



**PARK COMMISSION**

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**AGENDA**  
**Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.**

**OFF-SITE meeting location:**

Laird Park  
 8224 W. Grayson Road  
 Modesto, CA 95358

**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's 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 March 10, 2016 Meeting	Commissioners
6. Consideration of Recommending the Renaming of the Regional Water Safety Training Center	Commissioners
7. Staff Report	Staff
8. Old Business	
a. Alternate Location for a Designated Dog Park	
9. Commission Comment(s)	Commissioners

**Adjournment**, the next meeting will be on: Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.  
 Location: 3800 Cornucopia Way, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
 Modesto, CA 95358

**Standing Reminders:**

- a. Ethics Course Reminder (Certificate to be turned in)
  - Online: <http://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/login.aspx>
- b. July is Parks Month

Received:

- a. Zach Keller, Chad Kennedy

**Commission Goals:**

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

Regular meetings are held at 5 p.m. the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month: *If you have an item that you wish to be considered for a regular meeting agenda, please contact the Commission Secretary at (209) 525-6723 at least three (3) weeks prior to the regularly scheduled meeting.*

**Regular meeting location:**

**Stanislaus County Parks and Recreation  
 Stanislaus Building, (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room)  
 3800 Cornucopia Way  
 Modesto, CA 95358**

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**MINUTES**  
**March 10, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.**

3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C  
Modesto, CA 95358

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Zachary Keller, D2  
Ron West, D4  
Chad Kennedy, ATL

**PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:**

Jami Aggers  
Mae Song

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Ed Persike, ALT  
Joseph Sanchez, D3

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Jim DeMartini

**A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order and those in attendance introduced themselves. Zach Keller arrived later in the meeting.

**ACTIONS**

*Ron West*

**B. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Supervisor DeMartini, from LAFCO presented historical information on CSA-1 service district assessment fees, which affects Fairview Park. The Parks Department will be looking into reassessing fees for this district based on historical assessments. DeMartini can work with the Department on processing this reassessment.

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

Jim DeMartini

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes for the February 11, 2016 meeting were approved upon motion and second with the additional notes to be included in the minutes of a call from Chair Zach Keller to Betty Parker in appreciation for her years of contribution as a Park Commissioner and including a comment from Ron West about the proposed fees being a good deal and benefit.

**ACTIONS**

*West, Kennedy,  
unanimous approval*

**D. STAFF REPORTS**

1. The Winter storm activities at Woodward Reservoir affected several tree removals. Construction is on schedule and expected to be completed on time. Latest completion date would be in mid-May.
2. The Waterfowl hunting program this season went well at both reservoirs. A Spring Fling Archery Tournament is scheduled this month at Modesto Reservoir.
3. La Grange also had a tree obstructing a phone cable removed. The Mud Fest event at the OHV park in February was well attended with another one scheduled for March as well.
4. Soccer goals have been stolen from Bonita Ranch Park. Replacement funding is currently being discussed with the community. The Department is working with contractor for a wall repair at Countrystone Park. The previously report fencing damage at Laird Park has now been repaired, although the more current issue remains with illegal dumping in the back part of the park.
5. Riverdale Park received fencing and bollard damage from a vehicle going off road. Issues with nonworking light poles were discovered with wiring stolen. Estimates

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

*Jami Aggers*

are in place.

6. Restrooms are now re-opened at select parks: Fox Grove, Parklawn, Empire, Burbank, Frank Raines, Oregon, Salida.
7. A public meeting was held in February for the next year's OHV grant and fees. Given consideration to a significant feedback received on the new proposed exclusive use fees, the Department decided to leave these fees out for the time being, except for the deposit.
8. The new POS system is going well and running. The Parks' online reservation system went live on February 17<sup>th</sup>. The available date to make reservations for Woodward Reservoir has been tentatively set for June 1<sup>st</sup>. Reservations can be made six months ahead.
9. An Easter Egg Hunt event is scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup> at Modesto Reservoir. A new Boat Show event is set for May 7<sup>th</sup> at Woodward Reservoir.
10. The status of a housing bond grant for Fairview Park is not until June. The OHV grants were submitted for FY 16/17.

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

1. Why dogs are prohibited at Modesto Reservoir and allowed at Woodward Reservoir was revisited. Modesto Reservoir's dog regulation are a part of MID's water management plan as a strategy toward maintaining the integrity of a drinking water source to residents. Historically, the same question came up a couple of times in the past, where it resulted in no change after consulting with Public Health. In 2004, the County ordinance was revised to allow service dogs with limitation near the water. This matter was again explored and the response referred to utility companies implementing best management practices to assure that potential contamination is avoided when pets or animals are allowed within the boundaries of the reservoir. The response noted additional expectations from the implementation, one being to keep dogs on a leash at all times, despite there being no State laws on the subject matter. This latter implementation had a domino effect on camping and certain nearby area usages.
2. The Commission would like to look at alternatives such as a location for a designated dog park and asked to move the next meeting in April to Laird Park.
3. The meeting date and time option was not discuss as it was no longer a concern.
4. The Commission would like to place on next month's agenda an action item to recommend a renaming of the Regional Water Safety Training Center in Empire. A question was asked if there may be any grant restrictions that may prohibit a renaming process. The Department will need to look into this further. Some concerns were brought up regarding accrediting other volunteers/donations. The favorable recommendation by the Commission was clarified as this being an opportunity to recognize an individual for the fifteen years of service contributing to the Empire community. The Commission also wanted to include funding for a sign as part of the recommendation.

