



Regional Parks

BEAHTA R. DAVIS

Director

**MINUTES
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
2:30 P.M.
Wednesday, January 11, 2023**

1.0 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

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

2.0 ROLL CALL:

Commission Members Present:

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

Staff:

Beahta Davis
Mary Sheehan

Commission Members Absent:

Rory Shannon, First District

3.0 GUESTS/MEDIA

None

4.0 REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 14, 2022

Motion: Commissioner Kreeger
Second: Commissioner Espinoza
Minutes approved

5.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

The selection of Commission Chair and Vice-chair commence every January. Commissioner Mitchell renominated Chair Gamache. Chair Gamache asked if any of the Commissioners were interested in the position of Chair. There were no interested parties. Chair Gamache accepted the renomination of the Chair position. This was unanimously voted and passed.

Commissioner Jones was nominated for Vice-Chair by multiple Commissioners. Commissioner Jones accepted the nomination. This was unanimously voted and passed.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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RESCHEDULING OF SITE VISIT

A discussion ensued regarding the rescheduling of the previously cancelled site visit. The Commissioners decided on a tentative date of April 12, 2023 at Glen Helen Regional Park. The tour will begin at 11:00 am, a lunch will be served, and the Advisory Commission meeting will take place at 2:30 pm at Glen Helen Regional Park.

TRAILS:

Mrs. Davis presented draft signage to the commissioners for their review. These signs will first be used on the Santa Ana River Trail with a plan of posting them on all Regional Parks trails. Mrs. Davis will have the draft signage modified to the Commission's recommendations and present the modified draft signage at the next Advisory Commission meeting.

Mrs. Davis invited the Advisory Commission members to the Santa Ana River Trail Phase III Groundbreaking Ceremony on January 31, 2023. This phase will add 3.8 miles to the Santa Ana River Trail.

6.0 DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PARKS REPORT

Mrs. Davis discussed all the events throughout Regional Parks, which included bath bomb making, treasure hunts, and glow in the dark games. Hot cocoa will be served on January 31, 2023 at Yucaipa Regional Park. Calico Ghost Town Regional Park will be hosting California Days and an Easter Celebration. Fly a Kite with Supervisor Joe Baca, Jr. will be held at Kessler Park in partnership with Special Districts.

Mrs. Davis updated the Commission on the projects throughout Regional Parks. At Glen Helen Regional Park electricity will be off near the lake, until after the new restrooms are completed. The waterslide project will start this month and the splashpad has already started. The bridge to the island should be completed by December 2023, which will allow for the demolition of the island building and installation of a new nature-themed play area in its place. Once all the projects are completed, Glen Helen Regional Park will have a new main road and solar lights throughout the park.

Irrigation work is continuing at Prado Regional Park. The rodent control project is making progress. A discussion about the ownership of Prado Regional Park ensued. The gatehouse design is almost complete, and a project manager was just assigned for the restroom and camping infrastructure. The Mojave Narrows Regional Park splashpad, barn and corrals were approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Mrs. Davis went over the Board Agenda Items. These Board Agenda Items included repairs for the Sweet Shoppe at Calico Ghost Town Regional Park, electricity in the maintenance shop at Mojave Narrows Regional Park, and additional funding for the splashpad. There was also a Boating and Waterways Grant request for new boat docks at Lake Gregory, Mojave Narrows and Guasti Regional Parks.

First interviews were conducted for the Deputy Director with second interviews to follow. The Assistant Superintendent and the Park Ranger are both in the background process. Interviews were completed for the General Service Workers. Hiring for summer lifeguards has started.

Commissioner Jones inquired about the Yorba-Slaughter House. Mrs. Davis stated this project will be part of the amended land plan for Prop 70. Once it is approved, Prop 70 funding can be used for this project. Mrs. Davis reminded the Commission to complete their ethics training and to contact Mrs. Placencia with any questions.

7.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

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

Continue Trails Discussion

9.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Mitchell wished everyone a happy new year and is excited about the trail.

Commissioner Farrell wished everyone a happy new year. He stated that he received the agenda later than usual. Mrs. Davis expressed her apologies and explained that the delay was due to staff being out of the office.

Chair Gamache expressed his appreciation for being reappointed as Chair.

Commissioner Jones inquired about the business cards. Mrs. Davis said that Mrs. Placencia is still working on it and an update will be provided at the next meeting.

10.0 **NEXT MEETING:**

February 8, 2023

11.0 **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Farrell seconded by Commissioner Kreeger.
Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 P.M.