



AGENDA

Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite D, Tuolumne Building
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 June 11, 2020 Meeting	Commissioners
6. Staff Highlights	Staff
7. Commission Comment(s)	Commissioners
8. Old Business	Commissioners

**Adjournment, the next meeting will be on:
Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite D, Tuolumne Building
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Modesto, CA 95358**

Standing Reminders:

- a. Elections in November
- b. July is Parks Month
- c. FPPC 700 Forms (annual)
 - 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 |

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MINUTES
June 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Tuolumne Building, Conference Room
 3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite D
 Modesto, CA 95358

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chad Kennedy, AL
 Kyle Fliflet, AL
 Zachary Keller, D2
 Joseph Sanchez, D3

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Jaclyn Dwyer
 Heidi Hildalgo
 Samantha Stark

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

GUESTS PRESENT:

Jim DeMartini

A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

- The meeting was called to order.

ACTIONS

Zachary Keller

B. PARKS DEPARTMENT CHANGES

- Jaclyn introduced Samantha Stark as the new Confidential Assistant IV for Parks & Recreation.

ACTIONS

Jaclyn Dwyer

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes for the January 9, 2020 meeting were approved upon motion and second. There was no meeting in February, March, April or May.

ACTIONS

Kennedy, Sanchez, unanimous approval.

E. GUEST COMMENTS

- Supervisor DeMartini commented on Mono Park's Homeless encampments. Suggested we could possibly relocate the residents of the encampment to the shelter or the hotels that are available in Modesto, CA.
- Supervisor DeMartini commented on the sunken boat that is at the Las Palms boat launch in Patterson. Stated that if we are unable to contact the Sheriff's department to assist with the removal, to please let him know.
- Supervisor DeMartini commented on the bathrooms that are currently out of order at the Las Palms fishing access. Stated he may be able to help fund the construction of the restrooms with a community fund he has access to. Asked for Parks and Recreation to provide him with quotes on the pricing to get the restrooms up and running again. Stated it would be a great investment for the community.
- Supervisor DeMartini commented on the reoccurring issue of items being continuously dumped at the previous animal shelter building that is now vacant.

ACTIONS

Supervisor DeMartini

F. STAFF HIGHLIGHTS**ACTIONS & REPORTER**Woodward Reservoir:

- The reservoir was closed on March 18th due to the Coronavirus. Beginning on June 6, Stanislaus County residents were allowed to use the reservoir for camping and day use activities. All other reservations were cancelled through June 30th.
- 79 Camping sites are available for reservations and 20 are available for first come first serve.
- Repairs and painting have been completed to the restrooms at Picnic Pointe, the main boat ramp, Office Pointe, Hackberry Flat, Muir Point, Mountain View Pointe and Bayview Pointe.
- Tree trimming was completed at Hackberry Flat Campground with three trees being removed because of damage or disease.
- The "No body to Water Contact" restriction was lifted on May 1st.
- Water level has been around 210 feet above sea level since the first of May.
- Weed abatement continues on the roadsides and in the camping areas.
- Undeveloped camping areas A thru FF remain closed to camping, but are ready to be opened when that is possible.

Jackie Dwyer

Modesto Reservoir:

- The reservoir was closed on March 18th due to the Coronavirus and reopened for limited use on May 16th.
- Staff continues to perform routine maintenance on the campgrounds and bathrooms.
- Staff continues to maintain all lawns, vegetation and buildings through the Coronavirus shut down.
- The reservoir reopened to Stanislaus County residents on Saturday June 6th for day use and camping.

Archery Range - Yahi Bowman:

- The Archery club members continued to mow the range to minimize fire dangers through the closure.
- The Club canceled all events in May.

Kiwanis Youth Camp:

- The facility is routinely maintained.
- Club camping has been canceled for May and June.

LaGrange OHV:

- The facility reopened with no restrictions on Saturday June 6th.
- Trail work, erosion control, fencing and facility cleanup are done routinely.
- There has been a new camera system installed at the park.
- The Development project has started at the park. Pads will be poured for 15 RV spots complete with water and electrical hook-ups.

LaGrange Park:

- The park and restroom is cleaned and maintained regularly.
- Regularly maintain lawns and trees at the Old School House.

Basso Fishing Access / TFA:

- Both fishing accesses are maintained and cleaned on a regular basis.
- Basso remained open through the COVID shut down.
- TFA reopened on June 6th.

Riverdale Park and Fishing Access:

- The pump and motor for the well at this location was replaced in April.
- There is damaged wiring in one of the light poles, that effected all the lights and has not been resolved yet.
- There is a homeless encampment along the river just off of the park property. This encampment could possibly be responsible for cutting the fence between the park and the abandoned Transfer Station property to the west.

