



**PARK COMMISSION**

Zachary Keller, Chair  
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**AGENDA**  
**Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY REMOTELY OBSERVE THE MEETING VIA TELEPHONE.  
THIS MEETING WILL NOT INCLUDE IN PERSON ATTENDANCE.**

Meeting will be online with Microsoft Teams  
1-559-512-3189 United States, Fresno (Toll)  
1-888-370-6086 United States (Toll-Free)  
Conference ID: 892 487 325#

**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. New Commissioner – District 4	
4. Public Comment(s)	
5. Approval of Minutes for May 13, 2021 Meeting	Commissioners
6. Staff Highlights	Staff
7. Commission Comment(s)	Commissioners
8. Old Business	Commissioners

**Adjournment, the next meeting will be on:  
Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.  
Meeting will be at held virtually via Microsoft Teams  
Call In number and Conference ID will be published with Agenda**

**Standing Reminders:**

- a. Elections in November
- b. July is Parks Month
- c. FPPC 700 Forms (annual)
  - 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              |

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**PARK COMMISSION**  
*Zachary Keller, Chair Joseph Sanchez, Vice Chair*  
*Jaclyn Dwyer, Director, Parks and Recreation*

**MINUTES**

**May 13, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**

Meeting held online with Microsoft Teams  
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 Conference ID:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Zachary Keller, D2  
 Kyle Fliflet, AL  
 Christopher Flynn, D5

**PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:**

Jaclyn Dwyer  
 Lisa Velarde

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Joseph Sanchez, D3

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

None

**A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS**

**ACTIONS**

- The meeting was called to order.

*Zachary Keller*

**B. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- None

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ACTIONS**

- Minutes for the November 2020 and January 2021 meetings were approved upon motion and seconded.

*Keller, Flynn, unanimous approval.*

**D. GUEST COMMENT**

**ACTIONS**

- None

**E. STAFF HIGHLIGHTS****ACTIONS & REPORTER**

Jaclyn Dwyer

April

**Woodward Reservoir:**

- Revenue for April was \$183,004.87 compared to April 2019 of \$109,698.27, an increase of \$73,306.60.
- Staff is currently working on weed abatement, excessive mowing, tree work, and fire ring/bbq replacement. Routine maintenance on the vaulted and full-service restrooms, such as painting and minor repairs, continues.
- The no body-to-water contact order was lifted on April 2, 2021.
- Weekends are booked in the reservation areas.
- Visitation has been excessive due to the unseasonably warm weather
- Seasonal staff hiring is on the third recruitment and is at about half seasonal staffed.
- The lettered areas and the north side were mowed for fire fuel reduction.
- Fishing has been reported to be great.
- Camping and day use is open to area D, the rest of the lettered areas will be open when staffing levels are appropriate.

**Modesto Reservoir:**

- Revenue for March 2021 was \$149,063 an 88% increase compared to March 2019 \$79,043.
- Staff continues to do Routine Maintenance on the campgrounds and bathrooms.
- We are open to all public for day use and camping.
- Modesto Reservoirs continues to see a major uptick in visitation.
- Modesto Reservoir staff is currently working on repainting all restrooms
- Modesto Reservoir is still recruiting season positions.
- Staff is working on flailing all road sides and mowing down grass and spraying weeds to mitigate any fire dangers as temperatures continue to rise.

**Archery Range: Yahi Bowmen:**

- The Archery club members continued to mow and maintain the archery range and targets.
- The Club has canceled all events for the rest of the year.

**Kiwanis Youth Camp:**

- The facility is routinely maintained, bathrooms cleaned, and lawns mowed.
- Club camping is still closed due to Covid-19 restrictions.

**LaGrange OHV:**

- Revenue in April 2021 was \$10,019, a 146% increase compared to April 2019 \$4,065.
- Trail work, erosion control, fencing, and facility cleanup are done routinely.
- The off-road park is busy and is heavily used on the weekends.
- The park is open for day use and camping.

**Basso Fishing Access/TFA:**

- Both Fishing Accesses are maintained and cleaned regularly.
- Basso continues to stay busy.
- TFA is starting to see an uptick in visitation due to weather and TID has begun raising the water levels at Turlock Lake.

**LaGrange Park:**

- The park and restroom is cleaned and maintained regularly
- Regularly maintain lawns and trees at the Old schoolhouse.

**Frank Raines Park/Campground:**

- The OHV day use and campground remain very busy even though we are operating on a reduced foot print in the OHV Park due to the fire last year. We will close the OHV Park in June as normal for Fire Season. During this summer closure we will proceed with the upgrades to the water treatment plant and the second phase of the campground RV circuits electrical system.

