

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Board of Supervisors

BOARD AGENDA # *A-3

Urgent

Routine

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AGENDA DATE June 5, 2012

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Amend the By-Laws of the Tuolumne River Regional Citizen's Advisory Committee

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Amend the bylaws of the Tuolumne River Regional Citizen's Advisory Committee modify the length of terms from two year terms to four year terms.

Contact person: Christine Ferraro Tallman

Telephone: 209 525-4494

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2012-263

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa, Seconded by Supervisor Monteith
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Chiesa, Withrow, Monteith, De Martini, and Chairman O'Brien

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

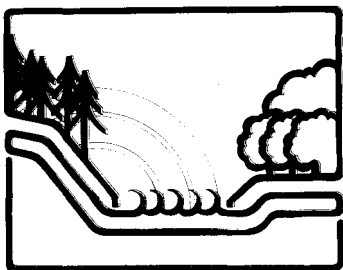
4) _____ Other:

MOTION:

Christine Ferraro

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No. BD-55-16



**TUOLUMNE RIVER
REGIONAL PARK**
P.O. BOX 642, MODESTO, CA 95353

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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May 24, 2012

Ms. Christine Ferraro Tallman
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors
1010 Tenth Street, Suite 6700
Modesto, CA 95353

Subject: Tuolumne River Regional Park Citizen's Advisory Committee
By-Laws

Dear Christine,

At the February 15th meeting of the Tuolumne River Regional Park Commission, the Commissioners approved extending the terms of the Citizen's Advisory Committee members from 2 year terms to 4 year terms. A copy of the Minutes are attached. The item is #B under New Business. By making these terms 4 year terms, this will allow the Committee to have a longer retention of history, and align the terms with other City of Modesto Committees/Boards.

I am writing to ask you, as a member of the JPA, to bring this item to your Council/Board so that we can amend the By-laws with the approval of your Council/Board.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the numbers below. Thank you for your assistance in making this change to the By-Laws of the Tuolumne River Regional Park Citizen's Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,

Joanne Azevedo
Executive Assistant, City of Modesto
Managing Partner for the Tuolumne River Regional Park JPA
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Enclosure

TUOLUMNE RIVER REGIONAL PARK COMMISSION

Wednesday, February 15, 2011 – 12:00 p.m.

Tenth Street Place, Room 2005

1010 Tenth Street, Modesto, California

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER – Vice-Chair Terry Withrow called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm

Commissioners Attending: Terry Withrow, County Supervisor; Dave Geer, Modesto Councilmember; Dick Monteith, County Supervisor; Eric Ingwerson, Ceres Councilmember.

Commissioners Absent: Garrad Marsh, Modesto Mayor

Staff Attending: Loren Holt, City of Modesto, Parks Planning & Development Supervisor; Joanne Azevedo, City of Modesto; Sonya Harrigfeld, Stanislaus Cty Parks and Recreation Director

Guests: Analisa Freitas, Tuolumne River Trust

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 14, 2011 - Attachment

Motion to approve as recorded by Dick Monteith, seconded by Dave Geer, passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

None

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. HYLC Update – Loren Holt reported on a couple of exciting grants that the Hispanic Youth Leadership Council (HYLC) has received. The first is a Civic Engagement Grant that will allow the 12 regional chapters of the HYLC to train 5 members each (a total of 60 students) to take a PowerPoint and 'talk' to local Councils, Chambers, Civic Groups and Service Organizations. Staff prepared the materials and gave them a demonstration of they type of information to relate to their chosen groups. The PowerPoint and speech discuss not only the history of TRRP, but also the opportunities to support the Tuolumne River Regional Park either through monetary donations or adoption of areas of the park. The students will be handing out brochures with specific projects to benefit the park, such as a new roof on Legion Hall, irrigation for the park and other opportunities.

The other grant is one that will assist the HYLC to record a video with interviews of Ray Simon discussing his and Mary Grogan's role and vision in securing Tuolumne River Regional Park. The Grant is from a group in Fresno that has purchased the cameras for the HYLC, will coach the students involved in interview techniques, will assist the students with editing the video and the finished product will be made available to the Cities of Ceres and Modesto and the County of Stanislaus for their archives, as well as a tool for HYLC to assist in fundraising for the park.

The HYLC also has a clean-up day scheduled for April 28th, in conjunction with the Takin' it to the Streets event. Frequently the HYLC brings between 100 – 200 students to clean up the Gateway Parcel at TRRP. One school will provide breakfast and they will have another school provide a lunch barbeque. The students will clean the Gateway Parcel or do other service projects prepared by Staff. In the past they have painted the exterior of Legion Hall, power-washed and weather-treated the deck at Legion Hall, painted bollards at Beardbrook Park or other projects. Commissioners are invited to visit the Gateway Parcel to experience these students enjoying and taking ownership of TRRP.

