

**SOLANO COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
May 12, 2016**

**County Administration Center - First Floor Hearing Room
675 Texas Street, Fairfield
10:00 A.M.**

Members Present: Commissioners Alvarez, Whited, Leong, Riddle and Chairman Hermsmeyer

Members Excused: None

Staff Present: Chris Drake, Parks Services Manager, Resource Management, Kristine Letterman, Resource Management

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Hermsmeyer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was confirmed.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of March 10, 2016 were approved as prepared (motion by Commissioner Whited, second by Commissioner Leong).

3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as prepared (motion by Commissioner Riddle, second by Commissioner Whited)

4. Chair and Commissioner Comments

Chairman Hermsmeyer noted that the Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed the Lands Pass Program that would require the purchase of a pass for entry into wildlife areas. The fees will help pay the costs of usage and maintenance of wildlife areas. There are 28 new wildlife areas being added with including areas in Sonoma, Napa and Yolo counties.

The California Fish and Wildlife Service has launched a non-lead ammunition program. To encourage the use of the new ammunition there will be coupons and chances to win free ammunition to purchasers of hunting licenses.

Another CDFW program introduces more humane ways to hunt turkeys by bow and arrow. There is also a proposal to add the Pacific Fisher to the endangered species list. The Pacific Fisher is forest-dwelling mammal in a family that includes weasels, mink, martens, and otters.

5. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

6. Commissioner Outreach Reports

There were no comments.

7. Status Reports:

Mr. Drake reported that the Bureau of Reclamation at Lake Berryessa invited him to sit in on a training session for hazard tree identification and creation of programs for tracking hazard trees and their removal. He stated that it gave him information on stressed, sick and dying trees that was tailored specifically for our area. In addition to identifying trees that are dead, dying or diseased, the training also covered identifying the appropriate time to fell the trees. Identifying breeding seasons and whether a tree is being used as a nesting site or granary. Using the

information from the training he created a document for the Solano County road maintenance crew to use when they are trimming or felling trees along our county roads. Commissioner Leong asked if they could be on the lookout for owl or hawk nests in the trees before they are taken down.

A. Attendance and Revenue Summary

Overall the attendance and revenue of the parks is on track and doing well with the exception of Lynch Canyon which is down a bit. Lynch Canyon hosted a Kite Festival that was unfortunately impacted by heavy rain. Registration for the June 4th Lynch Canyon Trail Run is very high this year. As of May 6, 2016 the parks as a whole are at 87% of their revenue goal.

B. Regional Parks Update

Resource Management staff attended a meeting with the Regional Park District subcommittee and SCI Consulting Group. SCI will assist the subcommittee to explore ways to create a new park district. Mr. Drake informed SCI that the Parks and Recreation Commission would like to be included in the planning process. SCI Consulting indicated that they would like to attend the July Parks and Recreation meeting.

C. Project Updates

At Lake Solano they are in the wrap up stage of the Prop 84 grant project. There is only one manipulative display to be finished.

At Sandy Beach phase one of the campground border fence is complete. Irrigation systems with their own weather stations have been installed.

The Belden's Landing preliminary designs for the update of the promenade area next to the boat launch have been drawn up with funds from a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant. The designs have been approved and have gone out to bid.

Commissioner Whited asked if there was a ceiling point in the bidding process. Mr. Drake answered that the project was put out to bid with projected cost of \$80,000. Commissioner Alvarez asked what the table and bench underneath the shade structure would be made of. Mr. Drake answered that they will be made of steel and added that the kiosks will be made of aluminum.

At Lynch Canyon the installation of the three sided kiosk at Prairie Ridge which is near the border of Newell Open Space continues to be delayed due to rain. Another kiosk with a more accessible map of the area is being considered and will be located near the main gate.

8. Confirm Date of Next Regular Meeting, and Adjourn (Action Item)

The Commissioners agreed by consensus to a regular Commission meeting on July 14, 2016 in its regular location, at 10:00 a.m. in the County Administrative Center, 1st Floor Hearing Room. Meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.