



**OTAY VALLEY REGIONAL PARK (OVRP)  
JOINT POLICY-CITIZEN'S ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
May 10, 2018  
2:00 P.M.**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Policy Member Cox took this time to make several introductions: Josh Bugiel, new County Region Manager; Joanne Emerick, new OVRP secretary; Araceli Dominguez, new CiSD Ranger; and Ben McCue, new CAC member.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 25, 2018  
MOTION TO APPROVE JANUARY 25, 2018 MINUTES – Policy Member Diaz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Policy Member Cox  
ALL IN FAVOR – 2-0-0
  
2. CAC VACANCIES (County of San Diego-0, City of San Diego-1, City of Chula Vista-2)
  - Appointment – City of Chula Vista  
Policy Member Diaz – The City of Chula Vista would like to appoint Darin Gray from Vulcan Materials Company.MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPOINTMENT OF DARIN GRAY TO THE OVRP CAC –  
Policy Member Diaz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Policy Member Cox  
ALL IN FAVOR – 2-0-0
  
3. OTAY REGIONAL TRAIL ALIGNMENT STUDY UPDATE – County Of San Diego  

County staff member Deborah Mosley presented on behalf of County Joint Staff member Melanie Tylke. Eight partners are working together (including City of Chula Vista, City of San Diego, Fish & Wildlife, Otay Water District, and Border Patrol) to create a sustainable trail system. The study area overlaps the eastern portion of OVRP. A proposal will be presented to the public on June 20, and the CAC is encouraged to attend that workshop to see which trails in OVRP are under consideration for realignment. Please contact Melanie directly for any questions prior to the workshop.

Policy Member Diaz asked about the San Ysidro Mountain Outlook Trail, and whether there is a suggestion to remove this from the alignment study. Nicki Maginis from CiSD Public

Utilities stated that there has been a lot of progress over the last 6 months, and this is the last trail still pending review.

#### 4. CITY OF SAN DIEGO PARKS MASTER PLAN (INFORMATIONAL ITEM)

City of San Diego staff member Laura Ball presented the City of San Diego's Parks Master Plan (PMP), a 3-year planning effort to shape future parks for the next 20-30 years. Ball gave an overview of general plan goals, including a guide for future acquisition. The plan includes a 3-year planning effort with 4 phases: Existing Conditions, Needs and Priorities, Envisioning, and Implementing. The City is reaching out to the public with surveys, workshops, stakeholder meetings, and online activities. The City launched a project website ([cityofsandiegoparksplan.com](http://cityofsandiegoparksplan.com)) for the public to easily access more information and presentations. Regional workshops will be held in all 9 council districts this summer, and the CAC is encouraged to stay involved, join the mailing list, and share.

CAC Members voiced a strong need to ensure proper communication is given to the public regarding upcoming workshops. City of San Diego staff member Casey Smith mentioned that they communicate through advisory committees, social media, and their website; and CAC members are encouraged to share any information with the community even further.

#### 5. OVRP DAY – MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>

City of San Diego Park Ranger Mika Shimada shared a flyer of the upcoming OVRP Day. The event will hold activities and games, give visitors the opportunity to meet with rangers and encounter live animals, and showcase a history of OVRP with tribal displays. Policy Member Diaz requested a social media-friendly post to share, which the County will share. CAC Members also requested the link and encouraged all to share with groups and friends, focusing on the South Bay.

#### 6. EASY 2 HIKE DEMONSTRATION

City of San Diego Park Rangers Mika Shimada and Arceli Dominguez demonstrated how to use Easy 2 Hike, a mobile application for smart phones that provides visitors with detailed trails information, points of interest, maps, and other interactive information for parks. The app can help communication between park managers and visitors for better park maintenance; for example, the app allows visitors to notate any safety hazards or obstacles along a trail, and the app would notify the park manager. For the future, the app will try to link to park campground reservations.

Policy Member Cox commented on the excellent demonstration and how the app is a great way to get info out to future OVRP visitors.

#### 7. RANGER REPORTS

- Mika Shimada, City of San Diego, Western OVRP  
The Adventure Passport Program offers a variety of outdoor activities throughout OVRP and is offered during the school months of September through May. On January 21, the program held an Arbor Day activity where students learned about the plants of the park

and helped restore river habitat by planting trees. Students ranged from preschoolers to high schoolers, and they planted 10 Sycamore trees and 10 Cotton trees. On February 24, the program had a Butterfly Day where students planted native milkweed to help transform the park into a monarch butterfly sanctuary. On April 21, the program hosted Earth Day kayaking, where students cleaned the reservoir as they kayaked.

In wildlife news, two owlets have been spotted so far this year.

- Lauren Raduc, County of San Diego, Eastern OVRP  
The Metamorphosis Program, Rangers Hikes, and Nature Touch Tables continue to be a success and interest amongst visitors. The Parks Discovery Program involves a ranger going to the classroom to provide a talk and activity; then the students visit the park the following week on a fieldtrip.

Lauren shared photos of a Breakfast with a Bunny event on March 24<sup>th</sup>, which included breakfast, games, crafts, activities, and an egg hunt. The event hosted more than 200 visitors. The County is planning a similar event in December.

The County, with I Love Clean SD, partnered with Mika & Araceli from the City in order to clean up the bay on Earth Day. Lauren managed the team on land, while Mika & Araceli managed the team on water in kayaks.

## 8. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Trails Subcommittee met today before this meeting. The Subcommittee would like to give a presentation on the Rock House Trail Rerouting Project at the next OVRP PC-CAC meeting on July 19.

## 9. FRIENDS OF THE OVRP REPORT

Policy Member Cox invited Frank Ormund to speak. Frank notified the CAC that he is no longer a part of Friends of the OVRP. One member has taken control of the group and is not open to adding more members. Policy Member Cox would like to review the original bylaws and discuss options with the working group and EMT, then report back to the next PC-CAC meeting. CAC members requested that the bylaws be sent to them for a formal review to understand the process in case they can assist. The bylaws will be included at the next meeting.

CAC Member Jack Bransford mentioned that the Friends of the OVRP website seems to be underused. He'd like to see how the CAC could assist in making it a much better resource for the public. Policy Member Cox requested a report on the Friends of the OVRP website and other related pages. An evaluation of the OVRP website would be discussed at the next EMT meeting.

CAC Member Ben McCue stated that Prop 68 could be helpful to the OVRP. If passed, Prop 68 would devote 5% of a \$2B bond specific to improving community access. Policy Member Cox reminded that the County cannot take a position as a government entity, but thanked McCue for the information to the CAC members.



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PUBLIC ATTENDEES

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Darin Gray

Frank Ormund

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