



STANISLAUS COUNTY
PARKS & RECREATION

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

*Austin Grant, Chair
DeAnna Leamon, Vice-Chair*

Tera Chumley, Director of Parks and Recreation

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MINUTES

September 11, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite D,
Tuolumne Building Conference Room
Modesto, CA 95358

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Austin Grant, At Large
Joseph Jackson, At Large
DeAnna Leamon, D4
Magdalena Geri Vargas, D5

PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Tera Chumley, Director
Michelle Roberts, Executive Assistant

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

GUESTS PRESENT:

None

CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

ACTIONS:

Austin Grant, Vice Chair

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONER:

Introduced Geri Vargas as the new commissioner for District 5.

REPORTER:

Tera Chumley, Director

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 12, 2024, MEETING:

Austin Grant made a motion to approve the minutes.
Joe Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried; Commissioner Vargas abstained.

ACTIONS:

Commissioners

APPROVAL OF THE 2025 PARKS COMMISSION CALENDAR:

Austin Grant made a motion to approve the 2025 calendar.
Geri Vargas seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTIONS:

Commissioners

APPROVAL OF THE 2026 PARKS COMMISSION CALENDAR:

Austin Grant made a motion to approve the 2026 calendar with changes discussed.
Joe Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously

ACTIONS:

Commissioners

REVIEW THE ETHICS COURSE AND THE ANNUAL FORM 700:

Reviewed ethics course requirements for new commissioners annually and every two years thereafter and discussed Form 700 filings due.

REPORTER:

Michelle Roberts, Secretary

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR:**ACTIONS:**

DeAnna Leamon nominated Austin Grant to be the new Chair.
Austin Grant nominated DeAnna Leamon to be the new Vice-Chair.

Commissioners

Joe Jackson made a motion to approve the appointments of Austin Grant as Chair and DeAnna Leamon as Vice-Chair. Geri Vargas seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSED 2026 FEE ADMENDMENT:**REPORTER & ACTION:**

Proposed 2026 Fee Schedule

Tera Chumley, Director

Reviewed the proposed 2026 Fee Schedule amendment for input and feedback. Parks Commissioners recommended increasing the proposed Online Reservation Fee, and to review the Reservation Fee during the next fee review cycle in two years. Proposed 2026 Fee Schedule amendment with the addition of commissioners' recommendations will be considered by the Board of Supervisors at a future meeting date.

Austin Grant made a motion to approve the proposed 2026 Fee Schedule amendment with recommendations. DeAnna Leamon seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PARKS UPDATE:**REPORTER:**

The Director reviewed the Parks Update as attached.

Tera Chumley, Director

COMMISSION COMMENTS:**REPORTER:**

Commissioners

Commissioner Jackson discussed the agreement for Turlock Lake State Recreation Area, the opportunity for the Commissioners to tour various parks, and follow up on establishing a Friends of the Parks group. An initial step to establishing a Friends of the Parks group would be to explore models of other organizations that have achieved this type of support.

Commissioner Grant inquired about distinguishing city and county parks and was directed to the list of county parks available on the Stanislaus County Department of Parks and Recreation website.

ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING:

There was further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Joe Jackson made a motion to adjourn.
Austin Grant seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Parks Commission will be held on Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

PREPARED BY: Michelle Roberts, Parks Commission Secretary (209) 525-6839

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