



PARK COMMISSION

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AGENDA
Thursday, January 14, 2021 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: 361 750 170#

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 November 12, 2020 Meeting	Commissioners
6. Staff Highlights	Staff
7. Commission Comment(s)	Commissioners
8. Old Business	Commissioners

**Adjournment, the next meeting will be on:
Thursday, February 11, 2021 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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MINUTES

November 12, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting held online with Microsoft Teams
 1-559-512-3189 United States, Fresno (Toll)
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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chad Kennedy, AL
 Zachary Keller, D2
 Joseph Sanchez, D3
 Kyle Fliflet, AL
 Christopher Flynn, D5

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Shannon Eesenwein
 Samantha Stark

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

GUESTS PRESENT:

None

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 September 10, 2020 meeting were approved upon motion and second.

ACTIONS

Kennedy, Sanchez, unanimous approval.

E. APPROVAL OF 2021 PARK COMMISSION MEETING CALENDAR

- The 2021 meeting calendar was approved upon motion and second.

ACTIONS

Kennedy, Sanchez, unanimous approval.

F. MEMBER ELECTIONS

- Chair: Zachary Keller, approved upon motion and second.
- Vice Chair: Joseph Sanchez, approved upon motion and second.

ACTIONS

Kennedy, Sanchez, Kennedy, Keller

G. GUEST COMMENTS

- None

ACTIONS

F. STAFF HIGHLIGHTS**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

Shannon Esenwein

September 2020

Woodward Reservoir:

- Non-county resident restrictions were lifted on October 1st.
- Visitation for September had declined due to the annual no body to water contact.
- There have been a lot of visitors who continue to try and get into the Reservoir water. The Parks staff is constantly reminding visitors of the no body to water contact restriction.
- 6 out of the 14 duck blinds have been placed and are ready to participate in the early goose hunt.
- Staff has started to reevaluate the life jacket loaner program for possible replacement jackets.
- The new concessions building is scheduled to have PG&E upgrade the power starting on November 9th.
- Off-season maintenance has started. Restroom painting, fire pit replacement, sign repair/replacement, and painting of the large propane tanks.
- The new backup generator is being outfitted with power cords.
- We are planning to reevaluate the replacement of the pump at the Bayview windmill.

Modesto Reservoir:

- Non-county resident restrictions were lifted on October 1st.
- The Reservoir has continued to stay busy during the season for both day use and camping.
- Twenty duck blinds were assigned, and hunters started to place their blinds for the early hunt on October 3rd.
- Routine maintenance of the campgrounds and restrooms continue to occur throughout the Reservoir.
- Staff has started the seasonal tree pruning projects throughout the Reservoir.
- Hensley Paving will complete the paving project for ADA parking spots at all 10 of the vaulted 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 for the rest of the year.

Kiwanis Youth Camp:

- The facility is routinely maintained, bathrooms cleaned, and lawns mowed.
- Club camping was for September.

LaGrange OHV:

- The OHV Park has become very busy. Revenue doubled in September compared to years prior. A busy winter season is anticipated.
- Trail work, erosion control, fencing, and facility cleanup are done routinely.
- Tilting garbage barrels were purchased and placed throughout the park.
- Fifteen concrete pads were for future full hook up campsites. Potable water was also added to each site along with a new fire ring and picnic table. The development project is almost completed.

Basso Fishing Access/TFA:

- Both fishing accesses are maintained and cleaned regularly.
- Basso and TFA continue to be extremely busy on the weekends.

LaGrange Park:

- The park and restroom are cleaned and maintained regularly.
- The lawns and trees at the Old School House are regularly maintained.
- There continues to be an issue with trespassing along the river property. Visitors are breaking down gates and fences to access the river.

Frank Raines Park/Campground:

- Frank Raines Regional Park - The SCU fire has burned approximately 400k acres and is now 100% contained. The fire has done significant damage to both the OHV Park and the Minniear day-use area. Assessments are still underway to determine when or if we will reopen all or part of the OHV Park this season. The campground, water treatment plant, and Frank Raines day park have all come out of the fire with little loss. The OHV Park was burned in large areas. The old park residence house, one day park restroom, and the hay barn all were lost in the fire.
- Deercreek Campground and OHV Park – The water treatment plant suffered some electrical issues due to the power being turned off and back on multiple times before and after the SCU fire. It was determined to be the pump motor winding relays in the quick disconnect panels after troubleshooting. Upon replacement, the pumps are working as they should, and the plant is back in operation. The required Bac-T samples have been taken and cleared at the lab, and the Boil Water Order has been lifted.
- Minniear Day Use Area – The location lost some fencing and suffered some severe burn damage due to the fire.

