



**PARK COMMISSION**

*Zachary Keller, Chair*

*Jaclyn Dwyer, Director, Parks and Recreation*

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**AGENDA**  
**Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.**

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY REMOTELY OBSERVE THE MEETING VIA TELEPHONE.  
THIS MEETING WILL NOT INCLUDE IN PERSON ATTENDANCE.**

Meeting will be online with Microsoft Teams  
1-559-512-3189 United States, Fresno (Toll)  
1-888-370-6086 United States (Toll-Free)  
Conference ID: 637 536 205#

**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 September 10, 2020 Meeting	Commissioners
6. Approval of 2021 Park Commission Meeting Calendar	Commissioners
7. Member Elections and Terms	Commissioners
8. Staff Highlights	Staff
9. Commission Comment(s)	Commissioners
8. Old Business	Commissioners

**Adjournment, the next meeting will be on:  
Thursday, January 14, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.  
Meeting will be online using Microsoft Teams  
Call In number and Conference ID will be published with Agenda**

**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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*Vacant, Vice Chair*  
*Jaclyn Dwyer, Director, Parks and Recreation*

# MINUTES

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

Meeting held online with Microsoft Teams  
 1-559-512-3189 United States, Fresno (Toll)  
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 Conference ID: 913 607 194#

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:**

Jaclyn Dwyer  
 Samantha Stark

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Jim DeMartini

**A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS**

- The meeting was called to order.

**ACTIONS**

*Zachary Keller*

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- None.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Minutes for the August 13, 2020 meeting were approved upon motion and second.

**ACTIONS**

*Kennedy, Sanchez, unanimous approval.*

**E. GUEST COMMENTS**

- Supervisor DeMartini asked about the status on the restroom quotes for bathrooms at the Patterson Boat launch. He stated depending on the overall cost, he may be able to assist with the cost on getting the restrooms renovated and working.

**ACTIONS**

*Supervisor DeMartini*

**A:** There are currently three companies that Parks has arranged to come out to the Patterson Boat launch and submit quotes to the department. We should have updated quotes for the next meeting.

*Jaclyn Dwyer*

**F. STAFF HIGHLIGHTS****ACTIONS & REPORTER**August 2020Woodward Reservoir:

- Stanislaus County residents only restrictions were put back into place on July 31. Due to a large number of hospitalizations, the County Health Officer made the determination that the Reservoirs needed to be limited to County residents until further notice.
- Visitation has been extremely low due to the restrictions.
- Duck Blinds have been pinned for the upcoming season.
- Life jacket loaner program was very successful this season. We had the camp hosts assist with this, and they have done a great job.
- No Body to Water Contact will start on September 8.
- Staff continues to routinely maintain the restrooms and perform littler pick up at the reservoir.

Modesto Reservoir:

- Stanislaus County residents only restrictions were put back into place on July 31. Due to a large number of hospitalizations, the County Health Officer made the determination that the Reservoirs needed to be limited to County residents until further notice.
- Modesto reservoir continues to remain very busy in the camping and day-use areas.
- Undeveloped camping has remained closed to limit the number of campers within the park.
- Revenue for the Reservoir remains consistent. There have been no significant impacts on revenue due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- Due to bad air quality, the Society for Disabilities canceled their most recent adaptive ski event.
- The life jacket loaner program continues to be successful.
- New picnic tables and concrete fire rings were purchased to replace the old tables and fire rings.
- There were two transfer switches installed at the lift station and one at the well. These will be utilized along with the generator in case of a large power outage.
- Staff continues to do routine maintenance on the campground and restrooms.

Archery Range: Yahi Bowmen:

- The Archery club members continued to mow and maintain the archery range and targets.
- The Club has canceled all events in August.

Kiwanis Youth Camp:

- The facility is routinely maintained, bathrooms cleaned, lawns mowed.
- Club camping was canceled for the month of August.

LaGrange OHV:

- Trail work, erosion control, fencing and facility cleanup are done routinely.
- Two new solar LED street lights were purchased and installed at the park.
- 15 Concrete pads have been poured for future full hook-up campsites, and potable water was added to each site, along with a new table and fire ring. The development project is almost completed.
- Park is fully opened for camping and day-use without resident restrictions.
- Wilson Plumbing added a hot water heater for the bathroom sinks.

Basso Fishing Access/TFA:

- Both Fishing Access is maintained and cleaned on a regular basis.
- Basso and TFA continue to be extremely busy on the weekends

Jackie Dwyer

**LaGrange Park:**

- The park and restrooms are cleaned and maintained regularly.
- Regularly maintain lawns and trees at the Old Schoolhouse.
- The river property has suffered significant trespassing as visitors are breaking down gates and fences to access the river; we have had several citizens voice a concern. Staff repairs gates and fences--time permitting. Deputies have also increased patrols on the river bed.

