

COUNTY SERVICE AREA 138
Valley Center Parks and Recreation
February 24, 2025, 3:00pm

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location: Valley Center Community Hall, 28246 Lilac Rd, Room #5 @3:00pm

1. Call to order – Chair Bill Trox, 3:03pm
Committee Member attendees: Bill Trok- Chair, Donna Hein, Karen Blair, and Irma Hernandez. Seat 2 vacant.
DPR Employees: Jake Enriquez, Luke Taylor (virtual)
County Employees: Adrienne Cisneros-Selekman, D5
Members of the Public: LaVonne Norwood, Dory Rattray, Mary Hodson, Billy Wagner, and Alma Plancarte
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Billy Wagner
3. Approve January 27, 2024, meeting minutes. Approved 4-0.
4. Open agenda --- Opportunity for members of the public to speak on subjects within the Committee's jurisdiction, but not on today's agenda. Limit 2 minutes per item. None
5. Committee Appointment Update: District 5 has nominated Alma Plancarte to fill vacant seat #2. This item will go to the Board of Supervisor for vote on Tuesday, February 25, 2025. If approved, Alma will receive an appointment letter from the Clerk of the Board. The filled Committee Seat #2, and all CSA No. 138 appointments run through January 4, 2027.
6. Election of Officers: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary. --- Voting Item
Current Chair Bill Trox nominated Irma Hernandez for Chair and Karen Blair for Vice Chair. Discussion. Seconded by Karen Blair. Approved 4-0
7. Park Updates:
VC Community Park – VCCL open day planned for Friday February 28. 415 players are registered for this season. Field overseeing and irrigation repairs are complete. IT signal for downstairs meeting room was increased and a Meeting Owl was recently purchased for use by DPR and the VC Planning Group.
Adams Park – VCHS water polo completed their season. VCHS competitive swim practice started in January and their first swim meets will be at the Adams Park pool on Thursday February 27. DPR has obtained a quotation to upgrade the lights on Courts 1 & 2. DPR will pursue this project in May 2025, as funds are available.
Cole Grade/Scibilia – On February 19 a new wireless float sensor was installed on the Cole Grade/Scibilia irrigation system. Winter overseeding is in process. March 14 is the target to open Scibilia Field for VCCL use.
Star Valley – Tree trimming and mowing planned in April/May in preparation for the 2025 rodeo.
8. DPR Fee Adjustment – On February 18, 2025, DPR implemented fee adjustments across the department. DPR has not adjustment fees since 2014. Examples: ballfield lights hourly rate adjusted from \$25/hr. to \$30hr. Day Use parking for regional parks adjusted from \$3/vehicle to \$5/vehicle (this fee is not in place in Valley Center).
9. Financial Report – Services and Supply expenditures are tracking high as a result of repairs and project work completed this fiscal year. Operating transfer (staff time) is tracking slightly low due to position vacancies at the beginning of the fiscal year. Revenue is tracking at 57% at 58% through the fiscal year.

FY2024-25 CSA 138 Valley Center County Service Area (CSA) PLDO Project Priority List (List in order of priority)

VC Community Park - The installation of an additional Little League Field in the practice area east of the play structure.
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Adams Park - The removal of the volleyball court and the installation of a Multi-Use Court with configurations for full-court basketball and pickleball (w/LED lighting).

Adams Park - Improvements to tennis courts #5 and #6 with ADA accessibility compliance.

10. New Business

Donna Hein asked for an update on Rancho Lilac. Jake – biological and cultural survey work is complete. The Public Access Plan is near draft. The County and Caltrans are discussing the current condition of the ranch buildings. Some structures are showing significant wear. The larger buildings, such as the main ranch house, secondary house and caretaker cottage are in fair condition. The draft resource management plan and public access plans should be released for agency and public review this summer. There will also be at least one more public meeting before the plans are finalized. Donna also asked for an update at the March meeting on Keys Creek Preserve.

Dory Rattray asked about the downstairs Wi-Fi signal and improving audio visual capabilities. Jake – the Wi-Fi signal has been increased. Please advise all participants to use “SD County Public Wi-Fi” option. DPR also purchased a Meeting Owl and will make it available to the VC Planning Group. It should be up and running by the March 10 planning group meeting. Dory also asked about the gas smell in the lower meeting room. The smell is a residual of the propane stove in the kitchen. Jake – the Hall kitchen and HVAC systems are served by a propane tank behind the Hall. As a safety measure, all propane sold in the United States has an odorant additive so the propane can be smelled by humans. As long as the Hall is served by propane, the propane odorant smell will be present downstairs.

11. Adjournment: 4:16pm