



Santa Barbara County Park Commission

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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

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ACTION MINUTES

Chair Romero called the Santa Barbara County Park Commission meeting to order at 9:30am. The Park Commission Meeting was held virtually via Zoom due to the Social Distancing State Order. If interested in participating in future meetings, contact 805-568-2467 for Zoom invitation.

Commissioners Present:

District 1 - (Vacant)
District 2 - Kyle Begley, Vice Chair
District 3 - Frances Romero, Chair
District 4 - James Mosby
District 5 - (Vacant)

Parks County Staff Present:

George Chapjian, Director
Jeff Lindgren, Park Superintendent
Ryder Bailey, Chief Financial Officer
Jill Van Wie, Capital Projects Manager
Dan Pedersen, North County Operations Manager
Jon Menzies, Aquatics
Todd Stepien, Cachuma Lake Recreation Area Operations Manager
Eva Camarena, Executive Assistant

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA:

- 1) **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** by Chair Frances Romero at 9:30am.
- 2) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3) **ROLL CALL:** By Secretary
- 4) **MINUTES:** Vice Chair Begley motioned to approve the Park Commission meeting minutes from December 3, 2020 Commissioner Mosby seconded, all approved. Motion passed.
- 5) **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
- 6) **PARK COMMISSIONER'S NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**
Vice Chair Begley visited Baron Ranch Trail before the bridge was completed and is looking forward to visit again.

The County Parks Department is planning to recognize former Park Commissioner Suzanne Perkins in a future meeting for her years of service.

Chair Romero explained, the Ag Advisory Commission (AAC) expressed concerns with land usage for trails. Representatives from the AAC have been invited to participate on past Stakeholders meetings.

STANDARD AGENDA:

- 7) **OPERATIONS AND FISCAL STATUS REPORTS:**
North County – staff made significant repairs to Jalama Beach campsites. Campsites have re-opened.

Mid County – more than 4,000 Oak trees were planted throughout Cachuma Lake. The NEPA review study requested by Mission Rowing was completed. The rowing program can open and the launch ramp can be installed once COVID regulations permit. The Trout Derby was postponed until next year. The nature cruise tours were allowed for up to 10 people including the tour guide. However, it's currently on hold due to participants not complying with COVID rules.

South County – Miramar Hotel in Montecito is interested in placing swim platforms in the ocean within the permitted safe swim zone. There is potential liability for the county for placing objects within swim zones; Jon Menzies is working with State Lands Commission for permits to allow objects to be placed safely. The Beachside Restaurant closed its doors after 34 years of service. There has been a lot of interest from the public and will be accepting Request for Proposals for new vendors. There is an opportunity for a second space of about 9,000 square feet to lease. The playground surface at University Circle and Roads Parks will be replaced causing some temporary closures while work is being done.

Capital Projects Report – The bridge at Baron Trail was completed. The New Cuyama Greenway project bid was completed, thus construction will begin in March. Staff from the Sustainability Division will oversee this project. In January, Parks was awarded two grants from the Coastal Conservancy for Jalama beach planning and permitting access and coastal trail. Upcoming grants through the State Parks program Prop 68 are due in November.

Fiscal Status Report – The Park Commission will receive a Budget Presentation in April (moved to June). County Parks is expecting revenues to double from new operators at Goleta beach compared to the Beachside Restaurant. After the camping grounds closures due to COVID in 2020, occupancies at campgrounds have increased and expected to remain booked months in advanced.

- 8) **OCEAN PARK ESTUARY UPDATE** – The current plan of changing the signage and allowing visitors to use the waterway during non-nesting plover season was not approved by the US Fish and Wildlife. The US Fish and Wildlife is requesting a program plan similar to what Vandenberg Air Force Base is doing on Surf Beach. This would require the use of multiple enforcement resources such as, fencing, rangers, docents, multiple types of signage, volunteers, etc. which is not feasible at this time.
- 9) **RECREATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE** – Jeff Lindgren made a presentation for the Parks Commission to report on the goals and progress of the Countywide Recreation Master Plan. The Recreation Master Plan goal is to facilitate multi-agency cooperation for efficient improvements to recreation facilities and services countywide.
- 10) **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Director George Chapjian will report on Parks Personnel during the next Parks Commission meeting.
- 11) **FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:**
Suzanne Perkins recognition – June
- 12) **ADJOURN**
Vice Chair Begley motioned to adjourn, Commissioner Mosby seconded the motion. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 11:14am. The next Park Commission Meeting is on April 22, 2021 at 9:30am.