- B. Tuolumne River Boating Trail Update – This project is currently at a standstill. The Trust lost the employee who was most involved in this mapping. However, they are working with the San Joaquin River group to learn from their experiences in mapping the river and preparing a River Boating Trail map.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Election of 2012 Officers (Chair and ViceChair) – It is customary for new officers to be elected each calendar year. It was suggested that since Terry was Vice-Chair last year he move to the Chairperson position and a new Vice-Chair be elected. Terry accepted the nomination and Dave Geer was nominated as Vice-Chair. Eric Ingwerson motioned for approval of Terry Withrow as Chairperson and Dave Geer as Vice-Chair, it was seconded by Dick Monteith, the motion passed unanimously. Congratulations to our new officers.
- B. Amendment to By-Laws of Citizens Advisory Committee – Joanne Azevedo asked the commissioners to consider making the appointments to the Citizens Advisory Committee be two year appointments. Most citizen committees have four year appointments. By making the appointments four year terms, the committee will have a better retention of History, in light of the reduction in meetings. This will also free some of the staff time spent on reappointments and recruiting new members. Eric Ingwerson moved that we extend the terms to four year terms for members of the Citizens Advisory Committee, Dick Monteith seconded, the motion passed unanimously.
- C. Maintenance/Vandalism of TRRP – Loren Holt gave a brief history of Tuolumne River Regional Park for the new commissioners and explained what improvements have been made to the Gateway Parcel with the Grant monies received to date. Loren also showed the commissioners what work will be completed in the Phase 2 construction this year with the Prop 84 monies awarded last year. Loren went on to describe the extent of vandalism that the park has received. All of the irrigation is inoperable due to the theft of the wiring and flow valves. There is no electricity and the new play structure at TRRP has been hit several times by theft and graffiti.
- D. Budget Discussion – Loren Holt advised the Commissioners that last year the City of Ceres and the County contributions were both reduced by 30%, and the City of Modesto's contribution was reduced by 20%. Loren recommends that no further cuts in the contributions be made this year. Although maintenance costs are up and the park is operating at a deficit, Loren has spoken with Grover Landscaping and they have identified some areas where costs can be reduced, allowing no further cuts to contributions. The

reduction of costs will also result in a reduction of services, but most of the cuts are items such as not mowing in the winter months of November, December and January and only mowing every other week in the spring and fall months. Further budget figures will be brought to the Commissioners at the next meeting in April.

Loren also reminded commissioners that staff has been researching the possibility of charging for parking which would bring some additional revenue to the park. The area where the soccer field is, has routinely been used for overflow parking for events such as Cinco de Mayo or the Highland Games, but no additional charge has been charged for use of that area. The use of that area for parking requires additional maintenance such as flail mowing. By charging for use of that area, some of those costs can be recouped. Staff has estimated that approximately 300 cars can be held in that area.

There are also maintenance issues that will soon need to be addressed at the park in addition to the ongoing vandalism. The roof at Legion Hall needs to be replaced/repared, the bathrooms need to be redone/replaced, and this past year the kitchen hood had to be replaced to meet fire code in order for the kitchen to pass inspection. These needs are addressed in the brochures that the HYLK will be taking to the Civic Groups, but it is important to remember that if these items are not addressed, Legion Hall will be a less desirable rental which will decrease that revenue stream. By having the HYLK and Airport Neighbors paint Legion Hall last year, the hall looks much better, but work still needs to be done.

VII. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Tuolumne River Trust Report – Analisa Freitas reported that the Trust is working closely with the Airport Neighbors and trying to start a similar cooperation with the West Side neighborhoods. It is not as easy in the west side, as there is not the same river access or the established greenscape area that they have in the airport neighborhood. Many citizens are interested in becoming involved but there is not the existing area to start with. There is little area for a possible soccer field, and people are less willing to invest time in an area that has no specific plans for future parks in the area. The Trust has ideas to increase the citizen 'buy-in' on the West Side but it is slower than in the Airport Neighborhood.

Analisa also invited Commissioners to join the Trust in their Paddle to the Sea event that will pass through Modesto and Stanislaus County on June 14 and 15. There will be a barbeque on the 14th at Tuolumne River Regional Park and there will be an event on the 15th at Riverdale Park on the West Side of Carpenter Road.

VIII. MATTERS TOO LATE FOR THE AGENDA

Joanne Azevedo advised the Commissioners that the Citizens Advisory Committee will be having a booth at the 2012 Earth Day Festivities at Graceada Park on April 21st and invited the Commissioners to join the CAC in manning the booth and meeting with the public at the event. The HYLK provides students to assist with manning the booth and photographs taken by the students are displayed at the booth. The purpose of participating in this event is to increase awareness of the park.

Joanne also invited the Commissioners to the September meeting of the CAC. The Citizens Advisory Committee typically holds their September meeting at the Legion Hall to spend some time in the park and remind themselves of their mission to preserve the park. The Commissioners are invited to attend this meeting to become more familiar with the park and the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Attached to the agenda and minutes were copies of the 2012 Schedule of Meetings and an updated Roster of Members. The roster will be updated again with the newly elected Chair and Vice Chair noted. Eric Ingwerson asked to have his information updated with his cell number and alternate email address.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Withrow adjourned the meeting at 12:50 pm