



PARK COMMISSION

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AGENDA

Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

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Call Meeting to Order:

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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 August 13, 2020 Meeting	Commissioners
6. Staff Highlights	Staff
7. Commission Comment(s)	Commissioners
8. Old Business	Commissioners

**Adjournment, the next meeting will be on:
Thursday, October 08, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
Meeting will be online using Microsoft Teams
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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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PARK COMMISSION
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Vacant, Vice Chair
Jaclyn Dwyer, Director, Parks and Recreation

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

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Jaclyn Dwyer
 Samantha Stark

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kyle Fliflet, AL

GUESTS PRESENT:

Jim DeMartini

A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

ACTIONS

1. The meeting was called to order.
2. An excused absence was received for Kyle Fliflet.

Chad Kennedy

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. None.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTIONS

1. Minutes for the June 11, 2020 meeting were approved upon motion and second. There was no meeting in July.

*Keller, Sanchez,
 unanimous approval.*

E. GUEST COMMENTS

ACTIONS

1. Supervisor DeMartini commented on the bathrooms at the Patterson Boat launch. He would like to work with the Parks Department on getting the bathrooms fixed and working for the public. He asked the Parks Department to obtain a formal quote on what it would cost to replace the bathrooms. DeMartini stated that he may be able to help with the cost of the restrooms depending on the quote.
2. Supervisor DeMartini commented on the sunken boat that is at the Las Palms boat launch in Patterson. Thanked the Parks Department for having the boat removed.
3. Supervisor DeMartini commented on the vandalism that continues to occur at Fairview Park.
4. Supervisor DeMartini commented on the Homeless encampments that continue to occur at Mono Park. Parks Director, Jaclyn Dwyer, advised Mr. DeMartini that these issues have gotten better and that both park managers have been able to manage the situation.

Supervisor DeMartini

F. STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

June 2020

Woodward Reservoir:

- The park was reopened to Stanislaus County residents only on June 6th.
- The park reopened with full hook-up camping only, and day-use was limited to 75 vessels or less.
- There are 79 campsites available for reservations and 20 sites available for first come first serve. There are a total of 99 full hook-up sites available.
- At this time, regular dry camping is not available.
- Visitation was low in June, but the feedback that was received from the community was positive.
- It has been reported that the first week of fishing was excellent for largemouth bass.
- Revenue for June 2020 was \$183,243. Last year for June was \$552,049.
- The annual fireworks show has been canceled due to COVID-19.
- July 1st, the Reservoir will be reopening to out of county residents, with the same restrictions in place regarding camping and the number of vessels on the water.
- Charlies, Fischer Point, and Mountain View Point camping areas are being utilized as overflow day-use areas to encourage social distancing.
- Area A thru D is also being considered for overflow day-use, if necessary.
- Due to lower visitation, the staff has been able to keep the restrooms cleaned and sanitized at a much higher level, and garbage and litter is removed expeditiously.

Jackie Dwyer

Modesto Reservoir:

- Staff continues to perform routine maintenance on the campgrounds and bathrooms.
- The reservoir opened for camping to Stanislaus County residents on June 6th.
- The reservoir has been very busy with both day users and campers.
- Undeveloped camping remains closed in an effort to limit the number of campers within the park.
- The Society for Disability held their first ski event for the summer at the back dam ski course.
- 80 additional life jackets were received from Sea Tow Foundation. These are loaned out to guests at the life jacket loaner station.
- Safe Kids will be holding a free CPR training and life jacket giveaway event on July 5th.

Archery Range: Yahi Bowmen

- The Archery club members continued to mow and maintain the archery range and targets.
- All June events were canceled by the club.

Kiwanis Youth Camp:

- The facility is routinely maintained, bathrooms cleaned, lawns mowed.
- Club camping has been canceled for June and July.

Lagrange OHV:

- The park opened on June 6th with no restrictions.
- Trail work, erosion control, fencing, and facility cleanup are done routinely.
- A camera system was installed at the park.
- 15 Concrete pads have been poured for future full hook up campsites. We also added potable water to each site along with a new table and fire ring. The development project is almost completed.
- The Iron Ranger was broken into on June 27th; thieves used a blow torch to cut the lock and took the iron ranger payments. The incident was reported to the Sheriff's department.

Basso Fishing Access/TFA:

- Both Fishing Access' are maintained and cleaned on a regular basis.
- Basso has become a hot spot for day use since COVID shut other fishing areas down.

LaGrange Park:

- The park and restroom are cleaned and maintained regularly.
- Regularly maintain lawns and trees at the old schoolhouse.

