



**PARK COMMISSION**

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**AGENDA**

**Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.**

Department of Parks and Recreation  
3800 Cornucopia Way  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Modesto, CA

**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 May 8, 2014 Meeting	Commissioners
6.	Old Business	
	a. Draft Letter to Board	
	b. Attendance confirmations for the upcoming months	
	c. Brown Act and off-site tours	
	d. Mural Policy Update	
7.	Commission Goals	
	a. Increase Partnership	
8.	Staff Report	
	a. Monthly Staff Report	
9.	Commission Comment(s)	Commissioners
10.	Adjournment, the next meeting will be on:	
	Thursday, July 10, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.	
	Department of Parks and Recreation	
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**Reminders:**

Members due dates for Ethics training:

- i. Ron West-11/29/2014
- ii. Judy Loretelli-10/24/2014

Online Course Information Link: <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/index.php?id=477> (To take the course, you will find in the middle of the webpage a button labeled "Local Ethics Online Training (FREE)". Please note that you will be required to have an e-mail to take the course online.)

**Commission Goals of the Year:**

- 1. Enhance Board Communication
- 2. Increase Partnerships
- 3. Training and Education for Commissioners
- 4. Increase Awareness of Parks

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**MINUTES**  
**May 8, 2014, at 5:00 p.m.**  
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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chad Kennedy, ATL  
 Judith Loretelli, ATL  
 AnnaMarie Hallinan, D5  
 Betty Parker, D1  
 Ron West, D4

**PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:**

Merry Mayhew  
 Mae Song

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Brent Bohlender, D2

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

**A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS**

1. The meeting was called to order. Those in attendance introduced themselves. An excused absence was received for Brent Bohlender.

**ACTIONS**

*Chair*

**B. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comment was received.

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

**C. CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence was received.

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes for the April 10, 2014 meeting were approved upon motion and second.

**ACTIONS**

*West, Parker, unanimous approval*

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

The Hatch Park Ball Field project does not have a completion date for a ribbon-cutting ceremony as of yet. Estimated completion may be near July.

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

*Merry Rorabaugh*

**F. STAFF REPORTS**

1. A brief discussion was made of the importance of PAL programs in parks, including their participation in archery range activities.
2. Water levels are good at both reservoirs. Bodily water restrictions were lifted at Woodward Reservoir currently through July 7<sup>th</sup>—continuing recreational water levels will be revisited at that time. The Department is hopeful water levels will remain steady throughout the summer.
3. The fireworks celebration is on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July this year. The Department anticipates a good summer season beginning with the 4<sup>th</sup> on a Friday this year. OHV grant award statuses may be unknown until July. State OHV had no mention of limitation on fund requests. The Department has requested slightly more this year than the previous year. This grant covers both the regional OHV parks.

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

*Ron West*

*Merry Rorabaugh*

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**G. COMMISSIONER GOALS**

1. Commissioners discussed goals and priorities for the upcoming fiscal year,
  - a. Enhance Board Communication: communicate with the Board via a written update of projects and statuses. Members referenced to a letter previously sent to the Board in 2011. Ron will help draft the next correspondence letter. Suggestions were to include in the letter: Commission goals and progress, a reminder of the Commission's support

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

*Chad Kennedy*

\_\_Commissioners asked to receive notice of the next department volunteer recognition

of the Department facilities and needs, emphasize on the important role and function of the Department and its facilities and parks, take into consideration staff input, report progress of programs such as the volunteer program (volunteers received awards and a lunch for their service in April 2014), and finally, include an invitation to the Board welcoming them to the Commission meetings and events.

- b. Training and education for Commissioners: pamphlets of glossary terms and acronyms were provided to members, which included but not limited to California State Parks and Recreation, and Public Works terms and acronyms.

luncheon event. Members would like to attend.

\_\_Add standing agenda item of letters to the Board for the following months: January, June, and September.

**H. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

1. The coast guard auxiliary has expressed interest in providing boat inspections and watercraft information. Brochures are available.
2. Woodward Reservoir have had the Coast Guard provide boating inspections, however, the service didn't appear desirable by customers. Some handouts are available at the reservoirs, however, not handed out consistently due to concerns with litter in the park.
3. The Friends of the Empire Pool may be going away. There are no longer parties interested in maintaining the group. Scholarships are still available. There may have been some miscommunication of these scholarships. A suggestion was made for the group to be set up under PAL. PAL currently has a five year agreement for the operations of the Empire pool. The Friends group has done a tremendous job in supporting the pool for four years. A brief remembrance of how the pool was began and its fundraising efforts were shared.
4. Commissioners discussed having future tours of parks and facilities. Tours and events in lieu of a meeting were in question, whether if its activities remain in compliance with the Brown Act. An inquiry will be made to County Counsel to assist with the concern.
5. Attendance confirmations for the upcoming meetings were asked to be further discussed at the next meeting. Judy will not be able to attend the Commission meetings in July and August.

