



## PARK COMMISSION

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## AGENDA

**Thursday, January 10, 2019 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)	
	a. Marketing Coordinator	
4.	Public Comment(s)	
5.	Approval of Minutes for November 8, 2018 Meeting	Commissioners
6.	Staff Highlights	Staff
7.	Commission Goals, Mission	
8.	Commission Comment(s)	Commissioners
9.	Old Business	

**Adjournment, the next meeting will be on:**

**Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.**

3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C, Stanislaus Building  
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### Standing Reminders:

- Elections in November
- July is Parks Month
- FPPC 700 Forms (annual)
  - Link: <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/Form700.html>
- 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

**November 8, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.**

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

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ron West, D4  
Veronica Plaughter-Macias, D5  
Chad Kennedy, AL  
Kyle Fiflet, AL

### PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Jami Agers  
Merry Mayhew  
Mae Song

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Zachary Keller, D2  
Joseph Sanchez, D3

### GUESTS PRESENT:

Jim DeMartini  
Jenifer West

### A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

1. The meeting was called to order.
2. Ron West announced his resignation from the Park Commission after 20 years as a Park Commissioner.

#### ACTIONS

*Veronica Plaughter-Macias*

### B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the October meeting were approved upon motion and second.

#### ACTIONS

*Kennedy, West,  
unanimous approval*

### C. STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

1. Merry Mayhew, on behalf of the Department of Parks and Recreation, presented Ron West with a special plaque to thank him for the 20 years he had served on the Park Commission, and for his contributions to the community.



#### ACTIONS & REPORTER

*Merry Mayhew*

2. The Reservoirs are on a full maintenance schedule during this slower winter season as trees are pruned and repairs are made. The water restriction at Woodward is still in effect. The recent colder temperatures will aid in the bodily water contact restriction.
3. The Catfish Community Gathering and Music Festival was a one-day acoustic music event which included food and merchandise sale. Despite attendance being lower than expected for their first event, they are interested in returning to Woodward Reservoir.

4. Modesto Reservoir hosted the Dirtybird Campout. The event brought on various activities through the day and a musical festival through the evening. A silent disco was made available past the quiet hours.
5. Waterfowl hunting season has begun at the Reservoirs. The Yahi Bowmen held their annual Fall Fling event at Modesto's archery range in October. The Kiwanis campground have had several camping events.
6. La Grange OHV Park had a Stuckfest event in October and is anticipating another in November. A temporary entrance station has been placed until the permanent structure arrives. The Department plan to place barriers to prevent another similar incident.
7. Manos Unidos have agreed to assist with the everyday opening/closure of the restrooms at Fairview Park. A question was asked if last month's reported lighting issue in the park was resolved. The Park has perimeter lighting, however, a quote can be obtained for other identified areas of the park as needed. Manos Unidos has expressed interest in funding the additional lighting needs. A quote would be provided to Mr. Sanchez as soon as the area and location of the lighting is identified.
8. Riverdale's chain link fence has been replaced. Oregon Park's restrooms were vandalized and are at this time closed until further notice. The Department has created flyers on how to go online to report issues in neighborhood parks. This was shared at the community meetings by the Department liaison. The Fox Grove Park bridge project has begun. Bonita Ranch Park's vandalized irrigation system and turf in the process of repair.
9. Frank Raines OHV Park is open for the season. With the newly hired maintenance staff, the Park has been focused on maintenance for the OHV peak season.
10. The Grayson Road project ground excavation is underway with berm now completely down.
11. The Department were approached by interested parties to hold drag boat races at Modesto Reservoir. The Department will be looking into past similar events for safety guidelines.

**D. COMMISSION COMMENTS****ACTIONS & REPORTER**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Commissioner West thanked everyone, passing along his thoughts to Supervisor DeMartini and the Department, <i>money spent on parks and recreation is worth more than money spent putting kids in jail</i>. Mr. West advocates for supporting parks and getting the community involved; lastly, adding a dog park. Jami Aggers, Director of Parks and Recreation, thanked Ron for all the years of service and contribution to parks.</li> <li>2. Commissioner Kennedy shared the latest outcome of the Fresno for Park local tax effort. The Measure P ballot did not pass, which could be due to the lack of community support. Mr. Kennedy stated this would be a good example for future efforts.</li> <li>3. Commissioner Plaugher-Macias commented that she took noticed of the Department's billboard advertising along highway 99. The Department was asked to invite the Marketing Coordinator to attend the next Park Commission meeting. This will be added to the next agenda.</li> </ol> | <p>Ron West</p><br><br><p>Jami Aggers</p><br><br><p>Chad Kennedy</p><br><br><p>Veronica Plaugher-Macias</p> |
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**E. 2019 MEETING CALENDAR****ACTIONS**

The 2019 meeting calendar was approved upon motion and second.

