



FEBRUARY 11TH virtual meeting is CANCELED

PARK COMMISSION

Zachary Keller, Chair

Jaclyn Dwyer, Director, Parks and Recreation

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AGENDA

Thursday, February 11, 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)
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Conference ID: 935 746 754#

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, March 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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Joseph Sanchez, Vice Chair
Jaclyn Dwyer, Director, Parks and Recreation

MINUTES
January 14, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting held online with Microsoft Teams
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 Conference ID: 361 750 170#

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Zachary Keller, D2
 Christopher Flynn, D5

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Jaclyn Dwyer
 Samantha Stark
 Lisa Velarde

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

GUESTS PRESENT:

None

A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

- The meeting was called to order.

ACTIONS

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C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes for the November 12, 2020 meeting were unable to be approved due to not having a quorum. They will need to be approved at the next meeting.

ACTIONS

G. GUEST COMMENTS

- None

ACTIONS

F. STAFF HIGHLIGHTS**ACTIONS & REPORTER****November and December 2020****Woodward Reservoir:**

- Visitation at Woodward Reservoir was up from last year in November despite the Covid -19 pandemic. The full hook-up sites were sold out for the week leading up to and through the Thanksgiving weekend.
- Camping was restricted to previously made reservations and campers currently in the park the second week in December.
- All revenue (entrance station and reservations) comparison from Nov. 2019: \$89,227.67 to Nov 2020: \$55,533.56 for a decrease of \$33,694.11.
- All revenue comparison from Dec. 2019: \$30,430.59 to Dec. 2020: \$67,008.54 for an increase of \$36,577.95.
- California Fish and Wildlife planted 1,500 lbs. of trout on November 12, 2020, and 800 lbs. on December 16, 2020.
- The restroom at Heron Pt. boat launch was vandalized: five toilets and one urinal were destroyed overnight from December 6th to December 7th. Quotes for replacement parts are pending as the original fixtures are no longer available. Repairs should be finished by the middle of January. Replacement parts estimate is \$1,300.00 to \$1,500.00.
- Weed abatement has also started along the roadsides. The north drive fence line will be covered with recycled, environmentally friendly woodchips from our tree pruning program for weed and erosion control.

Modesto Reservoir:

- Staff continues to do routine maintenance on the campgrounds and bathrooms.
- We are open to all public for day use only—no camping at this time.
- Modesto Reservoirs' revenue for November and December was consistent and only saw a small uptick from previous years.
- Hensley Paving completed the construction of all 10 ADA parking spots at the vaulted restrooms.
- Staff started our seasonal tree pruning projects throughout the park.
- Duck hunting is in process.
- Fish and Wildlife planted 1,500 pounds on 11/9/2020 and 12/16/2020.

Archery Range: Yahi Bowmen:

- The archery club members continued to mow and maintain the archery range and targets.
- The Club canceled all events for the rest of 2020.
- The archery range continues to be open to the public.

Kiwanis Youth Camp:

- The facility is routinely maintained, bathrooms cleaned, lawns mowed.
- Club camping was canceled in November and December due to Covid restrictions.

LaGrange OHV:

- Trail work, erosion control, fencing, and facility cleanup are done routinely.
- A new culvert pipe was installed at the park to redirect rain runoff away from our hill climbs.
- The off-road park is busy, heavily used on the weekends.
- The park is only open for day use. Camping is not permitted due to current covid restrictions.

Basso Fishing Access/TFA:

- Both Fishing Access is maintained and cleaned on a regular basis.
- Basso continues to stay busy.
- Water levels at Turlock Lake are extremely low, which has slowed down use at TFA.

LaGrange Park:

- The park and restroom are cleaned and maintained regularly.

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- Regularly maintain lawns and trees at the old schoolhouse.
- Old Lagrange Bridge was vandalized. Vandals removed security bollards on each bridge's end and drove a vehicle across the walking bridge leaving behind skid marks. Bollards have been replaced and repaired.

Frank Raines Park/Campground:

- Deercreek Campground and OHV Park – Parks Management staff have been working closely with Risk Management, insurance companies, environmental samplers, demolition contractors, OES, FEMA, and others to assess the damage sustained to County property in Del Puerto Canyon. There is an onsite meeting with FEMA to complete assessment paperwork with their agency scheduled for Jan. 14th. Camping has been reduced to existing reservations only. No new reservations are permitted at this time. Day use is open to everyone.

Community Parks:

- Fairview Park – The new restroom was vandalized with extensive graffiti.
- Fox Grove Park - There have been several issues with people working on their cars, overnight camping, and suspected drug sales. The Sheriff's office has tried to make more of a presence at this location in December. There have been many items dumped over the past several weeks. Pictures are below.
- Laird Park – The interior of the restroom was graffitied.
- Las Palmas Fishing Access - The restroom at this location was demolished. An ADA portable toilet has now been installed and is serviced weekly.