Mono Park:

- Staff replaced and repaired all of the sprinklers and confirmed the irrigation schedule in the controller on May 26th. By May 28th, the controller box had been forced open and the clock put was in the off position. Several sprinklers were also broken again.
- There is a homeless encampment on the border of the park and the MID alley at the rear of the park. We are planning to post an eviction notice and work with the Sheriff's Office to clear this park by next week.
- We will also reach out to MID to see if they will work with the Sherriff's Office to move them out of the alley, otherwise the encampment might just move back and forth and the damage to the park will continue.

Oregon Park:

- The County was recently awarded a State grant that will fund improvements to this Park.
- Parks staff met with an Engineering/Landscape Architect firm to help provide guidance in regards to design, layout and selection of amenities.

Burbank Park:

- The County was recently awarded a State grant that will that will fund improvements to this Park.
- Parks staff have met with an Engineering/Landscape Architect firm to help provide guidance in regards to design, layout and selection of amenities.

Parklawn Park:

- Public Works recently cleaned and graded the dirt basin at the end of the park. In doing so, they broke irrigation lines at the end of the park. This irrigation zone is turned off pending repair by PW.

Fox Grove Park:

- This park & fishing access has been getting used more due to the closures of the reservoirs.
- We recently received a complaint in the database in regards to adding a boat ramp to this location and making repairs to the existing boat ramp. This property is leased from the State Dept. of Wildlife Conservation and we have spoken to them about obtaining legal ownership.

Regional Water Safety Center in Empire:

- The pool has passed annual inspection.
- It is unknown at this time if the pool will be reopening this summer.
- There is a construction project for the Empire Library that is supposed to be built within the existing pool/park parking lot.

CSA 10 in Salida:

- The remainder of the year will consist of mowing, maintaining the restroom and removing refuse. Any additional funds will be used for weed abatement and hedge trimming in the streetscapes.

Streetscapes:

- Parks staff have been working diligently to repair a number of irrigation leaks, broken lines, missing sprinkler, etc. along numerous sections of the streetscape.

CSA 26 in Keyes (Bonita Ranch Park):

- The booster pump motor which provides increased pressure to irrigate the park failed. The piping has been rerouted to circumvent the booster pump and irrigate the park at the pressure provide by the water district. This pressure is inadequate to get full coverage on the turf.
- The motor rebuild is scheduled to be complete by the week ending June 12th.
- The turf area is suffering as temperatures have bounced back and forth between the 80's and 100's.

Contract Service Locations (Oakdale):

- Parks is now maintaining what was Meyers Park in Oakdale, as part of the Library grounds.

Frank Raines Park / Campground:

- The campground and OHV Park continue to remain closed for COVID. We plan on seamlessly transitioning to a high fire danger closing of the OHV Park and the campground will remain partially closed during two concurrent construction projects.
- One construction project is to complete a first phase electrical upgrade of the campground electrical system.
- The second is to install a potable water line from the campground down to the day use park, with eventual plans to install a new restroom, as well as increasing the production capabilities of the water treatment plant.

County Centers:

- C1, Court House Lawn Park – All but one of the trash cans have been stolen from this park. We are checking to see what we can provide from used stock on hand before ordering any replacements.

Proposed New Developments:

- Keyes North and Keyes South will be sub account with CSA 26
- Wenstrand Estates is currently under construction and will be accounted for in CSA 19
- Fairway 7 Estates is currently under construction

Staffing:

- 4 Seasonal Part-Time Park Aides were hired for Modesto Reservoir.
- County Parks / County Centers is currently down one Park Maintenance Worker I/II.
- County Parks / County Centers is currently down one Park Maintenance Worker III.

G. COMMISSION COMMENTS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. Commissioner Kennedy shared concerns regarding the impact to the Parks and Recreation budget due to COVID-19.
Q: Do you know how the budget is being impacted for the next year?
A: We do know that the budget will be extremely impacted since the reservoirs were closed to the public and many large events that create revenue for the department have been cancelled. As of right now, we are not sure how severe the impact will be.
2. Commissioner Sanchez brought up the status of possibly getting cameras and large lights installed at Fairview park.
Q: Do we know if we are still getting lights and cameras installed at Fairview park?
A: Fairview park had lights and cameras installed one year ago.
3. Commissioner Kennedy asked about the Parks and Recreation staff and how COVID-19 impacted schedules.
Q: Who remained at work while the county buildings were closed due to COVID-19?
A: All administrative staff were able to work from home and all park aides and Maintenance workers remained working at their respective facilities.

Chad Kennedy

Joseph Sanchez

Chad Kennedy

H. ELECTIONS

1. A nomination was received for Samantha Stark as secretary, passing motion and second.

*Keller, Kennedy,
unanimous approval*

I. OLD BUSINESS

None.

ACTIONS

J. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Parks Commission will be held on, **Thursday, July 9, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. at 3800 Cornucopia Way, Tuolumne Building, Conference Room, Modesto, CA 95358.**

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