Fiflet, Kennedy,  
unanimous approval

**F. ELECTIONS****ACTIONS**

1. A nomination was received for Zachary Keller as chairperson, passing motion and second.
2. A nomination was received for Veronica Plaugher-Macias as vice chairperson, passing motion and second.
3. A nomination was received for Mae Song as secretary, passing motion and second.

*West, Plaugher-Macias,  
unanimous approval*

*Kennedy, West, unanimous  
approval*

*Plaugher-Macias,  
Kennedy, unanimous  
approval*

**G. OLD BUSINESS****ACTIONS**

Commissioner Kennedy reminded the group to revisit the Commission goals. This will be added to the next agenda.

*Fiflet, Kennedy,  
unanimous approval*

**H. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING**

There will be no meeting in December

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Parks Commission will be held on, **Thursday, January 10, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. at 3800 Cornucopia Way, Stanislaus Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, Modesto, CA 95358.**

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

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### **Woodward and Modesto Reservoir**

- Woodward Reservoir is currently in fall maintenance mode with tree pruning and some removals. We are still under the no body water contact order and with that are the ongoing patrols of keeping folks out of the water with these warm temperatures. We recently had the Campfish Campout Music festival that was a one day event of acoustical musicians, food and merchandise vendors. The attendance was low as it was their first festival at Woodward; however, they are looking at holding two more festivals this Spring and we are working with them on how we can assist with the marketing.
- Modesto Reservoir has had an exciting event the past month. Aside from regular maintenance and clean up, staff have been busy with special events.
- The Dirty Bird Campout was held at Modesto Reservoir on October 4-8. The camping and music event had activities during the day which included, archery, dodge ball, float races, talent shows and yoga clinics. They had food vendors throughout the event. During the night music was played in two stages and for the people who still wanted to listen to music past the quiet hours a silent disco was available. The Music event brought approximately 7,000 attendees. The event went well. No major incidents were reported. The Sheriff's reported minimal issues and incoming and outgoing traffic was well organized.
- Duck hunting season has opened up at the Reservoirs. Regular hunt kicked off on October 20th and will run until Feb 13th.
- The Yahi Bowmen held their Annual Fall Fling event out at the archery range on October 21st.
- Kiwanis Youth Camp hosted the Christian Brigade and the Pathfinders. The Pathfinders brought 400 kids to the camp on October 18th-20th.
- LaGrange OHV Park has started to see an increase in visitation on the weekends. LaGrange OHV will have a Halloween Stuckfest on October 26th-28th which is expected to bring in a large crowd to the park.
- Staff will be collecting fees in a temporary entrance station. A permanent building will be built to replace the entrance station that was damaged from a hit and run collision in July. The new station should be in by the end of the year or early next year.

### **Community Parks:**

- Fairview Park – A volunteer with Manos Unidas has offer to assist parks with opening and closing the restrooms at Fairview Park for soccer and other County sanctioned activities.
- Riverdale- The chain-link fence that originally separated the park/fishing access from the adjacent abandoned transfer station property will be replaced in the coming months.
- Oregon Park – After recently reopening the restrooms from vandalized repairs, the restrooms were once again rendered unusable due to the toilets being clogged with various items in addition to human waste on the floor/walls, etc.
- Fox Grove Park –This project has begun. Staff worked with the contractor to relocate an irrigation valve box and associated wiring, abandoning at least one sprinkler that fell within the proposed access road.
- Bonita Ranch Park – Staff is regularly addressing irrigation issues at this location due to sprinklers being repeatedly damage, it is believed that kids are kicking them over, breaking them. Staff also recently chased out some kids on dirt bikes/motorcycles that were damaging the turf and creating a mess.