**Frank Raines Park/Campground:**

- Deercreek Campground and OHV Park – The SCU fire has burned nearly 400K acres and is now 95% contained. The fire has done some damage to Frank Raines OHV Park and the Minniear Day-use Area. We are still waiting on the assessments as to whether we will be able to open all or part of the OHV park this season. The campground, water treatment plant, and Frank Raines Day Park area came out of the fire with little loss. The OHV Park itself did endure damage in large areas. We did lose the old park residence house, the day park restroom, and the hay barn in OHV Park.
- Minniear Day Use Area – The area has been closed due to the SCU fire that has taken place in the past several weeks. As of September 9, the location has now been reopened hunting.

**Community Parks:**

- Riverdale Park and Fishing Access – With assistance from the Sheriff's Office, the Department has been working on complaints regarding vehicles consistently parked at this location. The residents state the owners of the vehicles are living in their cars.
- Parklawn Park – The restroom doors were vandalized, and we are working on getting them repaired. Homeless encampments have become an issue at this specific restroom, so in order to eliminate this, we might need to close the restroom temporarily.
- Empire Park – The contractor working on the new library has fixed the line from the well that was previously damaged by them. Unrelated to the damages caused by the contractor, we had to replace the VFD for the well.
- Empire Tot Lot – A branch from a tree fell onto a resident's home and damaged the electrical feed riser. The Parks Supervisor that was on call responded to the incident and helped MID remove the branch.
- Laird Park – Both gates leading to the peninsula/old gun range area, were broken into, damaging the clasp on the gates. The repairs will be made as well as a chain with a lock added to the gates.
- Fox Grove Park - GSA and Parks are still awaiting on Amerine to install the new pressure tanks and associated valve work. The last update given to GSA on this project was that they should be able to do it in September.
- 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 continue to repair the fence and have posted a "No trespassing" sign.
- UPC – Someone had placed a large trampoline at this location. Our staff posted a sign on it stating that this personal property will be considered abandoned if it is not removed by 08/14/20. This item has since been removed by the owners.
- Bonita Park and Pool – The project has not yet been started. We have partnered with Capital Projects to ensure we have experts in pools involved with the project.
- Las Palmas Fishing Access – Currently working on getting a few formal bids to renovate the restrooms at this location.

**Contract Service Locations:**

- 12<sup>th</sup> Street Garage – The irrigation valve at the location was replaced.
- Old animal services Center on Finch – Have been informed the County has purchased the Cities interest in the location, and it may now be sold in the next month or two.

**Regional Water Safety Center in Empire:**

- The Police Activities League that operates the swim program has ended their swim program for the season.

**General Funded Areas:**

- Clerk Recorder's Office – Staff is working to resolve the irrigation issues at this location.
- AWP - Staff is working to resolve the irrigation issues at this location

**County Centers:**

- C1, Court House Lawn Park - Parks staff met on-site with Court staff and MDP in regards to signs and placement. Information was also shared with Court Staff as to what can and cannot be enforced in this area and at what time of day. MPD's current engagement team has been working hard to hold people accountable and interact with them on a regular basis, this has helped, and they have had no repeat offenders over the course of several weeks.

**Proposed New Developments:**

- Keyes North - will be a sub-account within CSA 26 and is currently under construction.
- 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

**Staffing for County Centers and Community Parks:**

- Have two vacant PMW I/II positions. This recruitment is on track to be completed by the end of October.
- One PMWII has been out on leave for approximately 4 weeks.
- One PMW III is out on medical leave for an additional 6+ weeks.
- Within the administration office, one of the staff services coordinator's has resigned.

**2021 Parks Commission Meeting Calendar**

- The 2021 Parks Commission calendar has been created and submitted to the commissioners for approval at the October 2020 meeting.

**Ethics Course Requirements**

- All Commissioners are required to complete the ethics course by December 2020. California law requires that officials complete this course once every two years during their service.

Samantha Stark

**G. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

1. Commissioner Kennedy asked about the staff service's coordinator position that is now vacant.  
 Q: Are there any immediate plans to fill the vacant staff service's coordinator position that has become available?  
 A: The position was not budgeted in the department's part time budget when Parks split from Environmental Resources, and since we have been severely impacted with our budget due to COVID-19, we do not have a current plan to backfill that open position.

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

Chad Kennedy

**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, October 08, at 5:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams. The phone number and conference ID will be included on the October agenda.**

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