



**PARK COMMISSION**

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**AGENDA**  
**Thursday, September 13, 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 August 9, 2018 Meeting	Commissioners
6. Staff Highlights	Staff
7. Commission Comment(s)	Commissioners
8. Old Business	

**Adjournment, the next meeting will be on:**  
**Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.**  
**3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C, Stanislaus Building**  
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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 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**  
**August 9, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.**

Stanislaus Building, 2nd Floor  
 3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C  
 Modesto, CA 95358

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Brandon Cody, D1  
 Zachary Keller, D2  
 Joseph Sanchez, D3  
 Ron West, D4  
 Chad Kennedy, AL  
 Kyle Fiflet, AL

**PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:**

Merry Mayhew  
 Mae Song

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Veronica Plaughner-Macias, D5

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

**A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS**

- The meeting was called to order.
- An excused absence was received for Veronica Plaughner-Macias.

**ACTIONS**

*Zachary Keller*

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes for the July 12, 2018 meeting were approved upon motion and second.

**ACTIONS**

*Kennedy, Sanchez, unanimous approval*

**C. STAFF HIGHLIGHTS**

- The two Reservoirs doesn't have much to report but the busy park traffic during this time of the year. Woodward Reservoir has received notice of the annual water restriction taking effect on Tuesday, September 4, 2018.
- The La Grange OHV Park entrance station has damages from a vehicle running into the station. The remaining pieces of the entrance station has been demolished. The Park's cemented iron ranger was stolen completely in the following weekend. A stolen semi-truck was found in the back of the park; the vehicle was stuck, caught on fire and abandoned.
- ASD Crawlers will be out at Frank Raines again this year on August 18<sup>th</sup> for their annual fundraiser event.

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

*Merry Mayhew*



4. More vandalism to the restroom door was discovered at Fairview Park. The restroom door has no door stop nor a lock cover to prevent someone from prying through the door. The Department is looking at options to replace the locks with new locks that can better withstand vandalism.
5. Mono Park continues to have the same issues. The Department is working on these issues on an ongoing basis. New tables and benches have been purchased to be placed at Empire Pool.
6. A new event, Dirty Bird Campout, is coming to Modesto Reservoir. The event is planned for October 4<sup>th</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup>. The board agenda item is planned to be submitted sometime late August or September.
7. The Department is still working with the vendor MT2 on the Grayson firing range cleanup of lead and the berm. The project will be re-submitted to the Board soon. There will be a second stage to remove the recently discovered debris in the area at a later date. Commissioner West commented for the Department to look at whether some usages could occur without requiring the stage two clearance.
8. The Parks Master Plan has been submitted to Capital Improvement Projects. The Department received the annual Effective Partnership award for Fairview Park's project. The award will be presented at the August 21<sup>st</sup> evening Board of Supervisors meeting.

#### D. WILD BOAR

#### ACTIONS & REPORTER

The Wild Boar bill makes it easier for landowners to kill pigs. The previous process may require a kill permit. The Bill is still in progress with potentially more changes to come. The Department has a permit for hunting at Frank Raines. Permits are issued at a maximum rate of 20 hunters per day limited in the Frank Raines Minnear day use park.

*Zach Keller*

#### E. COMMISSION COMMENTS

#### ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. Commissioner Cody reviewed Woodward Reservoir's visitation data and shared that April through October are the heavier use months. He suggested a fee reduction during the slower months to promote visitors during the winter season. This promotion can potentially generate a guess estimate of a couple thousands of dollars. The Board should be made aware of the preference for portions of this potential revenue to remain within the Department. The Department fee proposal process requires comparable research prior to any fee change recommendations. Comparables can be skewed as competitors will adjust fees to the same level within each other. Commissioner Cody stated that the argument should be that it's tied to the Department's productive capacity and value. Inadequate funding and financing can be used to support the argument; consequently, the user fee would be inadequate. Commissioner Keller found the idea interesting, however, believes an introduction is needed to the Board. Support for Department programs can come from the marketing plan.
2. The Commission briefly discussed the Fresno city article on a three-eighths of a cent tax for parks and arts, and is interested in exploring the idea for Stanislaus County. Commissioner Kennedy commented that the fund can be directed to a park district and not the County for such a proposal to become more attractive. Commissioner Cody express interest in working with the Department on private partnerships, sponsorships and connecting with the local Chamber of Commerce. The private sector may not be as informed of the potential use of parks venues.

*Commissioners*

#### 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, September 13, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. at 3800 Cornucopia Way, Stanislaus Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, Modesto, CA 95358.**