



**OTAY VALLEY REGIONAL PARK (OVRP)  
JOINT POLICY-CITIZEN'S ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
January 25, 2018  
2:00 P.M.**

Meeting called to order at 2:10 pm by Policy Member Cox.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

**AGENDA ITEMS**

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 19, 2017  
MOTION TO APPROVE OCTOBER 19, 2017 MINUTES – Policy Member Diaz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Policy Member Alvarez  
ALL IN FAVOR – 3-0-0
  
2. CAC VACANCIES (County of San Diego-2, City of San Diego-1, City of Chula Vista-1)
  - Reappointment – County of San Diego  
Policy Member Cox – The County of San Diego would like to reappoint John Mendez to the OVRP Citizens Advisory Committee.  
  
MOTION TO RECOMMEND REAPPOINTMENT OF JOHN MENDEZ TO THE OVRP CAC – Policy Member Cox, 2<sup>nd</sup> Policy Member Alvarez  
ALL IN FAVOR – 3-0-0
  
  - Appointment – County of San Diego  
Policy Member Cox – The County of San Diego would like to appoint Ben McCue from Outdoor Outreach.  
  
MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPOINTMENT OF BEN MCCUE TO THE OVRP CAC – Policy Member Cox, 2<sup>nd</sup> Policy Member Diaz  
ALL IN FAVOR – 3-0-0
  
3. ADOPTION OF 2018 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS  
  
The 2018 Otay Valley Regional Park Policy Committee meeting dates will be May 10, July 19, and November 8 for 2018.  
  
MOTION TO APPROVE 2018 OVRP POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING DATES – Policy Member Alvarez, 2<sup>nd</sup> Policy Member Diaz  
ALL IN FAVOR – 3-0-0

#### 4. CHULA VISTA PARK & RECREATION MASTER PLAN PRESENTATION

Chula Vista Planning staff member, Mark Caro presented a brief overview of the Chula Vista Parks and Recreation Master Plan which outlines future planning for parks in the City of Chula Vista. This update is based on the 2002 Park and Recreation Master Plan and updated policy documents. Chula Vista has a requirement of 3 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents, which was established in 1987 (ratio of 3.26 acres in 2018), with forecasted projection to 2030 (or buildout) would be at a ratio of 3.74 acres. In 2006 the Recreation Needs Assessment was done and highest priorities were recreational swimming, playgrounds/tot lots and bike/jogging paths. In 2016 a smaller assessment was done again and the need for swimming facilities was the top priority. The 3 Goals of the plan are 1) create a comprehensive park and recreation system, 2) allocate resources to balance public priorities and demands, and 3) provide a program for implementation of Goals and Policies. There are currently 9 parks in progress at this time. The funding for parks are the Parkland Acquisition and Development (PAD) Fee Public Facilities Development Impact Fee (PFDIF). The public input and comment period is still ongoing with the next public meeting this evening (January 25, 2018) at the Chula Vista City Council Chambers.

Policy Member Cox commented that there is a contract in process for a potential trail system from Sweetwater Regional Park to the east side of Glen Abbey Mortuary which could be a great connection to the Chula Vista trail system.

Citizen Advisory Committee Members commented that it would be very beneficial to ensure that there is thought given to shade structures and the sun during various parts of the day to give the best coverage. Also, asked what some of the amenities would be included and was the public included in the process. There are also maintenance costs that need to be addressed prior to construction to ensure that there is adequate coverage once the park is built.

#### 5. I-805 TO HERITAGE ROAD TRAIL UPDATE – City of Chula Vista

Chula Vista Joint Staff member Michael Walker provided a project update related to the planning and development of future trails in OVRP from I-805 to Heritage Road. Chula Vista is currently in the process of preparing a Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project. Separately from the trail project, the Heritage Street Bridge project is also continuing to go through the pre-planning phases.

#### 6. OTAY REGIONAL TRAIL ALIGNMENT STUDY UPDATE – County of San Diego

County Joint Staff member Melanie Tylke provided a project update that the coordination and work on this trail alignment study is still in process. Staff have conducted numerous site visits, which will inform revisions to trails that were previously envisions. The next public workshop is anticipated in the spring and a notice will be sent to the OVRP CAC and interested parties.

