



Regional Parks

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Director

**MINUTES
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
REGIONAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
2:30 P.M.
Wednesday, June 13, 2018**

Held at: General Services Building
Regional Parks/Airports Conference Room
777 E. Rialto Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92415

1.0 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairperson Ryan called the meeting to order at 2:35 P.M.

2.0 ROLL CALL:

San Bernardino County

Commission Members Present:

Scott Ryan, First Supervisorial District

Sam Stavros, Second District

Louis Gamache, Third Supervisorial District

Michael Kreeger, Fourth Supervisorial District

Steven Farrell, Member-At-Large

Staff:

Beahta Davis

Beverly Pickens

Melanee Stovall

Commission Members Absent:

Nicole R. Van Winkle, Fifth Supervisorial District

Bob Mitchell, Member-At-Large

3.0 GUESTS/MEDIA

None

Mrs. Davis introduced Melanee Stovall, Interim Park Operations Chief. Ms. Stovall is an employee of County Library. Ms. Stovall will be working two days a week with Regional Parks until a Park Operations Chief is hired.

4.0 MINUTES APPROVED –Wednesday April 18, 2018

Motion: Commissioner Farrell

Second: Commissioner Gamache

Abstained: Commissioner Kreeger and Commissioner Stavros

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Minutes approved

5.0 **INFORMATION ITEMS - OLD BUSINESS**

RESERVATION SYSTEM

Mrs. Davis stated she and Mr. Hernandez will be meeting with the company regarding the reservation system. Based on the meeting we will determine if we will continue moving forward with the company or go out to RFP for the reservation system.

PARK OVERVIEWS

Mrs. Davis provide the following information to the Commission:

Yucaipa - The pool at is running smoothly; plenty of staff. The minor well issue has been resolved. There are still some irrigation concerns. The correct parts are due in the next 2-3 days. The park will be watering at night. Commissioner Farrell asked if there was only one well and what the well was for. Mrs. Davis responded the well is for the pool.

Cucamonga Guasti – The slides are not open. The air gap system that runs the slide has stopped working. Special Districts is repairing the system.

Glen Helen – The motor in the pump for the pool went down the day before the season was to start. The pump is in and parts for the motor are expected to arrive on Thursday or Friday. The slides didn't pass the DOSH inspection. Repairs to the slide need to be completed by the manufacturer. The cost is estimated at \$43,000 to \$48,000.

Barbara Wormser - Yucaipa Stage

No discussion was held.

Calico Reverse Osmosis – A meeting was held with Lahontan. A clear direction was given on the testing to be completed. Hopefully we can move forward without the evaporation ponds. This will reduce the cost.

Trails Committee – continue to the July meeting

6.0 **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mrs. Davis stated the department is implementing workflow at all parks effective June 1st. Calico and Mojave Narrows have had workflow for a while.

Staffing

Changes were made to the job description of the Park Operations Chief. The position will supervise the parks. The position has been advertised in several different locations including NRPA, CPRS, Monster, Facebook and Instagram. We are halfway through the process and have already received 50 applications.

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The Administrative Supervisor position closed and is in the testing phase.

The Assistant Park Superintendent at Glen Helen has been filled. Jeremy Palazzo began as the new Assistant Park Superintendent on Monday, June 11, 2018. Mr. Palazzo will be training at Calico and Mojave Narrows this week.

Past Month Events

The event list was distributed to the Commission.

Night Fishing returned to Cucamonga Guasti on June 1st. Approximately 200 fishermen attended with their families. The event was a success. We will have light towers and a food vendor at the next night fishing event.

Bluegrass in the Spring – the department will be revamping this event for next year. Attendance was lower than expected this year. Discussion was held regarding the event and possibly having the event at Mojave Narrows instead of Calico.

CIP Update

The fishing platform and playground are complete at Yucaipa.

Current CIP Projects

The Calico Park Office project has started. There was a minor delay due to animal bones found onsite. The project has resumed.

The electrical infrastructure improvements at Prado and Yucaipa and the playground safety surface at Cucamonga Guasti, Mojave Narrows and Yucaipa projects need to have Project Managers assigned. A meeting with Real Estate is scheduled at the end of the month. Hope to have Project Manager assigned to the projects so they can move forward.

Lake Gregory Dam project is moving forward. Commissioner Farrell stated they are widening the road. He also stated the lake looks pitiful. Mrs. Davis stated the slides are operational. Mrs. Davis stated she believes there is a problem with the zero depth playground. Commissioner Stavros asked if the vendor was still interested. Mrs. Davis responded we are currently in negotiations with the vendor. Commissioner Farrell stated the community has some concerns.

Commissioner Ryan asked if we had any idea with pumps are costing. Mrs. Davis responded we will have a better idea once invoices come in. Mrs. Davis stated the department is identifying projects that should be done in the long term to help prevent this in the future. The department will start a month sooner on with the maintenance and preparation for the swim season next year.

Commissioner Gamache recused himself from the meeting.

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Santa Ana River Trail - Mrs. Davis stated the department is happy with the partnership with the Department of Public Works for the maintenance of the trail. The trail will be closed for two weeks for maintenance. The closure has been posted on the website and social media. The maintenance will address issues on the trail including cracks and graffiti. The department received \$100,000 annually from the Board of Supervisors for maintenance of the trail. The money will carry over to the next year if it is not spent. The department meets monthly with Public works to go over any concerns.

Phase III – Approval of the mitigation plan was received from Fish and Wildlife.

The Coastal Conservancy has approved an additional \$180,000 for Phase IV. Phase IV Reach B & C are fully funded. Regional Parks and DPW are currently working on funding for Reach A.

Commissioner Gamache returned to the meeting.

Mrs. Davis stated the Prado Master Plan group has started working on the research portion of the project. Regional Parks has provided KTU & A historical documents, maps, and GIS records for their review. They are currently working on scheduling both community and committee meetings. When the community meetings are scheduled Mrs. Davis stated she would like at least one commissioner at each community meeting.

7.0 **NEW BUSINESS:**

Foot Golf

Foot golf is at Prado Golf Course.

8.0 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

9.0 **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Ryan asked the commission members to include comments about the tour since he was not able to attend.

Commissioner Farrell stated it was his first time touring Prado, impressed with the breath of the park. Nice to see work being accomplished at the parks. Commissioner Farrell asked if the department had plans for the old building at Glen Helen. Mrs. Davis responded the building needs to be evaluated to see if it can be restored and used. Mrs. Davis stated she has requested the park planner concentrate on one park per month assess the parks to put together a list of projects to get them up and running.

Commissioner Kreeger stated we went into the back country of Prado. Went to the top of a hill, which provided a view of how much land is back there. Commissioner Kreeger requested to be notified of the date and time of the Junior Fishing Workshop at Prado.

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Commissioner Gamache stated there is a sense of renewed energy at the parks. It is nice to see the progress that has been made since the last visit. Appreciate the work you have been doing.

Commissioner Ryan asked if the department was addressing the tent camping area at Yucaipa, by installing smaller areas in place of or in addition to the larger group tent camping areas. At this time there are no changes planned. The park is the second highest in revenue, not far behind Calico. In addition, the current group tent camping area is used heavily during events and the other open space areas of the park accommodate day use of the facility.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.