



PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 10th, 2025

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present	Public Present
<u>In-Person</u> Doug Goad, Chair, District 3 Susie Murphy, District 1 Nicole Honstead, District 2 Rob Hutsel, Vice-Chair, District 3 Susan Hector, District 4 Paul Davis, District 5 Jonathan Kimble, District 4	None	Jason Hemmens Vanessa Madera Crystal Benham Johanna Contreras Lidor Shuster	Jay West (Virtually)

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order – 9:05 am

2. REMOTE PARTICIPATION DISCLOSURE
 - None

3. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK
 - Jay West joined the meeting virtually and expressed his desire to be involved in projects regarding Valley Center Area.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES
 - MOTION TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 8, 2024, MEETING MINUTES – Committee Member Davis, 2nd Committee Member Hutsel.
ALL IN FAVOR – 7-0-0

5. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS ON ANY ITEM NOT ON TODAY’S AGENDA
 - Committee member Honstead expressed her concerns regarding the maintenance of In-Ko-Pa Park.
 - Committee member Honstead also shared her concerns about the lighting at Lindo Lake Park in an effort to keep the public safe.
 - Committee member Hector requested additional information on e-bikes
 - Committee member Hector shared her concerns about a major scar formation at Otay Valley Regional Park trail that was caused by Border Patrol.

6. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS
 - Committee member Hector nominated Doug Goad as Chair, 2nd Committee Member Hutsel.
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 - Committee member Goad nominated Rob Hutsel Vice Chair, 2nd Committee Member Honstead.
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7. DEPARTMENT REPORT

Jason Hemmens, Director, gave the department report which included notifications on the following upcoming board items related to Parks:

- Informed PAC members about the upcoming Board of Supervisors Meeting to discuss filling the vacancy in D1.
- Shared his background and professional experience.

8. MSCP UPDATE - TARGETED MONITORING PROGRAM

- Crystal Benham, Chief-Departmental Operations – Resource Management, gave a presentation on the Targeted Monitoring Program (TMP). Highlights included the importance of the program and how it is required as part of the County's permit for the Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP); 30 preserves are being monitored throughout the County; The program covers 10 plant species and 14 animal species. DPR has multiple success stories and examples showing how the TMP data has been used to inform management decisions, including management of Otay Tarplant at Furby-North Preserve, Arroyo Toad at Ramona Grasslands Preserve, and multiple rare and endangered plant species at the Sycamore Canyon/Goodan Ranch Preserve. TMP is planned to expand to include 40 properties in next several years, a new restoration project to protect Cactus Wren at Lakeside Linkage Preserve planned to begin 2025, North County MSCP underway anticipated for completion in 2026.
- Committee Members provided input on the following: inquiring about sharing data with other land managers to inform species management at the regional level.

9. USER FEES

- Lidor Shuster, Chief-Departmental Operations – Finance; Johanna Contreras, Chief-Departmental Operations – South Region, gave a presentation on User Fees. Highlights included explanation of Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Contracts – Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery; Last fee increase in 2014; DPR team provided the range of prices throughout multiple organization as comparison; Outreach and Communications Plan will be implemented to inform customer and stakeholder of fee increases.
- Committee Members provided input on the following: Different rates for residents and non-residents, Agreed on the proposed new fees for the Camp sites and Day-Use fees.

10. ADJOURNMENT – 10:30 am

- Future agenda items: DPR History Center presentation and tour.
- MOTION TO ADJOURN - Committee Member Hutsel, 2nd Committee Member Murphy.
ALL IN FAVOR – 7-0-0