



PARK COMMISSION

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AGENDA
Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.
3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C, Stanislaus Building
2nd 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. Approval of Minutes for April 12, 2018 Meeting (There was no meeting in May)	Commissioners
6. Staff Highlights	Staff
7. Commission Comment(s)	Commissioners
8. Old Business	

Adjournment, the next meeting will be on:
Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.
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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 2nd Thursday of each month at Stanislaus County Parks and Recreation in the Stanislaus Building, on the 2nd 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

April 12, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.

Stanislaus Building, 1st Floor
3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C
Modesto, CA 95358

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Zachary Keller, D2
Veronica Plaughter-Macias, D5
Chad Kennedy, ALT

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Lisa Velarde
Mae Song

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Joseph Sanchez, D3
Ron West, D4

GUESTS PRESENT:

Jim DeMartini
Doug Houston
Eddie Mendoza,
Field Rep., Congressman Jeff Denham

A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

1. The meeting was called to order and those in attendance were introduced.
2. An excused absence was received for Ron West.

ACTIONS

Zachary Keller

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stanislaus County has committed \$250,000 to the Awesome Spot playground to help with ADA equipment. This donation will bring the goal up to thirty percent. The project will be presented to the City Council next month.

ACTIONS & REPORTER

Jim DeMartini

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the February 8, 2018 meeting were approved upon motion and second with review of section C-4 for content.

ACTIONS

*Plaughter-Macias,
Kennedy, unanimous
approval*

D. GUEST PRESENTATION: PROP 68

After five years of advancing a legislative process advocating for parks, this year has brought SB5 (De Leon D-Los Angeles) The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018. Doug Houston, President of Houston Magnani and Associates, legislative advocacy for various clients. Mr. Houston's focuses on items relative to getting people outdoors. The total SB5 consists of is approximately \$4.1 billion, which will be allocated by certain factors such as parks space, demographics, etc. There is a fact-finding tool providing demographics, disadvantaged, density and park-poor areas. New parks are granted extra points under this program. The tool comes highly recommended. More information can be found at www.parksforcalifornia.org. Historically, grants were found successful where areas in need were identified. The block grant designated for Stanislaus County is at around \$400,000. Additional Park/Resource related ongoing grant opportunities include: Active Transportation Program, Urban Greening, Recreation Trails Program, Land and Water Conservation Fund, Environmental Enhancement Mitigation Program.

ACTIONS & REPORTER

*Doug Houston, President
of Houston Magnani and
Associates*

E. STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

1. Staff highlight covering March and April were shared. A question was raised on what the water restriction is about. The water restriction is usually an annual restriction placed at the reservoir during an intake process by SSJID.

ACTIONS & REPORTER

Lisa Velarde

2. As part of South San Joaquin Irrigation District (SSJID)'s Urban Water Management Plan, required by the California Department of Water Resources, SSJID established the South County Water Supply Program (SCWSP), which provides supplemental, high quality drinking water to the local cities through a pipeline system. The water supply from the SCWSP comes from SSJID's senior pre-1914 appropriative water rights to the Stanislaus River.

3. The SCWSP consists of an intake facility, a water treatment plant at Woodward Reservoir (Walter J. Woodward Reservoir), one of the Stanislaus River's watershed, where water is diverted to Woodward Reservoir for storage. The system involves the flow of water by gravity from Woodward through one of two intakes, separated into upper and lower impoundments. Water is drawn from the upper impoundment/intake during the summer season when the irrigation flows to keep the water high. The lower intake is used in the fall/winter months for irrigation withdrawal. When this switch happens, bodily water contact is prohibited. This restriction is mainly an ongoing effort of water-quality control, safety, and SSJID's regulatory watershed management plan.

4. A question was asked as to how the Department is marketing the upcoming events at Woodward Reservoir. Some exposure are through social media, radio, and promotions at other events.

Mae Song

Lisa Velarde

F. COMMISSION COMMENTS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

The presentation reminded Mr. Keller of conservation corp relative to urban cities. Mrs. Plaughter-Macias commented on the vast amount of grant qualifying opportunities in the amount of unincorporated areas of Stanislaus County. Mr. Kennedy have experience with the grant resource tool provided and vouched for its resourcefulness.

Commissioners

G. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Parks Commission will be held on, **Thursday, May 10, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. at 3800 Cornucopia Way, Stanislaus Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Modesto, CA 95358.**

PREPARED BY: Mae Song, Park Commission Secretary

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WOODWARD RESERVOIR

- Woodward's annual boat expo was held in April. We had several boat vendors and over 40 boats with other vendors as well.
- Serenity Gathering Music Festival was held the last weekend of April and was a success. No concerns or issues with the event.
- The hiring of seasonal staff has started for the summer season.

MODESTO RESERVOIR

- Modesto Reservoir Staff are busy gearing up for the start of our summer busy season. Camp sites have been prepped and all the fields and road sides have been mowed, flailed or sprayed to minimize fire dangers.
- New Park aides and Accounts Clerk are hired and are being trained on maintenance or entrance station duties.
- The Marina Fuel Pump Project is complete.
- All of the asphalt work has been completed along with the Quagga mussel inspection zones.
- The archery range completed a new youth range target structure. The club will have three archery events this month.