**Community Parks:**

- **Riverdale Park and Fishing Access** - The new lock that was placed on the gate here last month has already been broken.
- **Oregon Park** – Parks Staff discovered a deceased male at this location on the morning of 4/30. Emergency services were called and they stated that this person had passed several hours earlier.
- **Burbank Park** – The large tree that fell at this location last month has all been removed as soon as possible.
- **Leroy Fitzsimmons Park** – Parks staff are working on Park improvements that may include removing the existing metal climber, slide and swings with a sand safety surface and replacing them with a raised play structure, two slides, a climber and pour-in-place safety surfacing. This project is pending Per Capita Prop 68 approval.
- **Regional Water Safety Center in Empire** – The refurbishment project for the kiddie play feature within the kiddie pool will be completed in June with only a minor closure of the facility during the week this refurbishment will take place.

**CSA-10:**

- **Segesta Park** – The well at this location is not bringing the irrigation system up to full pressure immediately and instead it cycles up and down repeatedly for maybe five minutes before coming up to full pressure. We will have a pump company come out to investigate and repair as needed.

**Proposed New Developments:**

- Diablo Grande
- Keys North – will be a sub account within CSA 26. This development has completed the construction of the landscaped basin that will abut and become Hatch Park's continuance. The vehicle access barrier has been installed, trees planted, and the basin has been hydro seeded.
- Keyes South – will be a sub-account within CSA 26. Currently under construction.
- Wenstrand Estates – Currently under construction, will be a sub-account within CSA 19. The basin and streetscape landscaping has been installed.
- Fairway 7 Estates - Currently under construction.
- The Enclave (Villas at Del Rio)

**Parks Department Staffing Update:****CP/CC is currently down:**

- One Park Maintenance Worker II has been out on FMLA leave for nine months with an unknown return date.
- One Park Maintenance Worker III has been out on FMLA leave for ten months, with an estimated return date of June 30, 2021.
- Additionally, Parks has had many staff members out for various amounts of time related to Covid-19.
- All Parks staff hearing test was conducted on 4/1/21

**Parks Department Director Update:**

- The Department does not anticipate any budget cuts for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, but Parks is still catching up on revenue losses due to Covid-19 closures in 2020.

- Staffing continues to be low due to recruitment issues, Covid-19 and other

non-related leaves.

- A Project Manager position may be considered for Parks and coordination of costs for the position shared with the General Services Agency Division to support the need for on-going park improvements and construction projects.
- Parks has been given approval to hold the July Fireworks Event on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. There are concerns due to the large crowds and high number of visitors in past years for this event. Restrictions are unknown at this time, but will be addressed when the State guidelines are issued in June.
- Dirty Bird event is planned for October 2021. There will be contractual stipulations and accommodations to allow for event changes which may arise due to potential shutdowns for Covid-19 related restrictions.
- Parks' Marketing Coordinator will be coming back from assignment at the Emergency Operations Center (for Covid-19) in several weeks.
- Additional Parks' events planned for this year are: Doggie Dash, Haunted House, and a Turkey Trot.
- Bonita Park Pool Project is in design and the grant contract has been extended for completion in December 2021 to accommodate the bid renovation schedule.
- A portable restrooms is in place at Las Palmas Fishing Access until the funds are available for a new permanent restroom, which is estimated to cost \$150,000.

**F. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

**ACTIONS**

- Commissioner Flifet asked about fish stocking at the reservoirs. Jackie responded with the information that the State stocks the reservoirs per their schedule on what seems to be a quarterly basis, and contacts the reservoirs when they are going to stock. There is not a set schedule. The Fish and Wildlife Committee is another source and a request for funding will need to be approved prior to
- Commissioner Flynn asked about the current Parks Master Plan and related projects underway. Jackie responded that we are in the process of working on Burbank-Paradise and Oregon Park designs for renovation and new amenities and those are projects funded by Prop 68 grant awards.
- Commissioner Flifet asked about the issue of low staffing which continues to affect the Department. Jackie stated that Park Aide and Park Maintenance Worker levels of staffing are affected by the higher rate of minimum wages being paid, and competition from employers who are paying the same wages with less labor and more attractive/indoor working conditions. Staff wages are set by approved union M.O.U. agreements per labor negotiations with the County. Parks is excited about upcoming events and
- Commissioner Keller recommends the Parks Commissioners contact the Board of Supervisors related to the support of funding for Parks staffing.
- The Board of Supervisors are discussing a potential request for Parks revenue to fund some fire related services. One alternative source for this purpose could be an out-of-county Parks increase to non-county visitors camping fees in 2022.
- The Commissioners are interested in seeing the fee schedule. Jackie will share the current schedule and the potential increases she has proposed.
- There was an interest in the Del Puerto Canyon reservoir project. No update was available.

**G. OLD BUSINESS**

**ACTIONS**

None.

**H. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned. The next Parks Commission meeting will be held on, **Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams. The phone number/conference ID will be included on the agenda.**

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