Community Parks:

- Riverdale Park and Fishing Access – Graffiti continues to be an issue at this location.
- Mono Park – Homeless continues to be a daily obstacle at this location. Damage continues to occur to the irrigation systems at this location. At times, Parks staff have been unable to perform their work due to the amount of homeless at the location. Two large branches fell from an Oak tree, and due to the height of the branches that needed to be removed and discarded, Grover was called to remove the branches.
- Oregon Park – A large branch fell and has now been removed.
- Parklawn Park - The restroom doors have been vandalized again, and it appears someone is trying to live in them. Due to damage, the doors will have to be serviced by the County Locksmith.
- Empire Park - A large branch fell and has now been removed.
- Fox Grove Park - Amerine Sys. has finished installing the new pressure tank system on the potable water system except for the flow meter, which should be completed this week. After this, the required Bac-T test will be performed, and once cleared, the Boil Water Order will be lifted.
- Shilo Fishing Access – A significant amount of trash was removed, and weeds on the hillside are now under control and removed.

Contract Service Locations:

- Modesto Library – Parks staff have been working with the location to schedule their after-hours pressure washing for the new fiscal year.
- 12th Street Garage – Staff replaced an irrigation valve at this location.
- Old Animal Services Center – Parks staff have spent time knocking down weeds, etc.

CSA 26 in Keyes:

- Bonita Ranch Park – Parks staff have been working diligently to address complaints from one individual who has filed many database complaints with various County departments. We have discussed with this individual which department is responsible for what areas around their residency. Parks staff performed additional litter pick up and graffiti removal last week.

General Funded Areas:

- Clerk Recorders office – Parks staff has resolved the irrigation issues at this location for the time being.
- AWP - Parks staff has resolved the irrigation issues at this location for the time being.

Proposed New Developments:

- Keys North - will be a sub-account within CSA 26 – It's currently under

construction.

- Keyes South - will be a sub-account within CSA 26.
- Wenstrand Estates – Currently under construction. It will be a sub-account within CSA 19. We are working with the developer, their landscaper, Planning, and Public Works on suggested modifications to the retention basin's landscaping.
- Fairway 7 Estates – Currently under construction.

Parks Department Staffing Update:

- Many of the seasonal extra-help Park Aides were released once the season ended in September. This year, we offered job opportunities with various County departments to the extra-help employees to assist with the COVID-19 emergency response. Many of the employees chose to accept new positions, and others declined.
- Three part-time Park Aides were transferred from part-time to full-time Park Aide positions with County Centers and Community Parks.
- County Centers and Community Parks currently has two Park Maintenance Worker I/II positions available. The recruitment is already underway, and the selection interviews took place in October. We are hopeful to have the positions filled at the beginning of November.

October 2020

Woodward Reservoir:

- Visitation for October 2020 was up from last year for the first month since the pandemic restrictions started. Total revenue compared to October 2019 was up approximately \$22,000.00
- Twelve of the fourteen duck blinds that pinned are in place to participate in the waterfowl hunting season, which started October 24th.
- The life jacket loaner program loaned out 160 life jackets for July and Aug 2020.
- California Fish and Wildlife planted 1500 lbs. of trout on October 28th.
- Oakdale Irrigation District is in the process of rehabilitating the canal that runs through the park.
- Restroom repair, fire pit replacement, tree pruning, weed abatement, wood chip spreading, propane tank painting, sign repair/replacement, and lake bed litter cleanup are some of the Fall/Winter projects.

Modesto Reservoir:

- Staff continues to do routine maintenance on the campgrounds and bathrooms.
- We are open to all public for day use or camping.
- Modesto Reservoir continued to see increased visitation in October. Total revenue for October was up over \$50,000 compared to October 2019.
- Hensley Paving is in the process of paving 10 ADA parking spots. Pads have been paved, and striping will be completed soon.
- Staff started our seasonal tree pruning projects throughout the park.
- Duck hunting is in process.
- Third annual Dirty Bird campout scheduled for October was canceled and rescheduled for 2021 due to Covid restrictions.
- Fish and wildlife planted 1,500 pounds of trout this month.

Archery Range: Yahi Bowmen:

- The Archery club members continued to mow and maintain the archery range and targets.
- The Club has canceled all events for the rest of the year.

Kiwanis Youth Camp:

- The facility is maintained routinely, bathrooms cleaned, lawns mowed.
- Club camping was canceled for October.

LaGrange OHV:

- Trail work, erosion control, fencing, and facility cleanup are routinely done.
- Tilting garbage barrels were purchased and placed throughout the park.

