



PARK COMMISSION

Zachary Keller, Chair
Jaclyn Dwyer, Director, Parks and Recreation

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AGENDA

March 10, 2022 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: 676 560 0630#

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 November 18, 2021 and January 13, 2022 Meetings	Commissioners
6. Staff Highlights	Parks Staff
7. Commission Comment(s)	Commissioners

Adjournment, the next meeting will be on:

Thursday, April 7, 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:

- 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 |

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Vacant, Vice Chair
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MINUTES

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

Meeting held online with Microsoft Teams
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Conference ID: 632 300 177#

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Zachary Keller, D2
Austin Grant, D4

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Darlynn Haas
Kelly Hatfield

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Don Moyer, D1
Kyle Fliflet, At-Large
Christopher Flynn, D5

GUESTS PRESENT:

None

A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

ACTIONS

1. The meeting was called to order. And the new Secretary Kelly Hatfield was introduced.

Zachary Keller
Kelly Hatfield

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. None

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTIONS

1. Minutes for the November 18, 2021 meeting were not approved. No Quorum. Will review at the next meeting.

Zachary Keller

D. STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

November & December 2021

Modesto Reservoir:

- Staff continues to do routine maintenance on the campgrounds and bathrooms.
- Modesto Reservoir was not busy during November and December due to heavy rains.
- Grover is currently working on removing a dozen hazardous and expired Cottonwood trees throughout the park.
- Modesto Reservoir has a contract to begin repaving the Lakeview parking lot and will look forward to scheduling in the coming weeks.

Archery Range: Yahi Bowmen

- The Archery club members continued to mow and maintain the archery range and targets.
- The Archery range continues to be open to the public.

Kelly Hatfield
Darlynn Haas

Kiwanis Youth Camp:

- The facility is routinely maintained, bathrooms cleaned, lawns mowed.
- Club camping is still closed due to covid restrictions/Fire.
- A brush fire burned down several historic buildings, including gold dredge Maintenance buildings, a couple of living quarters, and 300 trees. Tree removal was quoted at \$75,000.

Lagrange OHV:

- Trail work, erosion control, eencing, and facility cleanup are done routinely.
- Lagrange OHV hosted Stuck fest on New Year's weekend, bringing about 1,200 visitors and grossing about \$7,000.
- The park is open for Day use and camping.
- Lagrange OHV now accepts online reservations for our developed sites on the upper camping area. Fifteen campsites are available to be reserved include Potable water, Firepit/BBQ, table, and concrete RV pad.

Basso Fishing Access/TFA:

- Both Fishing Access locations are Maintained and cleaned regularly.
- Basso continues to stay busy
- TFA is currently only open for Walk-In Recreation as the state has closed down Turlock Lake as they find a new Vendor.

LaGrange Park:

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

Woodward Reservoir:

- November's Visitation was less than last year but bounced back in December. The full hook-up sites were sold out for the week leading up to and thru the Thanksgiving weekend.
- All revenue (entrance station and reservations) comparison from Nov. 2020: \$82,586.00 to Nov 2021: \$68,105.00
- All revenue (entrance station and reservations) comparison for Dec.2020 was \$52,103.00 for Dec. 2021 \$79,589.00
- California Fish and Wildlife planted 1,500 lbs. of trout twice in November and once early in December for a total of 4,500 lbs.
- Duck hunters are reporting good days and slow days.
- Weed abatement has started on roadsides around the Restrooms, propane tanks, campgrounds, fence lines, etc.
- Minor repairs are underway in all restrooms and the campgrounds.

County Centers/County Parks

- Four vacant full-time Park Aide positions. Interviews are scheduled for January 14, 2022.
- Including vacations, daily call-in, LOAs, etc., we are short 6-10 (20-36% of the workforce) people almost daily.
- There is frequent damage to various locations due to people doing donuts. Photos attached.

Parklawn Park



Mono Park





Riverdale Park





Hunters Pointe





E. COMMISSION COMMENTS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. Commissioner Grant inquired about a vendor for Basso restoration. Darlynn Haas, Administrative Manager shared that Park Manager Diego Casillas is checking quotes to make sure construction costs have remained consistent. We have carried forward savings that we are going to pay for retrofitting during this fiscal year. This should be started by June 30, 2022.
*Austin Grant
Darlynn Haas*
2. Commissioner Keller asked about tracks in several park photos.
Q: Are these tracks from kids mudding in the parks?
A: Yes. It is likely kids and adults going to the grass with their vehicles because some parks are not blocked off or gated. Donuts and spinning out causes a lot of damage. It is time consuming to fix. Commissioner Keller also commented that Stanislaus County has some of the best OHV sites in the state for \$5 a vehicle, so it is unfortunate that this damage is happening. Suggested adding a sign stating "consider visiting Frank Raines or La Grange OHV." Rocks and Bollards tend to be most efficient for preventing cars from accessing grassy areas.
*Zachary Keller
Darlynn Haas*
3. Commissioner Keller asked vandalism proof restrooms.
Q: is there an update on vandalism proof restrooms that Jackie was looking into?
A: Yes, we are installing those. Prop 68 grant for Oregon and Burbank Parks. We are going to put one in at Oregon to see if it will work. Time table is pending confirmation of construction costs. 100% design, but supply chain and COVID-19 have posed issues and have increased costs and bids. Breaking ground in later 2022 with a new project manager hired in December 2021 managing the coordinating effort.
*Zachary Keller
Darlynn Haas*
4. Commissioner Keller mentioned that one of the previous Parks Commissioners was trying to get lights at Fairview Park for kids that play soccer.
Q: Can we add that to our queue to look into in the upcoming budget? Park Commissioner Sanchez did a lot for this park so it would be nice to do something in his memory since passing away last year.
A: Yes, we will talk with Jackie about getting this going.
*Zachary Keller
Darlynn Haas*
5. Commissioner Grant asked about Mono Park revitalization.
Q: Can we present ideas for renovation for Mono Park?? It is kind of a "homeless hub" right now. Is there an update from the Sheriff's Department strategy?
A: Since October 2021, there have been a couple of instances. Staff try to go out to make repairs/mow and notice things being destroyed. Someone set their mattress on fire. Parks reached out to S.O.. We had one "clean out" and had everyone removed with a 3 day notice. S.O will come and remove. With nowhere for homeless to go, it
*Austin Grant
Darlynn Haas*

<p>become a Sheriff's Department issue. Originally, S.O. requested to close down the park. Our staff is fearful being confronted by the homeless individuals, so management was in favor of closing down; however the CEO's Office asked to revisit the decision to close down. They are trying to brainstorm alternative options since the intention is never to close down a park since it doesn't benefit the community. We are looking for ways to have a safe space for the community and mitigate the homeless issues and drug issues.</p> <p>This is a challenge because the park is primarily used by the transient population, but as a Parks department, we want to keep as much land as we can.</p> <p>We are trying to work with community members and the CEO's Office to find the best outcome for all constituents.</p>	<p><i>Zachary Keller</i></p> <p><i>Darlynn Haas</i></p>
<p>F. OLD BUSINESS</p> <p>Can be removed from future agendas.</p>	<p>ACTIONS</p> <p><i>Zachary Keller</i></p>
<p>G. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING</p> <p>There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Parks Commission will be held on, Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams. The phone number and conference ID will be included on the October agenda.</p>	

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