Community Parks:

- Laird Park - A sign acknowledging the donation for the playground from Kaiser Permanente has been ordered and should be installed in July. There was an accident on Grayson Road in front of Laird Park. This accident sent a truck through the park fence. The CHP report has been received, and we will pursue the responsible person's insurance to have the fence repaired.
- Fox Grove Park - The pump/motor for the well at this location became non-operational and was replaced. The existing pressure tank has become rusted and has started to leak. This leak has been patched with a weld, but the tank is original to the 1971 install. Parks is working with GSA to use deferred maintenance funds to replace this tank and associated valves. We are hopeful this work will be completed in the next 30 days. The water level is low in the river, leaving a large drop off at the end of the boat ramp below the waterline. We are ordering a sign to place at the boat ramp to make people aware of this.
- Bonita Park and Pool - We completed a bid walk for the pool reconstruction project where several companies attended. We anticipate many of the companies will be bidding on the project.
- Las Palmas Fishing Access - We worked with the Sheriff's SVOU and have successfully retrieved and removed the submerged boat from the water. When the boat was pulled to the shore, it was in many pieces. Due to it being in so many pieces, we partnered with Landfill's Roadside cleanup to remove the boat from the bottom of the ramp.

Regional Water Safety Center in Empire:

- The Police Activities League that operates the swim program has begun allowing open swim sessions. There are 3 sessions per day and are limiting access to 40 persons per session and by reservation only.

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 continues to work to repair a number of irrigation leaks, broken lines, missing sprinklers, etc. along numerous sections of the streetscape.

CSA in Keyes:

- Bonita Ranch Park - The booster pump motor has failed. The piping had been rerouted to circumvent the booster pump and irrigate the park at the pressure provided by the water district. This pressure is inadequate to get full coverage on the turf. The turf area has suffered as temperatures have bounced back and forth between the 80's and 100+ degrees. The motor has since been rebuilt and will be reinstalled shortly.
- Washington Rd. Streetscapes - 21 sprinklers along this section of streetscape were vandalized with another eight redirected away from the area they are supposed to water. Parks staff has made the needed repairs.

CSA 16 and 18 in Oakdale:

- Atlas Park - Grover removed several dead pine trees that border the roadside of the non-landscaped basin along Hwy 108/120.

Contract Service Locations:

- Libraries:
 - Modesto – The Portico was power washed on 05/31/2020.
 - Riverbank – Parks staff found there to be a lack of water to the plants on the back patio, and have resolved the issue. It was found that an irrigation controller blew a transformer.
 - Oakdale – Parks is now maintaining what was Meyers Park in Oakdale as part of the library grounds.

Frank Raines Park /Campground:

- Deercreek Campground and OHV Park - The campground and OHV continue to be closed for COVID and will seamlessly transition to a high fire danger closing of the OHV Park, and the campground will remain partially or fully closed during two concurrent construction projects. One is to complete the first phase electrical upgrade of the campground electrical system. This project is underway and should be completed sometime in July. The second project 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. The line extension of this project is nearly complete, and the increase in production aspects of the project will be placed on hold until a new amended permit from the State is received. Boulders were delivered for staged obstacles within the OHV Park and are used for barricades within the campground. Ten fire pits are on order and should be delivered in August.

County Centers:

- C1, Court House Lawn Park - Two bronze monuments that were set in concrete at this location appear to have been stolen.

Proposed New Developments:

- Keyes North - will be a sub-account within CSA 26.
- Keyes South - will be a sub-account within CSA 26.
- Wenstrand Estates - Currently under construction, will be a sub-account within CSA 19.
- Fairway 7 Estates – Currently under construction.

Staff Services:

- Advertising – We have received promotions from Start (buses) and Ads On The Wall (movie theatres). Both are being considered for future advertising.
- Fireworks 2021 – Draft RFQ has been completed.
- Social Media Posts – There are two daily posts that are posted that are non-COVID related.
- Events – Due to COVID-19, all potential events are currently on hold.

Staffing:

- CC / CP currently has two vacant positions. One PMW I/II and one PMW III. There is a current recruitment for the PMW III and should tentatively have that position filled by August.
- CC / CP also has two employees out on LOA and bonding time. Both employees will be out for multiple weeks.
- Woodward Reservoir had four new Park Aides join their team in June.
- Modesto Reservoir had two new Park Aides join their team in June.

