



# Santa Barbara County Park Commission

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## SANTA BARBARA COUNTY PARK COMMISSION Meeting of August 25, 2016

### MINUTES

The regular hearing of the Santa Barbara County Park Commission was called to order by Chair Suzanne Perkins at 9:30 a.m., at the Planning Commission Hearing Room, 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara

#### Commissioners Present:

Suzanne Perkins 1<sup>st</sup> District, Chair  
Bonnie Freeman 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Judith Dale 3<sup>rd</sup> District, Vice-Chair  
James Mosby 4<sup>th</sup> District  
Bailey Hudson 5<sup>th</sup> District

Commissioners Absent: *None*

#### County Staff Present:

George Chapjian, CSD Director  
Paddy Langlands, Deputy Director  
Dan Pedersen, North County Operations Manager  
Jeff Lindgren, Mid County Operations Manager  
Sherman Hansen, South County Operations Manager  
Jill Van Wie, Capital Projects Manager  
Claude Garciacelay, Park Planner  
Andrew Myung, Business Manager  
Jon Menzies, Aquatics Coordinator  
Natasha Garduno, Executive Assistant

### ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA:

- I. HEARING CALLED TO ORDER:** by Chair, Suzanne Perkins
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. ROLL CALL:** All present.
- IV. MINUTES:** The Minutes of May 26, 2016 were considered as follows:  
**ACTION:** Commissioner Dale moved, seconded by Commissioner Freeman and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the minutes of May 26, 2016.
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
- VI. PARK COMMISSIONER'S NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Commissioner Freeman reported the following activities that she participated in during the months of June and July:

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- In June attended and spoke on behalf of the Parks Commission at the annual Board of Supervisors budget hearing along with Commissioner Dale.
- In June met with residents for the Thunderbird Park design along with Sherman Hansen and Naomi Kovaks of Supervisor Wolf's office.
- In July attended the meeting to finalize the design of the Thunderbird Park overseen by Supervisor Janet Wolf, Sherman Hansen, and Naomi Kovaks. The architect made changes based on comments and suggestions.
- In July attended the groundbreaking celebration of the new Goleta Beach Park Bridge.

Commissioner Mosby commented that he had an opportunity to be at Miguelito Park and noticed the barbecue pits there are on concrete slabs and that the park looks nice, however the dirt has receded in many places about 6 to 8 inches and appears to have worn away over the years. He reported that this seems to be a potential trip hazard and inquired whether staff could adjust or look into this matter. He also shared that he noticed a water faucet that people use which they turn on but then walk away from. He inquired if there is the ability to get a spring loaded faucet that could work better. Deputy Director Langlands informed the Commission that staff would look into both of these matters.

Commissioner Dale inquired about if there was an update on the Najoqui Park slide area. Deputy Director Langlands reported that no changes have been made at this point.

Commission Chair Perkins asked Deputy Director Langlands to provide the Commission with an update on the Loon Point parking lot and trail. Deputy Director Langlands presented a brief presentation to the Commission which provided background information on the issues related to Loon Point.

**VII. OPERATIONS AND FISCAL STATUS REPORTS:** The Commission received and filed reports from staff.

North County: The recent Kids Day event at Waller Park on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> was well attended by approximately 3,000 to 4,000 people. The Cuyama pool has been exceedingly busy and was averaging about 50 children per day until last week when school started back up again. The Orcutt Community Park fields are looking very good and are expected to open around September 15<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Mosby inquired about the Water Well Usage Reports and requested that the Commission members all be provided with a copy.

Mid County: The Rey fire has had some impacts on the lake, primarily with visitor no shows. The fire crews have staged their base camp at Live Oak and dozens of helicopters are scooping water out of the lake. The water levels at the lake have continued to drop significantly which led to the water intake line to be out of the water unable to pull water from out of the lake. Water storage tanks were relied on for a week to provide water to the park until the intake line could be fixed.

South County : The work on the Goleta Beach Entrance Project will have a long winter shut down and will be stopped from November 1, 2016 through May 1, 2017 due to environmental constraints. Additionally, the parking lot is short forty parking spots as they are being used for the project staging area. The amendment to the existing coastal development permit for the emergency lawn area repairs that were completed this past season is anticipated to go in front of the Coastal Commission this coming November. Staff will keep the Commission posted of the hearing date. The Commission requested that staff draft a letter of support on behalf of the Commission.

**VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEARING SUMMARY:** Director George Chapjian updated the Commission on the recruitment for the Deputy Director of Parks position which will be vacant due Deputy Director Langlands' upcoming retirement. Director Chapjian wished Mr. Langlands well in his retirement and shared that he is a tremendous professional and person who will be missed.

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Deputy Director Langlands thanked the Commission and shared that the four years he has worked in Parks has been the nicest job he has had in his entire life. Parks is a great department and the County is a great county to work for.

**STANDARD AGENDA:**

**IX. SAN MARCOS PRESERVE- PRESENTATION**

The Commission received a presentation on the San Marcos Preserve.

**X. FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

The Commission requested that the Loon Point parking lot and trail item be brought to the Commission at the next meeting of September 22, 2016.

The Commission requested that staff draft a letter of support on behalf of the Park Commission to the Coastal Commission in regards to the Goleta Beach lawn repairs. The Commission asked that this be brought as an action item to the next meeting.

**XI. ADJOURN TO SAN MARCOS PRESERVE**

Chair Perkins adjourned the meeting to take a tour of the San Marcos Preserve.

The following Commission members attended the tour: Commissioners Mosby, Freeman, and Dale.

**Adjourned at 12:00 p.m.**

  
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**George Chapjian, Director  
Community Service Department**