



Regional Parks

Behta R. Davis
Director

José F. Cañedo
Deputy Director

**MINUTES
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
2:30 P.M.
Wednesday, September 13, 2023**

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:
Thurston Smith, First District
Anahi Perez, Second District
Louis Gamache, Third District
Patty Espinoza, Fifth District
Bob Mitchell, Member-At-Large

Staff:
Behta Davis
José Cañedo
Heather Placencia

Commission Members Absent:
Michael Kreeger, Fourth District
Steven Farrell, Member-At-Large

3.0 GUESTS/MEDIA

None

4.0 REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 9, 2023

Motion: Commissioner Mitchell
Second: Commissioner Smith

Minutes approved

5.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TRAILS:

The Permit to Enter with the college is being finalized. The signage for all the Regional Parks will be completed once a Recreation Coordinator is hired.

RESCHEDULING OF SITE VISIT AT LAKE GREGORY REGIONAL PARK

Chair Gamache received information that multiple Commissioners had obstacles attending the site visit at Lake Gregory Regional Park. The Commission tentatively agreed to an onsite visit at Lake Gregory Regional Park for April 2024. Chair Gamache requested to leave rescheduling of the site visit at Lake Gregory Regional Park on the agenda.

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6.0 DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PARKS REPORT

Deputy Director Jose Canedo was introduced to the Commission. He will present an overview of the maintenance plan at the November meeting.

Mrs. Davis went over staffing. A Staff Analyst II and a Naturalist recently started with Regional Parks. There are two more Naturalists, a Recreation Aide, a Recreation Coordinator, and two Park Rangers currently in the background process. Regional Parks is conducting interviews for an Assistant Superintendent at Mojave Narrows Regional Park and Public Service Employees for various parks.

Mrs. Davis presented an update of the El Prado Golf Course, which was previously requested by the Commission. The new owners of the Golf Course have kept the management team and are planning on multiple improvements. These improvements will be approved by the County prior to implementation. Mrs. Davis will update the Commission if there are major changes.

Mrs. Davis went over the Board Agenda Items that were approved by the Board of Supervisors. These Board Agenda Items included the approval of the Sabaidee Festival, the Solar Lighting Project at Glen Helen Regional Park, approval to Purchase Six Mobile Light Towers. The Capital Improvement Projects approved by the Board of Supervisors, included the Bridge Replacement and the Silver Bowl Project at Calico Ghost Town Regional Park, the Senior Center Roof Project at Lake Gregory Regional and the Splash Pad at Prado Regional Park. Additional funding was also approved for the Maintenance Shop-Electrical Repair Project located at Mojave Narrows Regional Park.

At the next Board of Supervisors meeting, Regional Parks is planning to submit the Glen Helen Master Plan and Marketing Study Contract as well as an MOU with Flood Control District for Maintenance on the Santa Ana River Trail for approval. On October 24, 2023, Regional Parks is planning to submit Capital Improvement Projects for the building that used to be Old Miner's Café and the stairs at Calico Ghost Town Regional Park to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Mrs. Davis discussed the upcoming events occurring at the various parks. Calico Days at Calico Ghost Town Regional Park is from September 23-24, 2023, Harvest Festival at Mojave Narrows Regional Park is on October 7, 2023, and Calico Ghost Town Ghost Haunt is the last two weekends in October.

At this time, a conversation about the animals located throughout various parks was held. Commissioner Mitchell praised the Communications Officer for the available information on Regional Parks social media and website.

Commissioner Mitchell inquired about the contract with Live Nation. Mrs. Davis explained the current contract status, concert list, and traffic enforcement for these events.

7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

None

8.0 COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS BY TITLE FOR NEXT MEETING

Continue Trails Discussion

Continue Rescheduling of Site visit at Lake Gregory Regional Park

9.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Perez congratulated Mr. Canedo on his position with Regional Parks and that she looks forward to working with him.

Commissioner Espinoza welcomed Mr. Canedo.

Commissioner Smith welcomed Mr. Canedo. Commissioner Smith discussed the water wells and possible treatment plant inside Mojave Narrows Regional Park. Chair Gamache requested an update if this does move forward. Commissioner Smith requested a copy of the contract and agreement Regional Parks has with Lee Graham. Mrs. Davis will forward this to Commissioner Smith. He also went over the bird watching on Saturday at Mojave Narrows Regional Park.

Chair Gamache welcomed Mr. Canedo.

10.0 **NEXT MEETING:**

October 11, 2023

11.0 **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Perez.
Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 P.M.