



**PARK COMMISSION**

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**AGENDA**

**Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.**  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
3800 Cornucopia Way, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room,  
Modesto, CA

**Call Meeting to Order:**

The *Stanislaus County Park Commission* encourages public participation and welcomes the public's interest. Members of the public may be heard on any item of the *Stanislaus County Park Commission* agenda. A person addressing the Commission will be limited to five (5) minutes, unless the Chairperson of the commission grants a longer period of time. The Commission will allow comments by members of the public on an agenda item only during consideration of the item.

**Agenda Items:**

1.	Call to Order	Chair
2.	Roll Call and Excused Absences	
3.	Introduction(s)	
4.	Public Comment(s)	
5.	Approval of Minutes for February 11, 2016 Meeting	Commissioners
6.	Staff Report	Staff
7.	Old Business	
	a. Animals not allowed at Modesto Reservoir	
	b. Meeting Date/Time Options	
	c. Park Naming Policy Review	
8.	Commission Comment(s)	Commissioners
9.	Reminders:	Received:
	a. 700 Forms Reminder	a. Joseph Sanchez, Ron West, Ed Persike, Chad Kennedy
	b. Ethics Course Reminder (Two Options)	b. Zach Keller
	• County Counsel will be providing an ethics training course on Wednesday, March 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2016, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm in the Board Chambers at 1010 10 <sup>th</sup> Street, in Modesto, or	
	• Online: <a href="http://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/login.aspx">http://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/login.aspx</a>	
	c. July is Parks Month	

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Adjournment, the next meeting will be on: Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.  
Location: 3800 Cornucopia Way, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Modesto, CA 95358

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**Commission Goals:**

1. Enhance Board Communication
2. Increase Partnerships
3. Training and Education for Commissioners
4. Increase Awareness of Parks

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# MINUTES

## February 11, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.

3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C  
 Modesto, CA 95358

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Joseph Sanchez, D3  
 Ron West, D4  
 Chad Kennedy, ATL  
 Ed Persike, ALT

**PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:**

Jami Aggers  
 Merry Mayhew  
 Mae Song  
 Cathy Gomez

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Zachary Keller, D2

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Jim DeMartini  
 Betty Parker

**A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS**

1. The meeting was called to order and those in attendance introduced themselves.
2. The Department invited a special guest, Betty Parker, for one last meeting in recognition of her contributions and years of service on the Commission. Members also expressed their appreciation to have served alongside her.

**ACTIONS**

*Ron West*

**B. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was no public comment.

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes for the January 14, 2016 meeting were approved upon motion and second as written.

**ACTIONS**

*Kennedy, Persike, unanimous approval*

**D. PARK FEES**

1. The proposed fee changes were discussed. Proposed fees affected include but not limited to day use, camping, annual, residents, veterans/senior/disabled, exclusive use, late exit, fireworks show, picnic shelters, dog training, and horse fees. A special note was made on annual passes being valid for entry into all County regional parks. After the discussion, the Commission moved to support the fees as proposed.
2. A public meeting is scheduled on February 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:00 p.m. to review the proposed fees and the OHV grant proposal.

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

*Persike, Kennedy, unanimous approval*

**E. STAFF REPORTS**

1. Approximately 1,200 participants are expected for the Easter egg hunt event scheduled on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at Modesto Reservoir. The Department is seeking volunteers to help with the event.
2. A boat show event has been scheduled at Woodward Reservoir on May 7<sup>th</sup>. The reservoir anticipates approximately 10,000 attendees for this event.
3. T-island and projects at Woodward Reservoir is going well and is expected to complete construction near April. Training and test runs are still in progress on the Department's new reservation system. Reservations for Woodward Reservoir will be delayed until after construction.

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

*Merry Mayhew*

4. The La Grange OHV park will be venue to a large 4x4 event this Valentine's Day weekend. Frank Raines OHV park is working on a generator project to potentially power both the water treatment plant and lift stations, should a power outage occur.
5. The tree themed slide unit at Frank Raines was repaired and covered under warranty. Several other vandalism issues were reported as noted in the staff report.
6. This year's annual fireworks show will be held on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**F. OLD BUSINESS**

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

1. Mr. Ed Persike had made an inquiry with the Radio Control Club to learn more about the 800 feet runway out at Woodward Reservoir. The Club has about 130 members and utilizes the runway for their club activities. Mr. Persike also looked into the Crowslanding runway, and it was suggested from Keith Boggs to delay use ideas for this area at this time until there is more information on licensing and current grant efforts. The area may be later explored as an event venue near or after 2017/2018. Meanwhile, Mr. Persike recommends looking at Woodward Reservoir and the OHV parks. The long term vision is to potentially cultivate events on an international scale.
2. Briefly, Merry shared that Supervisor Jim DeMartini would not be able to attend the Park Commission meetings if it is rescheduled to a later time. The meeting date and time will be revisited at the next meeting to allow for all member comments.

*Ed Persike*

*Merry Mayhew*

**G. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

1. A concern regarding dogs not allowed at Modesto Reservoir was asked to be added in the next meeting agenda to be discussed. This rule may be preventing park patrons from visiting the reservoir. However, it was mentioned that this rule is a regulation enforced by the State of California; any change to this regulation may require a legislative exemption process. This subject will be added to March's agenda.
2. Joseph Sanchez reported his outreach efforts on the music festival fundraising idea. He is waiting for responses from two promoters, one being the organizer of Xfest. Mr. Sanchez found expressed interest in the promoted venues.
3. A comment was added on how to select vendors or hosts for these selected events and what they may entail. A brief comment about gun shows/events was noted for further discussion at a later time.
4. A question was raised if Betty Parker's years of service can be recognized publicly such as in a board meeting or a media release. The Department suggested adding a slide for recognitions at the annual Parks presentation which is generally scheduled in July for Parks awareness month. The Commission may be able to write and submit a recognition editorial to the local newspaper highlighting some of the things she did. The Parks Naming policy was asked to be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

*Ed Persike*

*Joseph Sanchez*

*Ed Persike*

**H. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Parks Commission will be held on, **Thursday, March 10, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. at 3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, Modesto, CA 95358.**