



March 11th Parks Commission meeting is **CANCELED**

PARK COMMISSION

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AGENDA **Thursday, March 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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Phone Conference ID: 765 343 618#

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 2020 & January 2021 Meeting	Commissioners
6. Staff Highlights	Staff
7. Commission Comment(s)	Commissioners
8. Old Business	Commissioners

**Adjournment, the next meeting will be on:
Thursday, April 8, 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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Park Commission Staff Highlights

February 2021

Woodward Reservoir:

- Visitation and reservations continue to increase.
- Revenue total of \$138,418.60 for February 2021 is an increase of 50% over February 2020 total of \$92,298.00.
- Staff continues to do routine campground and restroom maintenance.
- All but one of the duck blinds has been removed. The last one is scheduled for the first weekend in March.
- Weed abatement continues on roadsides and in the camping areas.
- Grover completed tree work in the Mt. View campground area, removing one dead and five diseased cottonwood trees.
- Fish and Wildlife planted 400 LBS of Trout on February 24th.
- Sign replacement and tree pruning are ongoing.

Modesto Reservoir:

- Staff continues to do routine maintenance on the campgrounds and bathrooms.
- Modesto Reservoirs continues to be busy on the weekends.
- Modesto Reservoir staff is currently working on repainting all restrooms.
- Staff started our seasonal tree pruning projects throughout the park.
- Duck hunting season has closed.
- Fish and Wildlife planted 400 LBS of trout on February 24th.

Archery Range: Yahi Bowmen:

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

Kiwanis Youth Camp:

- The facility is routinely maintained, bathrooms cleaned, lawns mowed.
- Club camping is still closed due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Basso Fishing Access/TFA:

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

LaGrange OHV Park:

- Trail work, erosion control, fencing, and facility cleanup are done routinely.
- A new landscape tiller has been purchased to aid in trail maintenance.
- The off-road park is busy and is heavily used on the weekends.
- The park is only open for day use and camping.
- On January 24th, four skid steer attachments were stolen from the park, resulting in a \$20,000 loss. The theft was reported to the Sheriff's Department.
- The park and restroom are cleaned and maintained regularly.

LaGrange Park:

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

Basso Fishing Access/Turlock Lake Fishing Access (TFA):

- Basso and TFA Fishing Access' are maintained and cleaned regularly.
- Basso continues to stay busy.
- Water levels at Turlock Lake are shallow, which has slowed down use at TFA.

Frank Raines OHV Park/Deercreek Campground:

- Parks staff held a stakeholder meeting on February 6th and a public meeting on February 10th to obtain input for the 2021-2022 OHV grant cycle. The department has submitted preliminary Ground Operations grant applications for Frank Raines and La Grange OHV Parks for both parks' maintenance and operations.
- There was a break-in at the lower garage next to the on-site office at Frank Raines Park. The entry was through the roof. The target appeared to be the UTV used by park staff, and damages included the UTV ignition and a broken glass door on the side of the backhoe that is parked in front of the garage doors. Although UTV and Backhoe's roof were damaged, it does not appear that anything of real value was stolen.

Community Parks:

- **Fairview Park:** This park is experiencing severe, repeated graffiti. *See below pictures*
- **Riverdale Park and Fishing Access:** The Sheriff's office removed several vehicles of the 11 that were located along the shoreline adjacent to the park (Old Transfer Station site), who was responsible for cutting locks and bringing said vehicles through the park. Park continues to experience illegal access through the park and graffiti. *See below pictures*
- **Oregon Park:** Parks staff continue to clean up the debris from fires in the shade structure. *See below pictures*

- **Empire Park:** The New Empire Library has neared completion and is sharing our non-potable well for the irrigation of the Library’s landscaping.
- **Laird Park:** The graffiti in the restroom has been removed. Staff continues to deal with public dumping at this location. *See below pictures*
- **Las Palmas Fishing Access:** Park continues to experience graffiti and vandalism regularly at many locations, and this one is no exception. *See below pictures*

CSA 10:

- No update

CSA 19, 21, 22, 24 and 25 in Denair:

- No updates

Contract Service Locations:

- No Updates

County Centers: No Update

Proposed New Developments:

- Diablo Grande
- Keys North – will be a sub-account within CSA 26 – It’s currently under construction.
- Keys South - will be a sub-account within CSA 26
- Wenstrand Estates – Currently under construction, will be a sub-account within CSA 19. The basin and streetscape landscaping has been installed.
- Fairway 7 Estates - Currently under construction.
- The Enclave (Villas at Del Rio)

Parks Department Staffing Update:

CP/CC is currently down:

- 1 Park Maint. Worker II has been out on FMLA leave for seven months with an unknown return date
- 1 ParkMaint. Worker III has been out on FMLA leave for eight months, with an estimated return date of May 1, 2021
- Part-time Park Aide resigned mid-December for a position elsewhere with better pay.

Additionally, Parks has had many staff members out for various amounts of time-related to Covid-19.

Photos:

Fairview Park:



Laird Park – 6 of the many dumping pics...



Riverdale Park:



Oregon Park – fire issues:



Las Palmas:

