



## PARK COMMISSION

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## AGENDA

**Thursday, November 18, 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)  
Phone Conference ID: 547 861 623#

### **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 1	
	b. New Commissioner – District 4	
4.	Public Comment(s)	
5.	Approval of Minutes for October 14, 2021 Meeting	Commissioners
6.	Elections (Secretary)	Commissioners
7.	Staff Highlights	Parks Staff
8.	Commission Comment(s)	Commissioners
8.	Old Business	Commissioners

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

**Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.**

**Meeting will be 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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Vacant, Vice Chair

Jaclyn Dwyer, Director, Parks and Recreation

# MINUTES

October 14, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting held 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#

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

### PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Darlynn Haas  
Samantha Stark

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Austin Grant, D4

### GUESTS PRESENT:

None

### A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

1. The meeting was called to order.

#### ACTIONS

*Zachary Keller*

### C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. None

### D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes for the May 13, 2021 meeting were approved upon motion and seconded.

#### ACTIONS

*Flynn, Fliflet,  
Unanimous approval.*

### E. APPROVAL OF PROPOSED 2022 MEETING CALENDAR

1. 2022 meeting calendar was approved upon motion and seconded.

*Flynn, Fliflet,  
Unanimous approval.*

### G. GUEST COMMENTS

1. None

#### ACTIONS

**F. STAFF HIGHLIGHTS****ACTIONS & REPORTER****May, June, July, August & September 2021****Woodward Reservoir:***Samantha Stark*

- Revenue for May 2021 was \$498,030.
- Revenue for June 2021 topped \$605,910.
- Revenue for July 2021 was \$873,506.
- Revenue for August was \$417,307.
- Revenue for September was \$261,709.75.
- 15 duck blinds have been pinned for the upcoming Waterfowl Season.
- No body to water contact starts on September 7th.
- The annual fireworks show took place in July and had a great turnout.
- Restrooms and litter removal are the main focus each day during the busier season.
- There are 20 new fire rings on order, but the order has been delayed with its delivery. Once received, staff will begin replacing the damaged ones throughout the Reservoir.
- The Quagga Dogs visited the Reservoir several times in May, June, and July, where vessels were checked with no invasive mussels found.
- The new concession building is currently undergoing additional changes/updates. A vendor has bid to run the concessions, and we are hopeful to have it up and running once all building updates have been completed.
- The camp host has been operating the life jacket loaner station on the weekends and supervising the litter crew on Mondays and Tuesdays.
- SSJID has notified Parks that the nobody to water contact starts on September 7th.
- The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has requested to survey the Reservoir for the invasive Nutria. Parks has given permission for access, but they are waiting for SSJID for their permission.

**Modesto Reservoir:**

- Staff continues to do routine maintenance on the campgrounds and bathrooms.
- Modesto Reservoir has begun Quagga inspections on boats and all vessels. We use the help dogs with jobs and a trained dog that detects the highly invasive and destructive Mussel through scent.
- Memorial Weekend was extremely busy. However, despite the big crowds, no significant issues or injuries were reported.
- 10 ADA sites have all been finished and passed a casp inspection. However, the project is not complete.
- Revenue in 2019 for May was \$93,835, and Revenue for May of 2021 is \$239,547, a 255% revenue increase.
- Revenue in July 2021 was \$270,847.
- Revenue in August was \$146,592.
- Revenue for September was \$ 120,086.48.
- Upgrades on the water tanks at well 3 were completed.
- There have been several adaptive ski events hosted by Society for Disabilities in the month of July.
- August remained busy for the Reservoir.

**Archery Range: Yahli Bowmen:**

- The Archery club members continue to mow and maintain the archery range and targets.
- The club hosted several competition shoots in June and July.
- The archery range continues to be open to the public.
- The shade structure will be getting a new canvas as the old one was dilapidated.

**Kiwanis Youth Camp:**

- The facility is routinely maintained, bathrooms cleaned, and lawns mowed.
- Club camping is still currently closed due to COVID restrictions.
- A brush fire burned down several of the historic buildings, which included both gold dredge maintenance buildings and a couple of the living quarters along with dozens of trees.

**LaGrange OHV:**

- Trail work, erosion control, fencing, and facility cleanup are done routinely.
- The off-road park remained busy and heavily used on the weekends in May and June. However, the high heat and dry conditions in July lead to a decrease in the use of the park.
- 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 currently open for walk-in recreation as the state has closed town Turlock Lake as they find a new vendor.

**LaGrange Park:**

- Both parks and restrooms are cleaned and maintained regularly.
- The lawn and trees at the Old School Hosue are maintained regularly.

**Frank Raines Park/Campground:**

- Deercreek Campground and OHV Park – The OHV Park has closed for fire season and will be reopening in October. TID has asked to work with the County on the placement of a backup generator that can provide power to Del Puerto Canyon in a power outage.
- Frank Raines Parks staff attended an off-road 4x4 training course in May.
- Frank Raines water treatment plant received approval to modify the treatment path as proposed, which will enable it to produce water at 18gpm as opposed to the 7gpm it currently produces.
- Minnear Day Use Area – With the opening of deer season in zone A, there have been many day use hunting permits sold.

**Community Parks:**

- Riverdale Park and Fishing Access – The gates and locks at this location continue to be cut and damaged for vehicles to get into the Park.
- Mono Park – Park staff have been working with the Sheriff's Department to get this park cleared of the homeless encampments for the past several weeks. Staff members are unable to repair the irrigation system at this location due to the growing encampments.
- Parklawn Park – Damage was done to the turf at this location due to vandalism.
- Fox Grove – Parks staff has met with contractors performing work on the new SRWA project. This project will require the installation of a 48" water line to be installed which will cross under the entrance to the parking lot. The contractor believes they can reduce traffic to one-way control instead of having to close the park to entry. Grubbing and potholing for utilities began in early August with the intention to install the wayer line in early September.
- Oregon Park – Movie Night in the Park series has been canceled. There is a new event scheduled to take place on 10/09/21 called Family Day at the Park.
- Laird Park – The irrigation well motor/pump has been replaced, and the irrigation system is now functioning. There have been several exclusive use permits approved for this location for May and June. Public dumping continues to be a concern with this location. The restroom doors have been damaged at this location and will need to be replaced.
- Bonita Park and Pool – The pool and park project is underway, with several meetings in May and June to review contractor proposals for the project.
- Las Palmas Fishing Access – Graffiti continues to be an issue at this location.

**Regional Water Safety Center in Empire:**

- The refurbishment project for the kiddie play feature took place in June.
- The Police Activities League will be reducing the operating days of the pool to coincide with the beginning of school. They will still be open during the weekends until Labor Day.

**CSA 10:**

- Segesta Park – May and June were busy months for exclusive use permits for this location. Several sprinklers were damaged in August but have since been repaired.
- Countrystone Park – Repaired two broken basketball hoops.
- Streetscapes – Sprinkler nozzles continue to be stolen.

**CSA 19, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 in Denair:**

- 19 Westrand Estates – The basin and streetscape installation is complete and is now the responsibility of the Parks Department to maintain.
- 21 Hunters Point – A new development is slated to build homes in Hunters Point Park's vacant field. Parks has been in discussion with the developer to determine what green space/park and/or fees will be required.

**Contract Service Locations:**

- Turlock – This location's renovation is complete. Parks staff now maintain the landscaping.

**CSA 26 in Keyes:**

- Bonita Ranch Park – A new booster pump and VFD controller were installed at this location in May.
- Keys North – Parks staff met with the developer in August to hand off the landscaping responsibilities to the Parks Department. This is now Parks staff responsibility to maintain.

**Proposed New Developments:**

- Keyes South, sub-account within CSA 26 – Currently under construction.
- Westrand Estates, sub-account within CSA 19 – Currently under construction. Basin and streetscape installation is complete and is now Parks responsibility to maintain.
- Fairway 7 Estates – Currently under construction.

