



Regional Parks

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**MINUTES
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
2:30 P.M.
Wednesday, March 11, 2026**

1.0 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

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

2.0 ROLL CALL:

Commission Members Present:

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

Staff:

Beahta Davis
Mary Sheehan
Kimberly Cazarez-Tellez

Commission Members Absent:

Anahi Perez, Second District

3.0 GUESTS/MEDIA

None

4.0 REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 11, 2026

Commissioner Farrell recommended including clarification that the trails system is being developed through joint efforts by ITD and Regional Parks staff.

Motion: Commissioner Farrell
Second: Commissioner Gamache
Abstain: None
Minutes approved.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

None

6.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TRAILS

Regional Park and ITD staff continue to make positive progress.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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First District

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Second District

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Chairman, Third District

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Fourth District

JOE BACA, JR.
Vice Chair, Fifth District

Luther Snoke
Chief Executive Officer

PARK MAINTENANCE PROJECT UPDATES

The Regional Parks team continues to advance projects, especially on the Santa Ana River Trail. Director Davis thanked Commissioner Gamache for his suggestions, now under staff review. The team noted increased graffiti activity, and preparations for pool season are underway at Yucaipa and Glen Helen Regional Parks.

MASTER PLAN UPDATE

The master plans are currently in the approval process and are anticipated to go before the Board of Supervisors in the coming months. Request for Proposals are open for the Cucamonga-Guasti and Mojave River Forks Master Plans. The Commission expressed its interest in advocating for Regional Parks and confirmed its readiness to share that support with their Supervisors.

SANTA ANA RIVER TRAIL UPDATE

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was successful, with Commissioners Smith, Mitchell and Gamache in attendance. Supervisor Baca, Jr. and Chairman Rowe also attended and spoke. SART Phase 4A will begin construction after bird-nesting season ends in September, with its most complex element being a bridge over Orange Street.

BARN AND CORRAL UPDATE

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held on April 30, 2026. Bill Deppe will receive an appreciation award for his dedication to Mojave Narrows Regional Park.

CAMP HOST UPDATE

Camp hosts remain the same, and applications are still being accepted. Commissioner Kreeger suggested sharing the posting on the Facebook Camp Host page. Director Davis will forward the Camp Host information to Commissioner Gamache.

RECOGNIZING THE FRIENDS OF MOJAVE NARROWS

Bill Deppe will be receiving his appreciation award during the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on April 30, 2026.

7.0 DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PARKS REPORT

Most projects at Prado Regional Park are complete, and a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is set for April 8, 2026. The temporary irrigation system is working well. Commissioner Kreeger asked about the water level in the basin. The Big Morongo boardwalk is open, with minor repairs ongoing, and asphalt work will follow bird-nesting season.

Mojave Narrows Regional Park will hold a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on April 30, 2026. The Trout Derby drew over 400 attendees, with the largest fish weighing more than 11 pounds. Regional Parks and the Lions Club hosted a Youth Derby at Yucaipa Regional Park with 150 participants. The swim hiring event will occur on March 21, 2026, to recruit seasonal aquatic staff. Fishing Day with Supervisor Baca, Jr. is set for March 28, 2026, with about 150 youth, each receiving a fishing rod and bait. Fees were presented to the Board of Supervisors. Due to recommendations from the Board, Regional Parks is revising the submission which will be resubmitted at the next Board of Supervisors meeting.

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Staff are preparing for Easter scavenger hunts, with Bob the Bobcat and the Easter Bunny participating. Calico Ghost Town will continue its traditional Easter Egg Hunts and replace the Bluegrass Festival with a Spring Jam. Commissioner Smith praised the use of traffic delineators at the Trout Derby. Director Davis noted that higher event turnout is creating traffic challenges and confirmed that recent concerns at Yucaipa Regional Park have been discussed with the Sheriff's Department.

Regional Parks staff and ITD are implementing a Wi-Fi project for all parks. Glen Helen already has service, and Yucaipa is next. A Wi-Fi tower at Prado requires Army Corps of Engineers approval. Director Davis will provide the provider's name at the next meeting.

8.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

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

Continue Trails Discussion

Parks Maintenance Projects Update

Master Plan Update

Santa Ana River Trail Update

Barn and Corral Update/Recognizing the Friends of Mojave Narrows.

Camp Host Update

Cartegraph

Reservation System

10.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Gamache noted concerns about the unhoused and dogs on the new SART section and shared positive feedback from Redlands cyclists on the newly opened trail segment

Commissioner Ruiz thanked Regional Park staff for the minutes to the meetings she was absent.

Commissioner Farrell is excited about the new playground that is being built at Lake Gregory Regional Park.

11.0 **NEXT MEETING:**

April 8, 2026

12.0 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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