Lagrange OHV:

- The OHV staff are busy maintaining trails and tracks along with daily clean up duties.
- LaGrange is expecting the last social media event "Stuckfest" of the season on May 18-20
- Kiwanis hosted the Christian Brigade which brought 80-100 kids. On April 11th, there will be an event at Kiwanis.
- An RV was abandoned at Basso bridge parking lot causing a nuisance. Deputies could not find a tow company to tow it away so DER stepped in and hired a tow company to tow away the abandoned RV.

COMMUNITY PARKS & LAIRD PARK

Community Parks:

- Parklawn Park – Parks is requesting a plumbing service to come out to this location for a plugged sewer mainline. Also at this location, someone tore up the patch in the pour and play surface. Another patch kit is being ordered to make the repair.
- Empire Pool/Park – The Empire Park well has developed an issue to where it is making a slamming noise as it turns on. Amerine, the original installer, has been contacted to come out and preview the issue and give us an estimate for repair.
- Laird Park – Quotes are being obtained for fencing around the pond where TID's discharge feeds into. Erosion and damage from the last two years of high water have resulted. This quote came in at nearly \$10,000, so Parks staff will put up some five feet non-climb style fence for a temporary fix next month to resolve Camp Taylor's concerns until funding for a more permanent fence can be obtained.
- Shiloh Fishing Access – A key has been requested and will be given to State Fish and Wildlife for access to this location so they can launch boats and perform other activities in regards to monitoring and trapping of Nutria. Nutria are a very large type of rodent the live near the in and near the water.
- United Community Park in Grayson - Someone started a fire on the playground set and melted a very large hole in the walking deck, damage has resulted in about \$1,700 worth of replacement parts. These parts are now on order and will be installed when they arrive.
- Hunters Point – This location recently had a sprinkler valve stick open when the sprinklers cycled at night which resulted in that station staying on and running all night and into the next day. Parks staff responded to the complaint, turned the water off temporarily and has repaired the valve.
- Bonita Ranch Park – Three quotes have been obtained for the repair and reseal of the basketball court at this location. The PO has been requested and the work will be completed before the end of the fiscal year.
- This unit is short on Park staff due to several long leaves of absence. The staff are doing their best to get every location mowed and weeds knocked down, vandalism repaired and other project works during the season, as well as meeting requests for exclusive use of picnic shelters at several park locations.

Frank Raines Park/Campground:

- Frank Raines – After receiving comments from both the public and the OHV commission from the preliminary grant submittal, Parks staff has made several of the suggested changes and has submitted the final submission for the OHV Grant for FY 18/19.
- An event is scheduled for May 12th at Frank Raines Park with up to 1500 attendees anticipated.

PARKS ADMINISTRATION

- Recommended Fees - Public Hearing will be held on May 22nd and if approved fees will be effective June 22, 2018.
- Master Plan – An agenda item and presentation is tentatively scheduled for Board approval on May 22, 2018.
- Grayson Road Firing Range – Request for Proposals has been posted and we held a mandatory bid walk.
- Proposed Budget has been submitted and we are responding to questions from the Chief Executive Office as they prepare their documents and for Board presentations.
- We have multiple recruitments at this time: 2 Park Maintenance III full time positions which could also result in a domino effect in the department; several full time park aide positions that are vacant due to staff leaving county service for other opportunities, and for promotional opportunities within the County; and multiple seasonal park aide and account clerk recruitments that are on-going annually.

**Proposition 68 - The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access
For All Act of 2018 (SB 5 [de León])**

Total: \$4 billion*

Parks and Natural Resources Funding: \$2.83 B

Chapter 2: Investments in Environmental and Social Equity, Enhancing California's Disadvantaged Communities

- \$725 M to DPR for parks in park-poor neighborhoods

Chapter 3: Investments in Protecting, Enhancing, and Accessing California's Local and Regional Outdoor Spaces (\$285 M)

- \$200 M to DPR for local park grants on a per capita basis
- \$15 M to DPR for park and recreation grants for jurisdictions with a population of 200,000 or less
- \$30 M to DPR for competitive grants to local park districts, open space districts, and open space authorities to create, expand, or restore parks
 - \$5 M for projects in units of the state park system managed by nonprofits
- \$40 M to DPR for grants to local agencies that have approved local park revenue measures

Chapter 4: Restoring California's Natural, Historic, and Cultural Legacy

- \$218 M to DPR for existing state parks and improving public access
 - \$10 M available for enterprise projects
 - \$5 M for local agencies that operate a unit of the state park system
 - \$18 M for fairground facility improvements
 - \$30 M for low cost coastal accommodations
 - \$25 M for natural resource projects in state parks

Chapter 5: Trails and Greenway Investment

- \$30 M to CNRA for competitive grants for non-motorized infrastructure development and enhancements that improve access
 - Up to 25% for innovation transportation programs that expand outdoor experiences to disadvantaged youth

