



AGENDA

April 7, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

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Meeting will be online with Microsoft Teams
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Phone Conference ID: 544 571 988#

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) – New Commissioner Edward Dobson	
4. Public Comment(s)	
5. Approval of Minutes for November 18, 2021, January 13, 2022, and March 10, 2022 Meetings	Commissioners
6. Staff Highlights	Parks Staff
7. Commission Comment(s)	Commissioners

**Adjournment, the next meeting will be on:
Thursday, May 12, 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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MINUTES

March 10, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting held online with Microsoft Teams
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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Zachary Keller, D2
 Austin Grant, D4

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Darlynn Haas
 Jaclyn Dwyer
 Kelly Hatfield

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Don Moyer, D1
 Kyle Fliflet, At-Large

GUESTS PRESENT:

None

A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

ACTIONS

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:10pm.

Zachary Keller

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. None

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTIONS

1. Minutes for the November 18, 2021 and January 13, 2022 meeting were not approved. No Quorum. Will review at the next meeting.

Zachary Keller

D. STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

January 2022

Modesto Reservoir:

- Staff continues to do Routine Maintenance on the campgrounds and bathrooms
- Modesto Reservoir has had an uptick in visitation due to the sunny weather
- Grover is currently working on removing a dozen hazardous and expired Cottonwood trees throughout the Park
- Hensley's paving has completed the repaving and restriping at the Lake View parking lot
- Barton Doors installed two new roll-up doors in our Maintenance shop
- A new PMW3 will be starting in Feb. They will be assigned to LaGrange OHV and Modesto Reservoir

*Kelly Hatfield
 Darlynn Haas
 Jaclyn Dwyer*

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

Kiwanis Youth Camp:

- The facility is routinely maintained, bathrooms cleaned, lawns mowed

- Club camping is still closed due to COVID restrictions/Fire
- Grover has begun clearing and pruning damaged trees from the fire. They will be removing approximately 300 trees
- The Bathroom at the camp was Vandalized. All electrical and plumbing was stolen from the building. The theft was reported to the Sheriff's dep.

Lagrange OHV:

- Trail work, erosion control, fencing, and facility cleanup are done routinely
- Lagrange OHV will Host Valentine's Day Stuck fest in February
- 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. Included in the reserved area: potable water, fire pit/BBQ, table, and concrete RV pad

Basso Fishing Access/TFA:

- Both Fishing Access are Maintained and cleaned on a regular basis
- 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:

- Visitation is up slightly from last year
- Revenue totals for January 2022 were \$155,251.25 compared to January 2021 totals of \$84,590.00 for an increase of \$70661.25, mostly from reservations
- The new Reservation /POS system is finally to the point of workability. Many thanks to folks on my staff who have been working diligently on this. (Miguel Yanez, Ray McCabe, and Sherry Angel)
- Hackberry Flat restroom is set to get upgraded to LED lighting in February
- The windmill at Bayview pt. had a new concrete pad installed around the wellhead
- Concrete repairs were made on the pad at campsite 87 from a section being cut out for repair of a mainline water leak at the end of last season
- We extended the waterfowl season to include the Junior hunt and the Veteran's hunt
- Weed abatement continues on the roadsides and in the camping areas
- Fish and Wildlife have been monitoring the invasive rodent Nutria at various places around the reservoir. So far, none have been detected

County Centers/County Parks

- Fairview Park – The shade cover for the playground has been cut open due to vandalism
- Riverdale Park and Fishing Access – Homeless persons continue to damage the park's shoreline access gate to get to the river bank and have set up many tents, other structures, and even a barge on the river. This is happening on both County property as well as behind the old transfer station property. The park supervisor recently visited the site and was met by more than one aggressive dog and called animal control. The Park Supervisor met with the County Outreach team, who was just leaving, and said they offered the County's service and at least there were no kids there this time. As the Park Supervisor was taking pictures of what had been created he found that a small child was living there. We continue to work with the Sheriff's Dept. for enforcement, but just like Mono Park, this seems to be a reoccurring issue that is consuming a great deal of Parks staff time
- Mono Park – Homeless persons continue to occupy this location. Parks staff and Sheriff's Deputies served eviction notices and made everyone vacate the park, but they move back in within a short time. Parks staff are encountering needles at this location daily. Homeless people have also threatened parks staff while they were trying to perform their duties on several occasions but don't have hours to wait around for a Deputy to

respond each time. We continue to work with the Sheriff's Dept. for enforcement, but like Riverdale Park, this seems to be a reoccurring issue that consumes a great deal of Parks staff time.

