



**PARK COMMISSION**

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**AGENDA**  
**Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.**  
3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C, Stanislaus Building  
**1st** Floor HI 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. Presentation: California Proposition 68: Parks, Environment, and Water Bond	Doug Houston
6. Approval of Minutes for February 8, 2018 Meeting (The meeting in March was cancelled.)	Commissioners
7. Staff Highlights	Staff
8. Form 700 Reminder (AB 1234) due this month	
9. Commission Comment(s)	Commissioners
10. Old Business	

**Adjournment, the next meeting will be on:**  
**Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.**  
3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C, Stanislaus Building  
2nd Floor Conference Room  
Modesto, CA 95358

**Standing Reminders:**

- a. Elections in November
- b. July is Parks Month
- c. FPPC 700 Forms (annual) (Due March 5, 2018)
  - 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              |

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

**February 8, 2018, 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  
 Ron West, D4  
 Veronica Plaughner-Macias, D5

**PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:**

Merry Mayhew  
 Mae Song

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Chad Kennedy, ALT  
 Joseph Sanchez, D3

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Jim DeMartini

**A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS**

- The meeting was called to order and those in attendance were introduced.
- An excused absence was received for Chad Kennedy.

**ACTIONS**

*Zachary Keller*

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes for the January 11, 2018 meeting were approved upon motion and second with a minor correction to section F4 as, "Commissioner Keller would like to see more priority focus in the underserved areas and parks in disrepair."

**ACTIONS**

*West, Plaughner-Macias, unanimous approval*

**C. STAFF HIGHLIGHTS**

- Woodward Reservoir was near full capacity over the holidays. T-Island will be getting new campsite pad replacements. New barbeque grills and concrete tables will be added near the picnic shelter area.
- The seasonal recruitments are underway for this summer's extra-help. Near April is when new hires will be brought on for extra help at the reservoirs. A question was raised about how the County looks at qualification. The Park Aide position is an entry level position with minimal qualifications. Typical tasks include picking up litter in the park and cleaning restrooms. The season is usually during the summer time, running from Memorial weekend through Labor Day weekend.
- Fairview Park's grand opening went well. Supervisor Jim DeMartini and Commissioner Ron West were able to attend. Due to the recent vandalism, restroom access will be limited to pre-authorized events and access. Commissioner West reported some graffiti on the ground concrete area.
- Litter pickup, brush and grading work is in progress at Riverdale Fishing Access to help improve the boat launch area.
- The Department has been fortunate these past many years to have dedicated volunteers to help maintain Laird Park's grounds maintenance work, however, the volunteers have requested that the County assume the full responsibility. A request will be made in Proposed Budget for additional funds to accommodate this additional maintenance.
- The Department is working on next year's OHV Grant submittal and will be holding a public workshop on February 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Harvest Hall building. The fees increase proposal will also be presented at the same meeting. A brief

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

*Merry Mayhew*

discussion covered Department recommendations on fee changes and comparisons. OHV fees remain low due to special grants from State licensing taxes. Commissioner West commented on potentially lowering the annual hunting fee as an effort to decrease the wild pig population in the Frank Raines Minnear area, and discussion ensued requesting information how many hunting permits are actually issued.

7. The Department is working with the CEO office on improvements ideas for Oregon Park, as this will be added to the discussion at a public community meeting still to be set, included in this discussion will be the sale of Mono Park.
8. The Grayson Road work plan has been submitted to DTSC for comments. Cleanup is still anticipated for this year if there are no unexpected delays.
9. The Master Plan community meetings have concluded with a few scattered incoming comments from the web links. The overall result of the community meetings was positive. The final plan is anticipated to be submitted to the Board in May.
10. The Department has two long term retirements; Cathy Gomez, the Department grant writer and Tom Dias, Park Manager, at Modesto Reservoir and its regional areas.

**D. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

1. The Tuolumne River Regional Park will have a festive event on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 honoring the accomplishments of the river cleanup efforts. Mr. West concludes with a comment about successful collaborative effort in reclaiming parks to its natural state for people to enjoy and not let it deteriorate.
2. The Commission briefly discussed illegal dumping issues in parks. Some illegal dumping was found to be from residents who are not subscribed to waste services. Stanislaus County has a mandatory waste subscription service per resident.

Ron West

Veronica Plaughter-Macias

**E. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Parks Commission will be held on, **Thursday, March 8, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. at 3800 Cornucopia Way, Stanislaus Building, HI Conference Room (downstairs), Modesto, CA 95358.**

PREPARED BY: Mae Song, Park Commission Secretary (209) 525-6770

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**WOODWARD RESERVOIR**

- SSJID replaced the intake screens at the upper intake and completed repair work in the upper canal. Water began flowing into the Reservoir on February 26<sup>th</sup> and is at approximately 205’.
- The Dobyn’s Challenge was held successfully on March 5, 2018 and the winner was a local pro fisherman from Turlock.

**MODESTO RESERVOIR**

- Waterfowl hunting season went well. Hunters are removing their blinds.
- Park Maintenance staff are working on weed control and installing the new concrete barbecues.
- Spring Fling archery tournament is scheduled for this month.
- Tree pruning has been completed in the campgrounds and some of the day use areas.
- Work has begun on the marina store fuel system upgrade. The project should be completed by mid-April.

**LA GRANGE OHV**

- February 9-11 Stuck Fest Event with approximately 740 day use vehicles and 345 campers.
- Staff are working on repairing some fences that were damaged during the event.
- The preliminary OHV Grant for FY 18/19 Operations and Maintenance has been submitted and the public comment period has opened.

**FRANK RAINES**

- The preliminary OHV Grant for FY 18-19 Operations and Maintenance has been submitted and the public comment period has opened.
- A preliminary OHV Restoration Grant for FY18/19 – 20/21 has been submitted.

**COMMUNITY PARKS & LAIRD PARK**

**Community Parks:**

- Fairview Park –Grand opening held in February and was a success.
- Oregon Park – Restrooms are being locked intermittently due to vandalism, including intentional plugging of toilet, defecating on the floor, etc.
- Broadway Park in Salida – A new, larger, Rules and Regulations sign has been installed near the shade structure. Two bollards and a cable have been installed to control the vehicle entry at the concession stand.

**CSA 10:**

- Segesta Park – Several lights along the entry and walking path have been repaired. Horseshoe Pits conversion project has been completed.

**PARKS ADMINISTRATION**

- Staff continue to work on the recommended fee increases. The public workshop took place on February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm along with the workshop for the OHV grant. No comments were received. Board briefings will begin soon.
- Parks Master Plan – Public comment period has ended and we are completing the final documents. We are still anticipating taking the Master Plan to the Board for approval in May 2018.
- Retirements:
  - Selection interviews for the Grant Writer position have been completed and the position was filled with an internal candidate as of March 5<sup>th</sup>. She will have approximately 8 days to train with Cathy prior to Cathy’s retirement on March 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Selection interviews have been completed for the Modesto Reservoir Manager position and an offer is pending.
- Modesto Reservoir Fuel Pump Project – Project has begun and anticipate completion by mid-April.