July 2020Woodward Reservoir:

- The Stanislaus County "residents only" restrictions were lifted on July 1, 2020, for day-use and camping.
- Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the annual 4th of July fireworks show was canceled.
- The life jacket loaner program is going well. We have Camp Host, David Borden, staffing the program on the weekends.
- SSJID has notified us that the "no body to water" contact will begin on September 8.
- Revenue for July 2020 is down approximately \$524,831 from 2019 due to the COVID-19 restrictions.
- Waterfowl registration started in July for the 2020-2021 Duck Hunting Season.

Modesto Reservoir:

- The Stanislaus County Residents only restrictions were lifted on July 1, 2020, for day use and camping.
- The Reservoir has been remarkably busy with both camping and day use. July brought in a 20% increase in revenue for the Reservoir.
- Undeveloped camping remains closed in order to limit the number of campers at the park.
- The Society for Disability held an adaptive ski event at our back dam ski course.
- The Reservoir received an additional 80 life jackets from the Sea Tow Foundation to loan out to the life jacket loaner station.
- SAFE held a free CPR training and life jacket giveaway on July 5. They were able to give away 78 life jackets.
- Staff continues to do routine maintenance on the campgrounds and bathrooms.
- Waterfowl registration started in July for the 2020-2021 Duck Hunting Season.

Archery Range: Yahi Bowmen:

- Archery club members continue to mow and maintain the archery range and targets.
- The club has canceled all events in July.

Kiwanis Youth Camp:

- Club camping has been canceled for July and August.
- The facility is routinely maintained.

LaGrange OHV:

- The OHV park is fully open to everyone for camping and day use. Currently, there are no residency restrictions.
- There were two new solar LED streetlights purchased for the facility.
- 15 concrete pads have been poured for future full hook-up campsites. There has also been potable water added to each site along with a new table and fire pit. This development project is almost completed.
- There was one accident reported with a quad and an SUV. The driver of the quad was not wearing a helmet and hit the SUV at a high rate of speed. The driver of the quad was sent to the hospital via helicopter.
- Trail work, erosion control, fencing, and facility cleanup are still being completed routinely.

Basso Fishing Access/TFA:

- Both fishing accesses are maintained and cleaned regularly.
- Basso access has become a hot spot for day use since Waterford has shut down both river parks due to overcrowding and litter problems.

LaGrange Park:

- The river property has suffered a lot of trespassing as these visitors are breaking down gates and fences to access the river. We have received several citizens voicing their concerns. The staff has been repairing the gates and fencing as time permits. Deputies have also been increasing their patrols on the riverbed.
- The park restroom is cleaned and maintained regularly.
- The lawns and trees at the old schoolhouse are also maintained regularly.

Frank Raines Park/Campground:

- Deercreek Campground and OHV Park – The campground and OHV area continue to remain closed due to the fire season. The first phase of electrical upgrades for the campground electrical system has been completed. We currently have a potable water line being installed from the campground down to the day-use park. The goal is to install a restroom as well as increase the production capabilities of the water treatment plant. The line extension of this project is complete, but the increase in production aspects of the project are on hold until a new amended permit from the State is received. 10 new fire pits are on order and should be delivered around August 18. There will also be some asphalt repair work performed by Hensley within the campground before the end of August.

Community Parks:

- Fairview Park – There have been multiple items vandalized. Graffiti on the restroom doors, concrete park sign, and other misc. locations. There has been physical damage done to the latch cover on the restroom door, exhaust vent cover, and drinking fountain. These repairs are being completed.
- Riverdale Park and Fishing Access – Homeless camping continues to be an issue at this location. Trash cans are being filled with misc. trash from the homeless and the fence between the park and the old transfer facility has now been cut. Cars are also being parked in the parking lot, creating limited availability for parking on a regular basis.
- Oregon Park – An incident occurred at the park where a Parks employee needed to call 911 due to witnessing a potential dangerous situation. The police were dispatched and were able to handle the situation and detain the individual whom was found to be beating the woman
- Parklawn Park – During this time of year, we experience many broken tree limbs. There has been one large tree limb that broke and fell on the fenced enclosure for the well. It has since been removed and did not cause any significant damage.
- Empire Park – The contractor working on the new library site broke the water line from the well. The pool restrooms were closed for a few hours while they made the repairs.
- Laird Park – A sign acknowledging the donation for a new playground from Kaiser Permanente has been installed. The two fenced areas that are damaged are still pending repair, one will be an auto insurance claim, and we are working through that process.
- Fox Grove Park - The existing well's pressure tank has rusted through and had begun to leak. Parks is working with GSA to use deferred maintenance funds to replace the tank and associated valves. This work is still pending due to back-ordered items from the vendor due to Covid19. We have a tentative start date of 9/1. We lost a limb in a tree along the shoreline at this location. It did not completely fall out of the tree and became a "hanger", it has been removed. There was a fire along the bank of the river at this location, and Hughson Fire responded and put it out. It was only about 20'x50' in size, and there was no Park property damage or personal injury that we are aware of.
- Shilo Fishing Access – The community has been using this area for swimming more regularly and have now cut through the fencing to the neighboring private property to access the sand beach. We are currently working on repairing the fence and posting a "No trespassing" sign.
- UPC – Someone has placed a large trampoline at this location. Our staff has posted a sign on it stating that this personal property will be considered abandoned if it is not removed by 08/14/20, at which time our staff will

remove and discard.