### **Frank Raines Park:**

- Frank Raines – Parks staff and volunteers are currently working on maintenance projects in preparation for the opening of OHV season. This has so far consisted of repairing or replacing any damaged or non-functioning lighting, repainting an epoxy floor and covering recent graffiti in both sides of the campground restrooms, tree trimming and general detail cleanup.
- The Frank Raines Off Highway Vehicle Park opened as of Friday October 26, 2018.

### **Parks Administration**

- The Grayson Road Firing Range project is underway and the berm is completely down.
- Staff is looking into a rental Entrance Station for La Grange to use for a few months until we can get the funding approved for the project through our First Quarter Budget process.
- Staff has been approached by interested parties in holding drag boat races at Modesto Reservoir. These were held in the past from the 1960s through the 1990s. We are reviewing these options.



# Advisory Board

## Mission Statements

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### **PARK COMMISSION Mission Statement**

Working with the citizens of Stanislaus County to enhance the community and social needs of our citizens by providing places and events that add to the quality of life, by providing places of rest, relaxation, education, adventure, and recreation; preserving open space, protecting our historical resources and scenic values that enhances recreational opportunities, and conserving our natural resources for future generations; and creating parks and recreation programs to help alleviate juvenile delinquency.

Providing these services with integrity, continuous improvement of these services and programs at the most reasonable cost.

We are aware of our stewardship responsibilities to use all of the assets of our County. We listen to our citizens to understand and meet their requirements. We endeavor to exceed our citizen's expectations. We desire to be "Easy to Do Business With."

### **DEPARTMENT Mission Statement**

To implement the policies established by the Board of Supervisors pertaining to parks, which includes acquiring, developing, and maintaining recreation areas serving every segment of society, including the disabled and economically disadvantaged. To provide the leadership necessary to develop and manage parks and recreation facilities in ways that will provide the best possible experience for people to enjoy the outdoors at the most reasonable costs.

# ADVISORY BOARD



## Mission Vision Values



**The vision of Stanislaus County is to be respected for our service to the community and known as the best in America.**

### values

Trustworthiness | Respect | Responsibility | Fairness  
Caring | Citizenship

### priorities

Supporting Strong & Safe Neighborhoods  
Supporting Community Health  
Developing a Healthy Economy  
Promoting First-Rate Learning  
Delivering Efficient Public Services & Community Infrastructure

*Our mission is to serve the community through public and private partnerships that promote public health, safety, welfare and the local economy in an efficient, cost-effective manner. Striving together to be the best!*



## Summary of Board Priorities and Goals



### *Supporting strong and safe neighborhoods for individuals and families to thrive*

- ◆ Focus on the safety of our neighborhoods and strengthening our communities
- ◆ Demonstrate responsiveness to reported trends in criminal activity
- ◆ Improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the criminal justice system
- ◆ Ensure local and regional disaster preparedness
- ◆ Reduce pet overpopulation
- ◆ Promote public awareness



### *Supporting community health including physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health*

- ◆ Focus on the health and well-being (physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually) of our families
- ◆ Promote and provide access to services that support continued health, self-sufficiency, accountability, protection and independence
- ◆ Focus on assisting families and individuals who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness, to permanently escape homelessness



### *Developing a healthy economy, building upon our strong agricultural foundation*

- ◆ Focus on engaging families to participate in and be supported by a healthy economy
- ◆ Facilitate job creation
- ◆ Promote an attractive regional environment
- ◆ Promote adequate/affordable housing
- ◆ Support and promote agricultural products, education, technology and innovation
- ◆ Protect agricultural resources
- ◆ Manage threats to agriculture



### *Promoting first-rate learning opportunities for all residents in support of community and individual prosperity*

- ◆ Focus on access for all children and young people to a first-rate education – from cradle to career



### *Delivering efficient public services to benefit our residents and businesses*

- ◆ Improve customer satisfaction
- ◆ Increase e-government services and transactions
- ◆ Improve the efficiency of County government processes
- ◆ Improve energy efficiency



### *Delivering community infrastructure to benefit our residents and businesses*

- ◆ Ensure reliable water sources – quality and quantity
- ◆ Improve transportation circulation
- ◆ Promote effective solid waste disposal
- ◆ Develop a comprehensive flood control strategy