- The 15 semi-developed campsites are well utilized, and customers are happy to see work progress at the OHV park.
- The OHV park is busy and heavily used on the weekends.

Basso Fishing Access/TFA:

- Both fishing access' are maintained and cleaned regularly.
- Basso and TFA continue to be extremely busy on the weekends.

LaGrange Park:

- The park and restroom are cleaned and maintained regularly.
- Regularly maintain lawns and trees at the Old School House.
- The river property continues to have a lot of trespassing as visitors break down gates and fences to access the river.

Frank Raines Park/Campground:

- Frank Raines Regional Park - Parks staff have been working closely with Risk Management, Assessors, and Environmental samplers to survey damage caused by the SCU Fire and work towards demoing burned structures that pose an attractive nuisance.
- Deercreek Campground and OHV Park –A contractor was hired to resolve an electrical issue within the campground electrical system. The power was turned on and off through the course of the SCU Fire, and the repairs to Turlock Irrigation District utility poles that followed caused electrical spikes that damaged several of the RV electrical pedestal GFCI circuits. These have now been repaired. These events also damaged the credit card reader attached to the park's entrance station's POS system.
- Minnear Day Use Area – suffered some severe burn damage and fence loss as a result of the SCU fire. Assessments of loss in this area are still underway.

Community Parks:

- Fairview Park – The graffiti and vandalism at this location has been removed and fixed.
- Riverdale Park and Fishing Access – The transient population living along the river continues to impact this location. The chain and lock were removed from the boat launch gate several times so vehicles can drive to the shoreline and down along the river's bank off of the property. The parking lot has been consistently full of vehicles parked overnight. We are installing additional signage in reference to park hours and that there is no overnight parking allowed. We will request the Sherriff's office to increase patrols, tag, and/or tow vehicles.
- Oregon Park – This location continues to be victimized by graffiti and vandalism. The attached pictures are of what staff found earlier this month— currently working with O'Dell Engineering regarding Prop 68 site amenities additions and refurbishments. Contracts have been executed, and topo surveys have been complete, the site review and photo documentation have been complete. Preliminary design plans have been started.
- Broadway/Salida Park – Parks is currently working with Modesto Irrigation District in an attempt to reconnect the lighting circuit to the lights over the basketball court. We have submitted a site map with light pole numbers and billing. MID is making a site visit this month and will contact us and let us know what they are willing to do.
- Burbank Park - Currently working with O'Dell Engineering in regards to Prop 68 site amenities additions and refurbishments. Contracts have been executed, and topo surveys have been complete, the site review and photo documentation have been complete. Preliminary design plans have been started.
- Fox Grove Park - The new well experienced a technical failure, and due to a potential low water pressure event, a voluntary boil water was initiated. An irrigation valve got stuck on, and when it did not close, and the next irrigation valve began to run, the VFD controlling the well pump sensed a lower than expected pressure event. In the VFDs programming, there is a broken pipe alarm that shuts the well down if it cannot maintain a certain amount of

expected pressure, so it would not flood. This programming has now been removed, the irrigation valves have been repaired, and after extensive testing of the irrigation system, the boil water order will be lifted. Parks is also requesting additional patrols at this location by the Sherriff's office.

- Las Palmas Fishing Access - Staff met with an environmental sampling company to test for lead and asbestos of the condemned restroom in preparation to have the restroom demoed.

Contract Service Locations:

- Modesto Library – Weekend pressure washing was performed on 10/18

CSA 26 in Keyes:

- Bonita Ranch Park – Someone took a vehicle into the landscaped basin at this location and did "donuts," damaging the turf and the irrigation system. Staff has spent additional time here to resolve those issues. Pictures attached.

Proposed New Developments:

- Keys North - will be a sub-account within CSA 26 – It's 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. We are working with Turlock Irrigation District to get power installed to the irrigation controller since this service will be in our name.
- Fairway 7 Estates – Currently under construction. Parks staff recently met with the developer in regards to changes they want to make on the landscaping plan. Parks does not necessarily take issue with the proposed changes but has advised the developer they will have to go through the Planning Dept. to have those changes approved.

Parks Department Staffing Update:

- County Centers and Community Parks has two full-time Park Aide positions available. Interviews for these positions are being held Thursday, November 12, 2020.

G. COMMISSION COMMENTS

1. Commissioner Sanchez asked about lights at Fairview Park
 Q: Do we have any updates on the lights being installed for children to practice sports in the evening at Fairview Park?
 A: At this time we do not have an update on installing lights at that location. There has been no budget line item created for that project. We will look further into the project.

ACTIONS & REPORTER

Joseph Sanchez

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, January 14, 2021 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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Photos from October 2020

Oregon Park





Bonita Ranch

