



**PARK COMMISSION**

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**AGENDA**  
**Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.**  
3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C, Stanislaus Building  
2nd Floor Conference Room  
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 April 12, 2018 Meeting (There was no meeting in May)	Commissioners
6. Staff Highlights	Staff
7. Commission Comment(s)	Commissioners
8. Old Business	

**Adjournment, the next meeting will be on:**  
**Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.**  
**3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C, Stanislaus Building**  
**2nd Floor Conference Room**  
**Modesto, CA 95358**

**Standing Reminders:**

- a. Elections in November
- b. July is Parks Month
- c. FPPC 700 Forms (annual) (Due March 5, 2018)
  - Link: <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/Form700.html>
- d. AB 1234 Ethics Course (every two years)
  - Link: <http://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/login.aspx>

**Commission Goals:**

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

Regular meetings are held at 5 p.m. the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at Stanislaus County Parks and Recreation in the Stanislaus Building, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room at 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA 95358. If you have an item you wish to be considered for a regular meeting agenda, please contact the Commission Secretary at (209) 525-6770, three (3) weeks prior to the regularly scheduled meeting.

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# MINUTES

**April 12, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.**

Stanislaus Building, 1st Floor  
 3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C  
 Modesto, CA 95358

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Zachary Keller, D2  
 Veronica Plaughter-Macias, D5  
 Chad Kennedy, ALT

**PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:**

Lisa Velarde  
 Mae Song

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Joseph Sanchez, D3  
 Ron West, D4

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Jim DeMartini  
 Doug Houston  
 Eddie Mendoza,  
 Field Rep., Congressman Jeff Denham

**A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS**

- The meeting was called to order and those in attendance were introduced.
- An excused absence was received for Ron West.

**ACTIONS**

*Zachary Keller*

**B. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Stanislaus County has committed \$250,000 to the Awesome Spot playground to help with ADA equipment. This donation will bring the goal up to thirty percent. The project will be presented to the City Council next month.

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

*Jim DeMartini*

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes for the February 8, 2018 meeting were approved upon motion and second with review of section C-4 for content.

**ACTIONS**

*Plaughter-Macias, Kennedy, unanimous approval*

**D. GUEST PRESENTATION: PROP 68**

After five years of advancing a legislative process advocating for parks, this year has brought SB5 (De Leon D-Los Angeles) The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018. Doug Houston, President of Houston Magnani and Associates, legislative advocacy for various clients. Mr. Houston's focuses on items relative to getting people outdoors. The total SB5 consists of is approximately \$4.1 billion, which will be allocated by certain factors such as parks space, demographics, etc. There is a fact-finding tool providing demographics, disadvantaged, density and park-poor areas. New parks are granted extra points under this program. The tool comes highly recommended. More information can be found at [www.parksforcalifornia.org](http://www.parksforcalifornia.org). Historically, grants were found successful where areas in need were identified. The block grant designated for Stanislaus County is at around \$400,000. Additional Park/Resource related ongoing grant opportunities include: Active Transportation Program, Urban Greening, Recreation Trails Program, Land and Water Conservation Fund, Environmental Enhancement Mitigation Program.

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

*Doug Houston, President of Houston Magnani and Associates*

**E. STAFF HIGHLIGHTS**

- Staff highlight covering March and April were shared. A question was raised on what the water restriction is about. The water restriction is usually an annual restriction placed at the reservoir during an intake process by SSJID.

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

*Lisa Velarde*

2. As part of South San Joaquin Irrigation District (SSJID)'s Urban Water Management Plan, required by the California Department of Water Resources, SSJID established the South County Water Supply Program (SCWSP), which provides supplemental, high quality drinking water to the local cities through a pipeline system. The water supply from the SCWSP comes from SSJID's senior pre-1914 appropriative water rights to the Stanislaus River.
  
3. The SCWSP consists of an intake facility, a water treatment plant at Woodward Reservoir (Walter J. Woodward Reservoir), one of the Stanislaus River's watershed, where water is diverted to Woodward Reservoir for storage. The system involves the flow of water by gravity from Woodward through one of two intakes, separated into upper and lower impoundments. Water is drawn from the upper impoundment/intake during the summer season when the irrigation flows to keep the water high. The lower intake is used in the fall/winter months for irrigation withdrawal. When this switch happens, bodily water contact is prohibited. This restriction is mainly an ongoing effort of water-quality control, safety, and SSJID's regulatory watershed management plan.
  
4. A question was asked as to how the Department is marketing the upcoming events at Woodward Reservoir. Some exposure are through social media, radio, and promotions at other events.

Mae Song

Lisa Velarde

**F. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

The presentation reminded Mr. Keller of conservation corp relative to urban cities. Mrs. Plaughter-Macias commented on the vast amount of grant qualifying opportunities in the amount of unincorporated areas of Stanislaus County. Mr. Kennedy have experience with the grant resource tool provided and vouched for its resourcefulness.

Commissioners

**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, May 10, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. at 3800 Cornucopia Way, Stanislaus Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, Modesto, CA 95358.**

PREPARED BY: Mae Song, Park Commission Secretary

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