Ron West

Merry Rorabaugh

\_\_Ron and Betty will connect with PAL regarding scholarships available and future fundraisings by the group.

\_\_Commissioners to each bring their schedule to the next meeting to discuss quorum concerns.

**I. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Parks Commission will be held on:

**Thursday, June 12, 2014, at 5:00 p.m.**  
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**COMMUNITY PARKS/COUNTY CENTERS by Amanda Fife:**

- **Fairview Park:** The three pedestals BBQ's have been delivered. The installation date is pending delivery of the rest of the amenities. Those items (concrete picnic tables and family style BBQ) are anticipated to arrive sometime in June however we have not yet been able to get a firm date from the vendor but it looks like it may happen the week of June 16<sup>th</sup>.
- **Bonita Ranch Park:** The new lights in and around the park have been repaired and vandal proof shields have been installed to protect them. However, vandalism continues to be an ongoing problem in the park. Recently several sprinklers were vandalized resulting in a cost to the department of \$105.17. Two nights later 20 additional sprinklers were vandalized. On 5/3/14, staff found 24 more sprinklers that had been vandalized. In all incidents it appears that someone walked through the park and kicked the sprinklers while they were running. The total cost with labor and supplies for the first two incidents was \$1,219. The third incident is pending repairs and is expected to exceed \$1,200. Most of the damage was near the basketball court. Now that the park lighting is operating, people are using the basketball court past 10:00 p.m. Staff has rewired the irrigation timer so that the stations in this area come on later. But it hasn't seemed to have helped. We have had some trouble trying to configure everything due to some other complaints from residents who like to walk around the park. Watering near the sidewalks was creating problems for them in the morning hours. This is a large park and it takes from 9:00 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. to complete the watering cycle. We will continue to look for a resolution to the problem. We would also hope that members of the community will keep a watchful eye on the park now that the lighting is working. Calling in acts of vandalism or suspicious activity to the Sheriff's Department will go a long way towards curbing these types of incidents.
- **Frank Raines OHV:**  
The OHV riding trails will be closed for the fire season at the end of day on June 20, 2014. This date could be changed to an earlier closure if weather conditions give us cause for concern.
- **RWSTC:**  
PAL opened the pool for its regular swim season on May 27, 2014. Information regarding pool hours, swim lessons and pricing can be found at their website: [www.stanislauscountypal.org](http://www.stanislauscountypal.org)

**MODESTO RESERVOIR by Tom Dias:**

- Memorial Day Holiday went well.
- Staff replaced some park signs at Yates Point that were missing
- Working on cleaning up after the holiday and repairing water lines.
- The water level is now around 21.5 feet.

**LaGrange:**

- We mowed and removed weeds at the Roberts Ferry Cemetery.
- The gate at the dredge was replaced by T.I.D.
- The new LaGrange gate way sign will be dedicated 6/14/14

**LaGrange OHV:**

- The Iron Ranger was damaged by vandals. Staff has repaired it.

**WOODWARD RESERVOIR by Cheryl Jackson:**

- No report

**ADMINISTRATION by Cathy Gomez:**

- **OHV Grants: Received both grants for OHV.**

G13-03-20-G01	Ground Operations – Frank Raines	\$309,563
G13-03-20-G02	Ground Operations –La Grange	<u>\$116,950</u>
	TOTAL	\$426,513

- **Building of Hatch Park Baseball Field begins the week of June 9<sup>th</sup>**. Looking to complete the project the week of July 14<sup>th</sup>. Have an Opening Day with baseball teams volunteers/PAL has put together on July 19, 2014. (Tentative date)
- **4<sup>th</sup> of July Event:** All the plans have been finalized. The event will be on July 4, 2014. (Friday)
- **Received Public Facility Fees for the following items:**
  - Fence for Laird Park
  - New Fuel Pumps for Modesto Reservoir
  - New garbage bins for Modesto Reservoir
  - New Charcoal holders for Modesto Reservoir