#### 7. OTAY LAKES SCOUTS CAMP CONCEPT PLAN – County of San Diego

County staff member Matthew Bohan provided a presentation on the potential project of a primitive campground location at Otay Lakes County Park in partnership with the Boy

Scouts of America. The campground would help provide more options for outdoor youth group activities. The project is proposed to have the following amenities: overnight group camping, a challenge course, and day use/camporee area (for larger group day use activities). At this time we are working on a long-term lease and use agreement for joint use of the areas. This would not be a single user facility and will be available for other groups to use as well.

Policy Members commented that the restrooms on the proposed site do have some sewer connections that are being addressed with the City of Chula Vista, as this is a crucial piece of the project. Also noted that there is excitement from the Girl Scouts of America as well for this project and the potential new camping source for youth groups.

Citizen Advisory Committee Members commented that there has always been a desire to have an equestrian at the eastern end of OVRP and this area was formerly an equestrian campground. Also asked if there is a possibility to expand the site in the future.

## 8. OVRP HABITAT RESTORATION EFFORTS – City of San Diego

City of San Diego staff member Casey Smith presented multiple revised maps of the habitat restoration efforts that are currently planned or in process, which were presented at the last meeting. The overall Natural Resource Management Plan has all of the environmental documentation and species breakdowns for this area. The trail alignment study is being planned in conjunction and coordination with the ongoing planning and restoration efforts.

## 9. RANGER REPORTS

- Mika Shimada, City of San Diego, Western OVRP  
The Adventure Passport Program began last year and we have continued to work on outreach and various programs and interactive opportunities to increase the youth and overall participation numbers. Each month we have a different activity and focus for the youth and family to participate in such as fishing where the kids were able to build a fishing pole, nest boxes where kids were able to decorate nest boxes that will be put out, and future items to create an area for monarch butterflies to flourish in the valley. This strategy has been a success so far and we are continuing to grow and reach more and more kids and families. We have brochures here for everyone that highlight the upcoming activities, so please take one with you. We are also continuing to reach out to more and more schools, youth groups, and using social media to spread the word about our park and activities.
- Melanie Tylke (substitute), County of San Diego, Eastern OVRP  
Otay Lakes County Park has also implemented some outreach programs for youth and families as well, such as the Magnificent Metamorphosis Explorer Program on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> that will highlight the butterfly life cycle, Nature Touch Tables on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month (Jan – Apr) from 2:00 – 3:00 pm where they can touch various animal pelts and items from nature. There are also Sunday Hikes with a Ranger the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month from 9:30 – 10:30 am. The 1.5 – 2 mile hike includes beautiful views as well as interpretive information from the Ranger about wildlife, habitat, and park history.

10. FRIENDS OF OVRP REPORT

No Updates.

11. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

- John Zarem, representing John Vogel, reported that the CAC held elections. John Vogel remains the chair, John Zarem was elected Vice-Chair, and Joan Schneider was elected Parliamentarian.

12. PC/CAC MEMBER COMMENT/OPEN DISCUSSION

- Policy Member Cox – Commented that there is a Bike Skills Park project in Sweetwater which is in the planning stages, with the first public meeting being held this past week. There is a fairly aggressive schedule for this project with a potential completion date in late summer.

13. REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Cox – If you have any items you would like to see on a future agenda please send those to any of the OVRP joint or executive team staff.

ADJOURNMENT – 3:30 pm

OVRP PC MEMBER ATTENDEES

Supervisor Cox

Councilman Diaz

Councilman Alvarez

CAC MEMBER ATTENDEES

Jack Bransford

Robert Miller

Natalie Roberts-Decarli

John Zarem

Mike McCoy

Vinit Jensen

Kim Petersen

Omar Sanchez

Emma Reese

Lane Klastow

Maria Mendoza

John Mendez

STAFF PRESENT

Renee Hilton

Casey Smith

Kelly Broughton

Melanie Tylke

Mika Shimada

Michael Walker

Yidelwo Asbu

Gerardo Ramirez

Matthew Bohan

Victor Avina

PUBLIC ATTENDEES

Mark Kukucheck