Chapter 6: Rural Recreation, Tourism, and Economic Enrichment Investment

- \$25 M to DPR for competitive grants to non-urbanized areas (Roberti-Z'berg-Harris Urban Open-Space and Recreation Program)

Chapter 7: California River Recreation, Creek, and Waterway Improvements Program

- \$162 M for the River Parkways and Urban Streams Restoration Programs.
 - \$37.5 M to Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
 - \$37.5 M for Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountain Conservancy
 - \$16 M for the Santa Ana River Conservancy Program
 - \$10 M to the Lower American River Conservancy Program
 - \$3 M for the Los Gatos Creek and Guadalupe River
 - \$3 M for the Russian River
 - \$10 M Santa Margarita River
 - \$5 M Clear Lake
 - \$10 M River Parkways Program
 - \$10 M Urban Streams Restoration Program
 - \$20 M river parkway projects in Glendale
 - The remainder to the CNRA for grants.

Chapter 8: State Conservancy and Authority Funding (\$767 M)

- \$30 M to the Salton Sea Authority
 - \$10 M for New River
- \$180 M to state conservancies for drought/water investments:
 - \$6 M to Baldwin Hills Conservancy
 - \$27 M to California Tahoe Conservancy
 - \$7 M to Coachella Mountains Conservancy
 - \$12 M to Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy
 - \$12 M to San Diego River Conservancy
 - \$30 M to Lower Los Angeles River and Mountains Conservancy
 - \$6 M to San Joaquin River Conservancy
 - \$30 M to Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
 - \$30 M to Sierra Nevada Conservancy
 - \$20 M to State Coastal Conservancy (Measure AA match)
- \$137 M to the Wildlife Conservation Board
 - \$5 M development of RCISs
 - \$52 M for Natural Community Conservation Planning
 - Up to \$10 M to the UC Natural Reserve System
- \$200 M to CNRA for voluntary settlement agreements

Based on amends as of 9-9-17 *Note that the bond allocates \$100 million of unissued bonds from Props 1, 40, and 84, so the total amount of allocations in SB 5 adds up to \$4.1 billion total.

- \$50 M to Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) for deferred maintenance
- \$170 M to CNRA for Salton Sea

Chapter 9: Ocean, Bay, and Coastal Protection

- \$ 175 M for the protection of coastal and ocean resources
 - \$35 M to Ocean Protection Trust Fund
 - \$30 M to the State Coastal Conservancy for low cost coastal accommodations
 - \$85 M State Coastal Conservancy for protection of coastal watersheds
 - 25% to the SF Bay Area Conservancy Program
 - \$20 M for coastal forests
 - \$5 M for coastal habitat associated with estuarine lagoons and designated wildlife areas

Chapter 10: Climate Preparedness, Habitat Resiliency, Resources Enhancement, and Innovation (\$443 M)

- \$18 M to WCB for direct expenditures and grants
- \$20 M to remove barriers to between habitat areas and increase connectivity
 - \$10 M for the California Waterfowl Habitat Program
- \$25 M to restore rivers and streams in support of fisheries and wildlife
 - \$5 M salmon and steelhead projects in Klamath-Trinity watershed
- \$60 M to improve wildlife or fish passage
 - \$30 M to the DFW for southern California steelhead habitat
- \$60 M for upper watersheds in the Sierra Nevada and Cascades
- \$30 M to DFW to improve conditions for fish and wildlife in streams
- \$40 M Ocean Protection Trust Fund
 - 35% to the SF Bay Area Conservancy Program
 - 12% to the West Coyote Hills program
- \$30 M for innovative farm practices that improve climate resilience
 - \$10 M to CDFA for grants to improve climate change resiliency
 - \$20 M to DOC to enhance natural working lands
- \$50 M to the Department of Forestry & Fire Protection
 - 30% of this shall be for urban forestry projects
- \$40 M to the California Conservation Corps
- \$60 M to CNRA to restore Native American natural resources, convert former fossil fuel power plants to open space, and other projects
 - \$20 M multibenefit green infrastructure benefitting DACs

Water Funding: \$1.27 B

Chapter 11: Clean Drinking Water and Drought Preparedness

- \$250 M for clean and safe drinking water
 - \$30 M for regional supply projects in San Joaquin area

Chapter 11.1: Groundwater Sustainability

- \$80 M for groundwater cleanup

Chapter 11.5: Flood Protection & Repair

- \$550 M total for flood protection and repair
 - \$350 M for flood protection facilities and levee improvements
 - \$50 M for delta levee repairs
 - \$300 M multibenefit flood projects
 - \$100 M for stormwater, mudslide, and other flood-related protections
 - \$100 M for urban multibenefit flood projects

Chapter 11.6: Regional Sustainability for Drought and Groundwater, and Water Recycling

- \$290 M total for regional sustainability
 - \$50 M for groundwater sustainability plans
- \$100 M for water recycling
 - \$20 M CDFA for SWEEP program