryan Isom will be attending in her place.

7.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

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

Continue trails discussion

Chairman Gamache informed the Commission to make sure they submit new agenda items the Wednesday before the Commission meeting. This will give suitable time to add these items to the agenda.

9.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Mitchell just returned from vacation.

Commissioner Shannon expressed happiness for the work on the trails.

Commissioner Espinoza is glad to see everyone happy and healthy.

Commissioner Jones thanked Mrs. Davis for the trail updates.

Commissioner Kreeger apologized for being tardy and thanked Mrs. Davis for the trail updates.

Chairman Gamache thanked all the commissioners for enhancing our parks and thanked Regional Park staff for their assistance.

10.0 **NEXT MEETING:**

October 12, 2022

11.0 **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Kreeger seconded by Commissioner Espinoza.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:19 P.M.