Regional Water Safety Center in Empire:

- The Police Activities League that operates the swim program continues with their open swim sessions. There are 3 sessions per day and are limiting access to 40 persons per session and by reservation only.

County Centers:

- C1, Court House Lawn - Parks staff are working with the Court staff and MDP in regard to a transient who is believed to be defecating around/on the Court House building and grounds on a daily basis. Parks staff are renewing their "Authorization to Arrest" so Park staff can call MPD before 6am or after 10pm to have anyone removed from the Park as those are the curfew hours, and this location does not allow for camping.

Proposed New Developments:

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Staffing for County Centers and Community Parks:

- Currently down one PMW I/II and one PMW III.
- We just conducted interviews to fill the PMW III position and should have that spot filled shortly.
- One PMW III is out on medical leave for approximately 6+ weeks.

G. COMMISSION COMMENTS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. Commissioner Kennedy shared concerns regarding the reasons behind why/how Modesto Reservoir's revenue is now higher than Woodward's for the month of July.
Q: Do you think the revenue loss for Woodward Reservoir is based on people who are not visiting the Reservoir during this time?
A: The revenue loss is occurring at Woodward more significantly than Modesto due to the undeveloped camping being closed at this time. The Public Health Officer of Stanislaus County has asked us to keep the undeveloped camping closed. Usually, undeveloped camping is a large portion of the revenue from Woodward.
2. Commissioner Kennedy asked Parks Director, Jaclyn Dwyer, for an update on the irrigation pumps at Bonita Park.
Q: Last meeting we were told the pumps at Bonita Park were needing to be fixed, did these issues get resolved?
A: Yes, these pumps were fixed and are now working properly.
3. Commissioner Kennedy asked Parks Director, Jaclyn Dwyer, what may be needed of the Park Commissioners.
Q: Is there anything the Parks Department needs from the Parks Commissioners?
A: No, not at this time. We do not have any events happening for the rest of the year due to COVID-19. We have a lot of plans for 2021 and are hopeful to see the events happen next year.
4. Commissioner Sanchez shared a request for an event next year.
Q: Can we plan something in September of 2021 for the Hispanic Community at one of the reservoirs?
A: Yes, that is something that we can have our event coordinator start looking into and get in contact with you. It would have to be held at Modesto Reservoir since the No Body to Water contact starts in September at Woodward Reservoir each year.

Chad Kennedy

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Joseph Sanchez

I. OLD BUSINESS

ACTIONS

None.

J. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

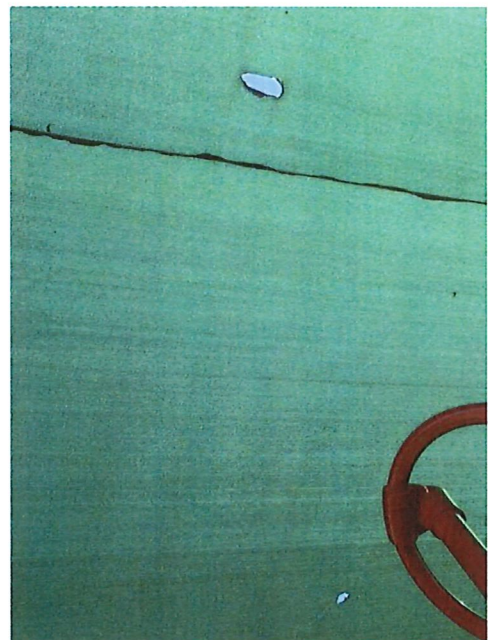
There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Parks Commission will be held on, **Thursday, September 10, at 5:00 p.m. at 3800 Cornucopia Way, Tuolumne Building, Conference Room, Modesto, CA 95358.**

PREPARED BY: Samantha Stark, Park Commission Secretary (209) 525-6839

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Photos from July 2020 Staff Highlights

1. Fairview Park Vandalism





2. Kaiser Permanente Sign



3. Fire at Fox Grove