Jami Aggers

**F. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

No comment was received.

**G. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING**

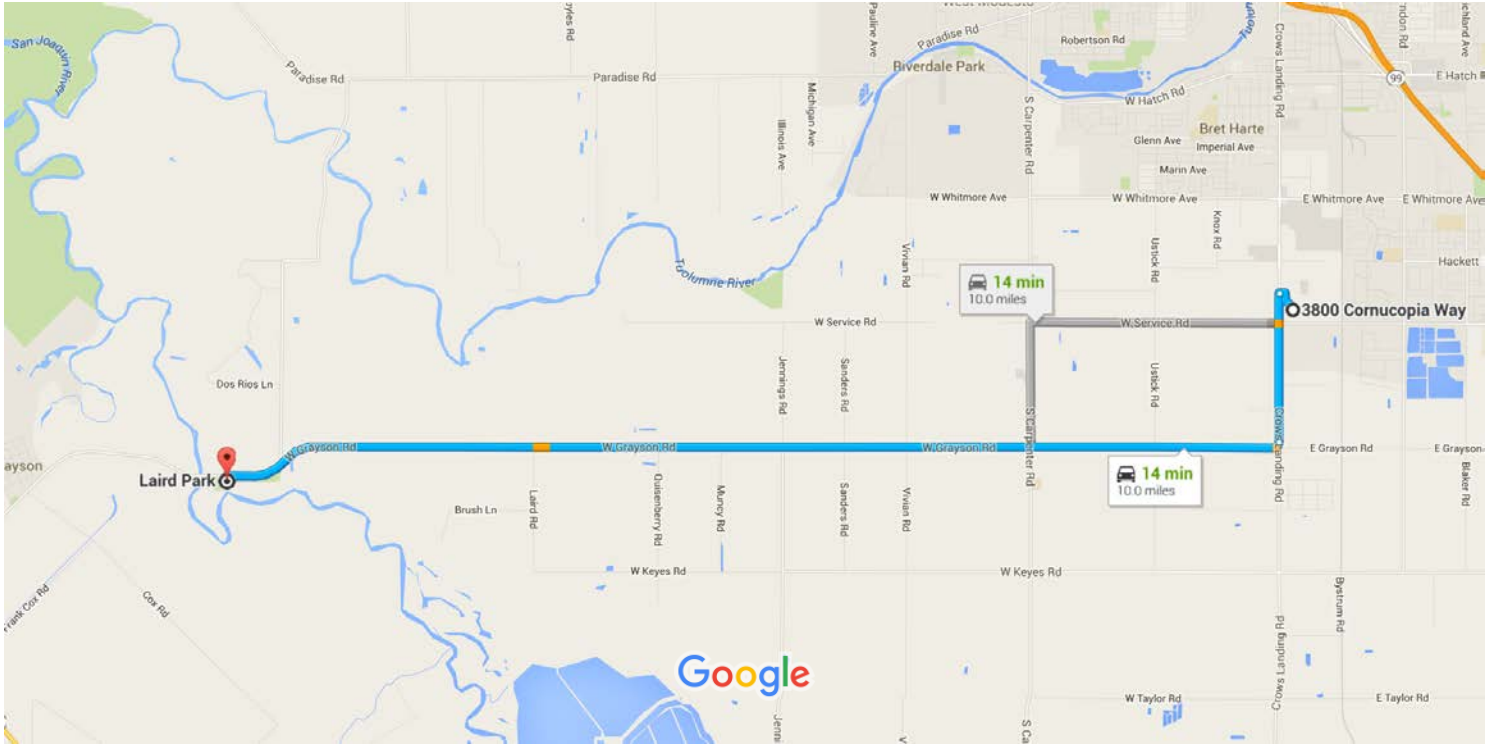
There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Parks Commission will be held on, **Thursday, April 14, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. at Laird Park.**



# 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA 95358 to Laird Park

Drive 10.0 miles, 14 min

PARK COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE AT THE PICNIC SHELTER AREA



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## 3800 Cornucopia Way

Modesto, CA 95358

- ↑ 1. Head northwest on Cornucopia Way toward Crows Landing Rd 0.2 mi

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- ↶ 2. Turn left onto Crows Landing Rd 1.2 mi

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- ↷ 3. Turn right onto W Grayson Rd 8.6 mi  
Destination will be on the left

## Laird Park

Modesto, CA 95358

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W Grayson Rd

Laird Slough

San Joaquin River



# Laird Park

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# LAIRD REGIONAL PARK

Laird Regional Park		
Program element	Existing/ Renovated	New/ Expanded
Group Picnic Area	◆◆	○
Picnic Shelters	◆	○
Play Equipment	◆◆	
Play fields (multi-use)	◆	○
Ball Diamond	◆	
River Access	◆◆	
Archery Range		○
Swimming Lagoon		○
Nature Trail/ Nature preserve		○
Multi-use Trails (hike, bike, horse)		○
Park Expansion		○
Parking areas (paved)	◆◆	○
Restrooms	◆◆	
Potable water	◆	
Shade trees	◆	○
Shade Structure		○
Picnic tables		○
Barbecue grills		○
Expand sewage lagoon	◆◆	
Signage (Interpretive & Directional)		○