- Oregon Park – A vehicle ran into the chain-link fence that encircles this location and damaged approx. 85ft of fencing. Someone also dumped a load of Greenwaste in the street next to the park on Tioga. See attached
- Broadway/Salida Park Median–
- Broadway/Salida Park – Salida Little League is gearing up for a very full season this year. As in years past, they have requested to practice T-Ball in the Park as it is adjacent to the Baseball Field owned by the Salida School district.
- Burbank Park –
- Parklawn Park – Someone used a hammer or similar object to break holes in the slides at this location. They do not make this slide in sections anymore. That would have allowed us to only replace the one damaged section. You now have to replace the whole slide. Quote came back at just over \$13K plus the cost in labor for Parks staff to pull the old one and install the new one. Multiple times this winter, people have done "donuts" on the turf and have driven the park's length, causing a lot of turf damage. See attached
- Empire Park – A hazardous tree at this location is scheduled to be removed. See attached
- Empire Tot lot –
- Laird Park – The homeless's public dumping and camping remains a weekly issue at this location. An RV staying here recently caught fire and burned to the ground. This hazard remained here for a month before it was finally removed by vehicle abatement. The restroom doors that were previously damaged have been replaced. Someone ran into the fencing surrounding the turf area and again graffitied the restroom. See attached
- Fox Grove Park –
 - Shilo Fishing Access –
 - UCP – The basin at the end of this location is being used as a regular public dumping site. Parks removed 16,000lbs of waste from this location just a couple of months ago, and already two water heaters, and a fiberglass shower enclosure have been dumped here. Someone also damaged a bench (which has been removed) and burned and broke out the concrete pad that a picnic table sits on. See attached.
- Bonita Park and Pool –
- Las Palmas Fishing Access – Someone graffiti-ed the ADA porta potty at this location. See attached

Other General Funded Areas –

- Clerk Records office, aka Old B of A –
- Mancini Hall –
- AWP, aka Old City Hall-

Regional Water Safety Center in Empire – The pool is now closed for the winter. The plastic-colored side panels on the kiddie play feature will be replaced over the winter while the pool is closed.

Del Rio:

- McHenry and Stewart streetscape–

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

- 19 Sterling Ranch –
- 19 Palm Estates –

- 19 Wenstrand Estates –
- 21 Hunters Point –
- 22 Old School –
- 24 Hideaway –
- 25 Suncrest –

CSA 10 in Salida:

- Segesta Park – Someone damaged the restroom door, broke the toilet seat, and graffitied on the restroom wall. See attached
- Murphy's Park –
- Wincanton Park – A hazard tree was removed from this location
- Countrystone Park –
- Streetscapes – Fall detailing of the streetscapes is nearly complete. Thorough detailing of each park, one by one, will commence after the streetscapes are complete

CSA 26 in Keyes:

- Hatch Park –
- Bonita Ranch Park –
- Bonita Ranch North Basin –
- Washington Rd. Streetscapes –
- Keys North –

CSA 16 and 18 in Oakdale:

- Atlas Park – It appears a homeowner that backs up to the basin at this location had their fence replaced, which damaged the basin with rutting, and they left a lot of debris behind. Parks is working with PW and possible Code Enforcement to resolve this issue. Parks will be meeting with Grover at this basin to quote removing any dead or dying trees and replanting what has or will be removed within the limits of the budget
- Olive Ranch -

Contract Service Locations:

- **Libraries:**
 - Modesto –
 - Waterford -
 - Turlock –
 - Riverbank –
 - Patterson –
 - Newman –
 - Denair –
 - Ceres -
 - Salida –
 - Empire -
 - Oakdale –
- **1010 10th St. –**
- **12th St. –**
- **12th St. Garage –**
- **Stanislaus Recovery Center –**
- **Old Animal Services Center on Finch –**
- **Misc –**

Frank Raines Park/Campground:

- Frank Raines Regional Park–
- Deercreek Campground and OHV Park – Frank Raines OHV Park and Campground experienced another very successful New Years week/weekend
- Minniear Day Use Area –

County Centers:

- C5, Juvenile Hall Campus–
- C1, Court House Lawn Park –
- C2, Scenic Hospital Campus –

- C3, HSA, CP/CC yard, Coroners Campus –

Proposed New Developments:

- Diablo Grande
- Keyes South - will be a sub-account within CSA 26 – Currently under construction
- Orange Grove Estates - in Keyes is a new proposed Development
- Fairway 7 Estates - Currently under construction.
- The Enclave (Villas at Del Rio)
- Issaco Estates- in Denair is a new proposed development

Partnership Projects:

- Helen White Trail –
- Salida School District Ball Field adjacent to Salida Park –
- Salida to Ripon Recreational Trail –
- Tuolumne Regional Park -

Staff:

- CP/CC is currently down:

Four Park Aide positions have been vacant for nearly two months. Interviews and background checks are in process.