CSA 10:

- Segesta Park - A local Boy Scout earned his Eagle Scout rank by performing a basketball court renovation with his Troop and other volunteers at this location. They painted the backboards, hoops, installed new nets, filled the expansion joint, and painting the court lines. Parks furnished the materials and supplies, and the Boy Scout, his Troop members, and other volunteers will be supplied the tools and labor.
- Streetscapes - Grover was hired to remove a Liquid Amber tree on Murphy/Bacon, the stump and surface roots ground. Public Works will be replacing the sidewalk when they are able but have been notified. A Liquid Amber tree on Toomes that had previously been cut down had its stump and surface roots ground, and Public Works already replaced the sidewalk there. Please see the before and after pics. Parks staff have been working on hedging and detail work on all streetscapes in CSA10.

Contract Service Locations:

- Modesto Library – The Portico and other exterior areas at this location were pressure washed on Dec. 20th per the Service Level Agreement.
- Oakdale Library - We continue to work with the library management staff as they work to incorporate what used to be Myers Park into their library grounds. Parks has offered advice on a number of issues, most recently the installation of fencing around the property and gate access for equipment and signage.

CSA 26 in Keyes:

- Hatch Park - Vandalism to the turf was found at this location. The developer was notified, and we have requested that the fence line be secured while the property is under construction. Below are photos of the incident.

Old Animal Services Center on Finch:

- The facility has been leased, and Parks no longer maintains the landscaping there.

Proposed New Developments:

- Keys North - will be a sub-account within CSA 26 – currently under construction.
- Keys South - will be a sub-account within CSA 26

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

Parks Department Staffing Update:

- A new Deputy Director has been hired and will be starting early to mid-February 2021.
- There is currently open recruitment for a Full Time Park Aide at Modesto Reservoir.
- Plans to start hiring for the summer season will begin in early March 2021.

Additional Updates:

- Parks and Recreation is possibly looking into being able to host a cross country event at Woodward Reservoir in March 2021. Nothing has been set in stone, and Parks is still working on figuring out if there can even be spectators for the event or only the people competing.
- As a follow-up from last meeting, Parks and Recreation will be adding a line item during the mid-year budget in July 2021 to install lights at Fairview Park. The lights will cost approximately \$15,000.
- Patterson boat launch restroom has been demolished. For the time being, we have placed a portable restroom at the location that will be serviced weekly. The sunken boat at this location was also removed several months ago.

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G. COMMISSION COMMENTS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. Commissioner Keller asked about Parks and Receptions master plan for 2021.
Q: What is the department’s main priority projects at this time?
A: There are currently three large projects that the department is working on. Oregon Park, Burbank Park and the Bonita Pool. We have received grant funding for the parks as well as the Pool. However, the grant that we received will not cover all of the costs for the pool, so we are going to be meeting with Jody Hayes to go over what the fiscal impact will be to the County.
2. Commissioner Flynn asked if the department had plans to work with local Boy Scout groups more often.
Q: Do you think there is any potential to create an on-going volunteer program for local groups to volunteer with the department and help clean up certain Parks etc.?
A: Yes, we are hopeful that once COVID is under control we can get back on track with what we were working on prior to the pandemic hitting the community. We have worked with Love Salida in the past, and would love to get more local entities and schools involved in different things such as “Art in the Park.”

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Christopher Flynn

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, February 11, 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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Fairview Park Restroom:



CSA 10: Streetscapes

Before –



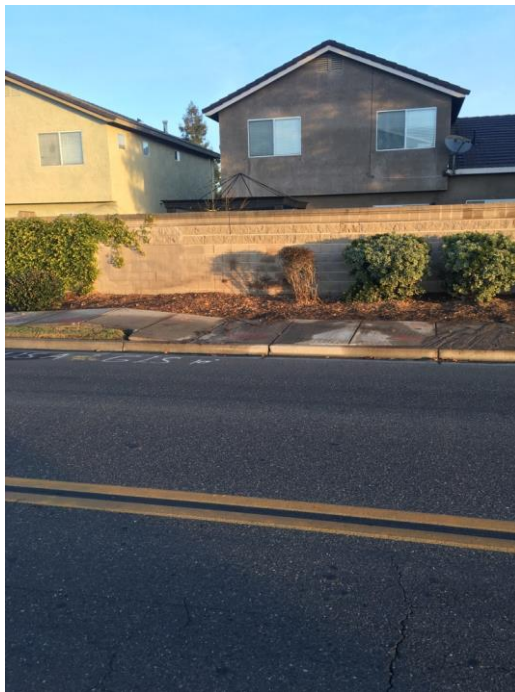
After –



Murphy Tree Before –



Murphy Tree After –



Damage from vehicle at Hatch Park:





Fox Grove Park:

