



**PARK COMMISSION**

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**AGENDA**

**Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.**  
3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Modesto, CA 95358

**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. Parks Draft Master Plan	
6. Approval of Minutes for November 9, 2017 Meeting (There was no meeting in December)	Commissioners
7. Approval of 2018 Meetings Calendar	
8. Staff Highlights	Staff
9. Old Business	
10. Commission Comment(s)	Commissioners

**Adjournment, the next meeting will be on:  
Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.  
3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Modesto, CA 95358**

**Standing Reminders:**

- a. Elections in November
- b. July is Parks Month
- c. AB 1234-700 Forms (annual)
  - Link: <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/Form700.html>
- d. 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              |

Regular meetings are held at 5 p.m. the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at Stanislaus County Parks and Recreation in the Stanislaus Building, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room at 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA 95358. If you have an item you wish to be considered for a regular meeting agenda, please contact the Commission Secretary at (209) 525-6770, three (3) weeks prior to the regularly scheduled meeting.

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**MINUTES**

**November 9, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.**

Stanislaus Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C  
Modesto, CA 95358

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Zachary Keller, D2  
Joseph Sanchez, D3 (telephone conf.)  
Ron West, D4  
Veronica Plaughter-Macias, D5  
Chad Kennedy, ALT  
Ed Persike, ALT

**PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:**

Merry Mayhew

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Jim DeMartini

**A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order and those in attendance were introduced.

**ACTIONS**

*Zachary Keller*

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes for the September 10, 2017 meeting were approved upon motion and second as written. There was no quorum in October.

**ACTIONS**

*Kennedy, West,  
unanimous approval*

**C. STAFF HIGHLIGHTS**

1. The reservation system has brought in a good number of camping reservations this year. Several special events are to come near March. More specific dates will be announced later.
2. State Fish and Wildlife has plans to plant trout at the reservoirs. Meanwhile, waterfowl season is in progress.
3. La Grange OHV has two upcoming events this winter season. Frank Raines OHV Park was re-opened at the end of October with a kickoff by CORVA.
4. The community park restrooms are now open. Several areas have received tree work care, including Oregon Park. There are some proposed suburban developments underway. The Helen White Trail is being walked weekly by the Park Administration staff. The Sierra Club may look to assist in this area.
5. A draft Parks Master Plan is anticipated to be ready for presentation at the beginning of the new year. There will be several public meetings through the month of January with a formal commenting period.
6. The Firing Range and the Modesto Reservoir Fuel Pump projects are still underway.
7. A question was raised regarding the status of Mono Park's sale. CEO staff are still working on resolving issues relating to the sale. It is expected there will be meetings with the community. There were also regulations involving a public hearing. The Commission discussions were in favor of moving forward on the sale due to excessive loitering and prohibited activities in the park.
8. An inquiry was also made whether there were any developments with La Grange's dredge area; however, the area has had no change. A question was asked if the

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

*Merry Mayhew*

Department has any future plans with this area. This could be an area to be included in the new master plan, although, the County does own several historical areas still in its natural state.

9. On November 21<sup>st</sup>, an item will be going to the Board to pave the driveway area at Fairview Park. The project completion date will depend on weather conditions. If all goes well, the grand opening will be held in February.

#### **D. ELECTIONS**

#### **ACTIONS & REPORTER**

1. Mae Song was nominated and elected as Secretary, accepted via advance written notice, and seconded.
2. Zachary Keller was nominated and elected as Chairperson, accepted, and seconded.
3. Veronica Plaugher-Macias was nominated and elected as Vice Chairperson, accepted, and seconded.

*Keller, West, Unanimous Approval*

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*Keller, West, Unanimous Approval*

#### **E. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

#### **ACTIONS & REPORTER**

1. A brief discussion was made about service dogs and its regulatory enforcements of whether service dogs are following their requirements. The issue is being brought up due to recent disruptive issues with the local libraries.
2. Mrs. Plaugher-Macias mentioned bringing on at a later date the special speaker to provide a historical perspective relative to the sale of Mono Park due to the existing delays.

*Zachary Keller*

*Veronica Plaugher-Macias*

#### **F. 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 11, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. at 3800 Cornucopia Way, Stanislaus Building-2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Modesto, CA 95358.**

PREPARED BY: Mae Song, Park Commission Secretary

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#	County Observed Holidays	#	Park Commission Meetings
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Jan 1	New Year's Day	May 28	Memorial Day	Oct 8	Columbus Day	Nov 22	Thanksgiving Day
Jan 15	Martin Luther King Day	Jul 4	Independence Day	Nov 11	Veterans Day	Dec 25	Christmas Day
Feb 19	Presidents' Day	Sep 3	Labor Day	Nov 12	Veterans Day (observed)		

**WOODWARD RESERVOIR BY CHERYL JACKSON**

- Woodward Reservoir is in fall maintenance mode. Currently our visitation hasn't slowed down and our camping customers are enjoying the facility.
- We are gearing up for the special events beginning in March 2018
- Waterfowl season started off with a *BANG*, and our hunters seem very pleased with the new electronic draw.

**MODESTO RESERVOIR BY TOM DIAS**

- Modesto Reservoir allowed early goose hunting again this year to help reduce the number of geese at the reservoir. The goose hunt was September 31 - October 4, 2017. The regular waterfowl hunting season began October 21, 2017.
- Fish and Game should begin planting trout at the end of October.
- We completed our routine maintenance in A-Loop on October 13, 2017. More than half of the 90-amp electrical breakers had to be replaced. The breakers were old and worn out.
- Yahi Bowmen Archery Club will be holding an archery tournament at Modesto Reservoir on October 28, 2017 at the Modesto Reservoir Archery Range. They held a youth event on October 7, 2017.
- The iron ranger at the entrance station had to be repaired due to vandalism.

**La Grange OHV:**

- The entrance station at the LaGrange OHV Park is now open on the weekends.
- Stuck Fest-a social media 4x4 event is scheduled for October 28th at the LaGrange OHV park.

**La Grange :**

- The Kiwanis Youth Camp was reserved October 13-15 by the Christian Service Brigade.
- The Clampers provided volunteer service at Roberts Ferry Cemetery in October. They removed weeds and tree limbs. They also repaired a fence at Kiwanis Youth Camp.

**COMMUNITY PARKS, LAIRD PARK, & FRANK RAINES BY JAMES PURSLEY**

**Community Parks:**

- Fairview Park –Parking lot paving contract is scheduled to go to the Board on November 21<sup>st</sup> and the paving will occur soon after depending on the weather. The restroom has received its final inspection and parks staff are currently re-routing some of the plumbing and adding the irrigation equipment that is needed in the service well. Staff will complete this work and open the restroom as soon as possible. The shade shelter was completed over the Fairview Park playground.
- Oregon Park – Parks has contracted with Grover to remove a large limb from an Oak tree that is hanging over a neighboring property.
- Nineveh Outreach continues to deliver free groceries, clothing, medical services and children's programs at several Stanislaus County Park locations.

**Frank Raines Park/Campground:**

- Frank Raines OHV area has re-opened for the 2017/2018 season as of October 23rd.
- CORVA's Northern Jamboree was held at Deer Creek Campgrounds, Frank Raines OHV Park on October 27th – October 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Cycling 4 Veterans held a race on October 7th that came through Del Puerto Canyon with a stop/drink station at Frank Raines Park. Reference: <http://cycling4veterans.com/>

**Proposed New Developments:**

- Wenstrand Estates –Parks will meet with Planning, Public Works and the contractors reps. on October 13th to discuss the basin landscape options at this new subdivision. Parks will meet with PW onsite at the proposed development for a site walk to discuss any potential issues the contractor will need to address or resolve. Parks will then submit their landscape plan review and recommendations.
- Fairway 7 Estates - Parks just received an update plan copy for review and recommendations.

**Partnership Projects:**

- Helen White Trail –This location is being walked weekly by Parks Admin. It continues to suffer from public dumping and vandalism to the irrigation system.

**PARKS ADMINISTRATION**

- Parks Master Plan draft is anticipated before the end of the year and staff will bring the draft to the January Park Commission Meeting.
- Grayson Road Firing Range – A draft of the Interim Remedial Action Workplan is anticipated mid-November.
- Modesto Reservoir Fuel Pump Project – Staff are in negotiations with a vendor for this project.