

COUNTY SERVICE AREA 138
Valley Center Parks and Recreation
March 16, 2026 3:00pm

Meeting Minutes

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

1. Call to order- 3:04pm
Committee Member Attendees: Karen Blair (Chair), Alma Plancarte, Irma Hernandez, and Donna Hein (Co-Chair)
Absent: Bill Trok
County Employees: Jake Enriquez, Amber Blackman, and Luke Taylor,
Members of the Public: VC Little League Board member Melissa Grey, Valley Center Planning Group committee member Mary Hodson and Dori Rattray, Valley Center Tennis Club Marla Helms, VC Rodeo Stampede Jay West (Virtual)
2. Pledge- led by Irma Hernandez
3. January 2026 Meeting Minutes- approved 3-0, Irma abstained due to absence last month.
4. Remote Participation Disclosure and Welcome- Remote access AB2449 was implemented during the pandemic shutdown to keep public meetings/groups active. This bill expired on 12/31/25. The County would like to know if CSA No. 138 would like to have a virtual option to attend the meetings as a committee member and not as a member of the public.
Response: CSA No. 138 committee members agree that this is a great option, but would like to see it have a limit on how many times a Committee member can attend virtually. The prevailing option would be for Committee members to attend the meeting in person.
5. Open Agenda- Marla Helms- Where are we at with the PLDO funds that were approved for funding Adams Park Tennis complex? In the meantime, I will be looking for grant funds to resurface courts 1-4.
Response: The PLDO allocation will go to the BOS this summer. Lead time for getting on the BOS agenda is approximately 5.5 months. Therefore, the PLDO funds have not been allocated to DPR at this time. Once the BOS approves, the funds will be allocated to DPR and a project will be created.
Mary Hodson- April 18th is VBA Love Valley Center Clean Up. You can register to volunteer or submit a cleanup project request at www.lovevc.org

Melissa Gray- Opening ceremonies went well. Parking was an issue and is actively working with DPR for solutions. Picture day is March 28th.

Jay West- Created an MOU with Vaqueros to support grounds and maintenance.

6. CSA-138 Park Updates:

VC Community Hall Park – VCLL installed concrete dugouts and flyball netting at the new practice field. April 1st the big box trees will be planted. April 11th VCLL will be hosting their annual homerun derby fundraiser. Playground received new fibar woodchips.

Cole Grade Park – No new updates.

Scibilia Field – Currently working to control gopher activity. Looking to have pest control service. Field was recently mowed.

Adams Park – Pool water heater pipe was fixed this week in less than 24 hours.

Star Valley –Mowing is an ongoing project right now. DPR recently scoped a tree job to trim 20 trees before Rodeo. Most trees are around the old farmhouses and two trees by the Vesper Rd entrance point.

7. Programming update-

Adams Park

-Happy Swim will be taking over as the summer swim lesson provider. They can be reached at vcsummerswimlessons@gmail.com

Butterfield Trails

-March 21st at 12pm in partnership with the VC Library, we will host a Sound Bath class. Flyer to come. Participants will need to bring a yoga mat. This event is free to attend. Hoping to bring this instructor full-time with DPR.

8. Financial Report- PLDO continues to accrue. \$276K Fund Balance.

9. Star Valley/ Butterfield public engagement-3/15 event at Star Valley has over 100 people in attendance, 34 surveys were completed. On March 28th DPR will attend the VCLL picture day from 9am-1pm. DPR will also have an outreach booth at the 2026 Rodeo. CINA-BOS targeted \$3 million for FY 28/29 to complete the planning for 1 park. Community will let DPR know which park to develop first. The goal is to create a master plan and be ready for the 28/29 3 million allocation.

Donna- When you do the community outreach, please keep in mind a possible larger community center with more parking to meet needs.

10. PLDO 25/26 priority review- No new discussion.

11. New Business- Chair Karen Blair announced that CSA No. 138 will create a Star Valley/ Butterfield Trails Sub-Committee. Committee members support a sub-

committee consistent with the CSA No. 138 bylaws and the Brown Act. Irma would like to know the sub-committee structure before this is voted on. Karen Blair will bring a recommendation forward at the April meeting for Committee members to discuss and vote on.

12. Adjournment- 4:20pm