One PMWIII retired and took vacation. The position was vacant for 1.5 months. Many staff members are out this month for various reasons. Including vacant positions, CP/CC was down 4-14 people every day.

February 2022

Modesto Reservoir

- Staff continues to do routine maintenance on the campgrounds and bathrooms.
- Modesto Reservoir is seeing an uptick in visitation due to the Sunny weather.
- Staff is working on switching out old and damaged wooden tables and replace with new concrete tables and fire pits.
- Modesto Reservoir will resume hosting our 6th annual Egg Hunt on April 9th.

Woodward Reservoir

- Visitation and Reservations continue to increase.
- Revenue totals for February 2021, \$151,144.09, is an increase over February 2020 total of \$138,418.60
- Staff continues to do routine campground and restroom maintenance.
- There are six duck blinds still to be removed.
- Weed abatement continues on roadsides and in the camping areas.
- Sign replacement and tree pruning are ongoing.
- Staff began mowing and tree removal work at the new fireworks shoot site

Archery Range

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

Kiwanis Youth Camp

- The facility is routinely maintained, bathrooms cleaned, lawns mowed.
- Club camping will resume mid-March.
- Grover has completed removing 300 damaged and burned trees.
- The Bathroom at the camp was Vandalized. All electrical and plumbing were stolen from the building. The theft was reported to the Sheriff's dept.

La Grange OHV

- Trail work, Erosion control, Fencing, and facility cleanup are done routinely.

- Lagrange OHV hosted the Valentine's Day Stuck Fest, February 11-14th. The event brought in an estimated 2,000 visitors through the weekend.
- The park is open for day use and camping.
- Lagrange OHV now accepts online reservations for our developed sites on the upper camping area. 15 campsites are available to be reserved, and they include Potable water, Firepit/BBQ, table, and concrete RV pad.

Basso Fishing Access

- Basso is clean and regularly maintained by county staff.

Turlock Fishing Access

- Staff maintains the bathroom cleaning. The fishing access remains open to walk-in only.

La Grange Park

- Staff regularly Maintains the downtown Bathrooms and the old schoolhouse.

Cemetery Grounds

- Staff regularly maintains the grounds. Crews removed the overgrown Tree of Heaven throughout the property, and Clark pest control sprayed for weeds.

County Centers/County Parks

- Fairview Park -
- Riverdale Park and Fishing Access -
- Mono Park –
- Oregon Park –
- Broadway/Salida Park Median –
- Broadway/Salida Park - Salida Little League, has inquired about removing a tree within the park to allow for a T ball field to be set up during the Little League season. They would be willing to plant additional trees within the park to supplement the one trees removal. They are making this request to keep all the Little League play at the same basic location as they currently use the adjacent ball field of the Salida School District for the rest of the Little League games
- Burbank Park –
- Parklawn Park –
- Empire Park - All of the handrails from both sides of the restrooms were recently stolen
- Empire Tot Lot –
- Laird Park - A database complaint was recently submitted regarding potholes in the road through the park. We will fill those with road base as a short-term repair, but we will need to consider some paving work here in the long term.
- Fox Grove Park - A sub-contractor of the SRWA project broke a water line causing a water disruption, and a boil water order was issued. All repairs have been made, and all Bac -T samples have come back clear. The water service has been restored.
- Shilo Fishing Access –
- United Community Park - Dumping continues on the west side of this property.
- Leroy Fitzgerald Park –
- Bonita Park and Pool –
- Las Palmas Fishing Access –
- Miscellaneous -

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- CSA 19 Palm Estates –
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- CSA 21 Hunters Point - A new residential development is being explored for the bare ground surrounding this park location. This development would provide for expanded parks grounds and amenities and funds for future amenity replacements.
- CSA 22 Old School –
- CSA 24 Hideaway -
- CSA 25 Suncrest -

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- Bonita Ranch Park - Community members have requested to perform project work at this location for the upcoming Love Keyes. The Parks Dept. will assist their efforts in any way possible. An onsite meeting will be held with one or more of the Community Rep. to determine what this project will consist of.
- Bonita Ranch North Basin –
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Contract Service Locations:

Libraries:

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- Patterson Library - Parks staff met with the Library staff and a Community Garden club to explore options and responsibilities for a garden to be planted at this location.
- Newman Library -
- Denair Library -
- Ceres Library -
- Salida Library -
- Empire Library -
- Oakdale Library –

Other Sites

- 1010 10th St -
- 12th St -
- 12th St Garage -
- Stanislaus Recovery Center -
- Old Animal Services on Finch -
- Misc -

Frank Raines Park/Campground

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- Deer Creek Campground and OHV Park - Parks staff submitted preliminary grants for annual maintenance and operations with the State OHV Parks for 2022-2023.
- Minniear Day Use Area -

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Staff:

- CP/CC Staffing - Four full-time Park Aide positions have been filled, with the final position starting on 3/14.

E. COMMISSION COMMENTS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. Commissioner Keller inquired about lights for kids playing soccer at Fairview Park. Jaclyn Dwyer, Director of Parks and Recreation let the commission know that Parks Manager James Pursley has received several quotes and will move forward with purchasing the 4 that come with solar lights. Darlynn Haas will get an update on the status of those lights. In the same conversation, Commissioner Keller asked for thoughts on adding a plaque for the late Commissioner Sanchez. Jaclyn advised that we can check with James to see if we have to pour concrete for the lights, but something will be figured out to honor Commissioner Sanchez and his effort with Fairview Park.

*Zachary Keller
Jaclyn Dwyer*

2. Jaclyn provided an update on Mono Park and the unhoused population. The ongoing problem has been faced not only by Parks and Recreation but also the Sheriff's Office, Community Services Agency, and Public Works because of the taskforce put together by the County to end illegal dumping and graffiti. There are about 15 people from different departments involved in the taskforce that are trying to figure out a solution for the park. Community Services Agency has made contact with individuals and these people refuse services. The goal is not to close the park – County Counsel is looking at language from Placer County to see if we are able to pass ordinances that the Sheriff's Department is able to enforce to the unhoused population at Mono Park. The hope is to offer the population to either move along or accept services provided by the County, but the plan is still in beginning stages. The Placer County documents can serve as an example, but they are a general law county, so we would not be able to implement everything. Updates can come as more definitive solutions are created. Commissioner Grant thanked the department for their hard work and efforts in not closing the park down.

*Jaclyn Dwyer
Austin Grant*

3. Commissioner Grant inquired about revitalizing basketball courts.
Q: Is the County able to upgrade current basketball courts to be more modern?
A: We can go through the County parks and see what parks are due for upgrade and then divide into sections. It would depend on location and what type of materials can be used in the upgrades. Some materials may not be ideal for Oregon Park but could work for Segesta Park. We would likely want to make a contract of at least two or three parks for most optimal pricing.

*Austin Grant
Jaclyn Dwyer*

This request ties into what Darlynn Haas and Jaclyn Dwyer are working on related to an overall maintenance and replacement plan for all parks. Requests have been made to the Chief Executive Office for a separate deferred maintenance fund for Parks and Recreation. We are currently reliant on the County to provide funds or receiving grants in order to make upgrades.

In addition to this information, Jaclyn explained that the California Parks and Recreation has a tool where you can put in an address and it tells you the age group,

income level, and other statistics that can help in the assessment of materials and needs of the parks in particular areas. Jaclyn will send California Parks and Recreation site.

4. Jaclyn shared that she and Darlynn sat in on a call for Smart City Parks, which is a big push to install solar panels, wifi, and other upgrades to provide lower socioeconomic areas the ability to have these resources.

Jaclyn Dwyer

5. Commissioner Keller asked about the vandalism proof restrooms.

Q: How are the vandalism proof restrooms coming along?

A: We are still designing Oregon Park, but it is in the works. Oregon Park design numbers came in way over budget, so some cuts had to be made to fit costs. There will be a new playground and adult exercise equipment as well. The Portland Loo bathroom is being installed.

Zachary Keller

Jaclyn Dwyer

Spring Egg Hunt is at Modesto Reservoir on April 9, 2022 at 11:30am.

We have your shirts available at the hunt or at the Administration Office.

Jaclyn Dwyer

Final thoughts: Thank you to the staff for the Smart City concept. It will be beneficial to our community to have available.

Austin Grant

Zachary Keller

Minutes will be voted on at next meeting if we have a quorum.

Zachary Keller

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, February 10, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams. The phone number and conference ID will be included on the October agenda.**

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