**Parks Department Staffing Update:**

- Staffing has been extremely hard this summer season.
- All Parks locations have numerous vacancies.
- A continuous recruitment was opened for Seasonal Park Aides in the month of July.
- Seasonal staff will be released after Labor Day weekend.

**G. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

1. Commissioner Fliflet asked about the Kiwanis youth Camp fire.  
Q: Is the department going to be replacing any of the structures that were ruined in the fire? If so, is Insurance involved?  
A: The Department is actively working with the insurance to determine the value of the buildings that were lost. We are unsure at this time how much the Department will be getting and if the department will need to contribute any funds to rebuild some of the structures.
2. Commissioner Fliflet inquired about COVID-19 impact to the Parks overall budget.  
Q: What has been the fiscal impact to the overall budget for Parks and Recreation since COVID-19?  
A: The Department came out of fiscal year 2020-2021 pretty well. The Board of Supervisors voted and made the budget whole, so there were no major budget impacts due to COVID-19.

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

Kyle Fliflet

Kyle Fliflet

<p>3. Commissioner Fliflet asked about the camping fees. Q: Is it still the plan to change the fee structure for the department? A: Yes, it is still in the review stage. The plan is to increase in the next year and stay in line with surrounding recreation facilities.</p> <p>4. Commissioner Keller asked about Woodward Reservoir's vendor booth. Q: Was a business selected for the new vendor booth at Woodward? A: Yes, Crescent Supply will be in the new booth.</p> <p>5. Commissioner Keller asked about Bonita Pool project. Q: What is the status of the Bonita pool project? A: There was a large gap in funding between the grant and the overall cost. We are in process of Board of Supervisor approval to fund the difference for the project. There has not been any approval regarding the project at this time.</p> <p>6. Commissioner Flynn asked about Parks staffing update. Q: How has staffing been for the department? A: Staffing shortages have been an issue for the 2021 summer season. However, we were approved for several new positions and are in the recruitment process for those positions. We are hopeful to be fully staffed for full time positions by 2022.</p>	<p><i>Kyle Fliflet</i></p> <p><i>Zachary Keller</i></p> <p><i>Zachary Keller</i></p> <p><i>Christopher Flynn</i></p>
<p><b>I. OLD BUSINESS</b></p>	<p><b>ACTIONS</b></p>
<p>None.</p>	
<p><b>J. ADJOURNMENT &amp; NEXT MEETING</b></p>	
<p>There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Parks Commission will be held on, <b>Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams. The phone number and conference ID will be included on the October agenda.</b></p>	

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Fairview Park Restroom:





**CSA 10: Streetscapes**

Before –



After –

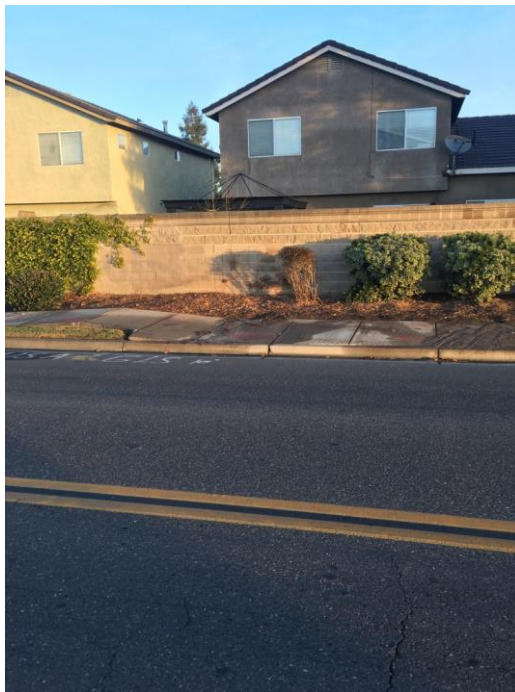




Murphy Tree Before –



Murphy Tree After –





**Damage from vehicle at Hatch Park:**









**Fox Grove Park:**

