



Santa Barbara County Park Commission

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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY PARK COMMISSION April 22, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Chair Romero called the Santa Barbara County Park Commission meeting to order at 9:30am. The Park Commission Meeting was held virtually via Zoom due to the Social Distancing State Order. If interested in participating in future meetings, contact 805-568-2467 for Zoom invitation.

Commissioners Present:

District 1 – Suzy Cawthon
District 2 – Kyle Begley, Vice Chair
District 3 – Frances Romero, Chair
District 4 – James Mosby
District 5 – (Vacant)

Parks County Staff Present:

Jeff Lindgren, Park Superintendent
Ryder Bailey, Chief Financial Officer
Dan Pedersen, North County Operations Manager
Jon Menzies, Aquatics
Todd Stepien, Cachuma Lake Recreation Area Operations Manager
Eva Camarena, Executive Assistant

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA:

- 1) **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** by Chair Frances Romero at 9:30am.
- 2) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3) **ROLL CALL:** By Secretary
- 4) **MINUTES:** Vice Chair Begley motioned to approve the Park Commission meeting minutes from February 25, 2021, Chair Romero seconded, all approved. Motion passed.
- 5) **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
- 6) **PARK COMMISSIONER'S NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**
Chair Romero welcomed Suzy Cawthon, District 1 Commissioner, to the Park Commission. Commissioner Cawthon was appointed on March 2, 2021.

Vice Chair Begley shared her experience of camping for the first time at Cachuma Lake. She is looking forward to camp again in the near future.

Commissioner Mosby resigned from the Park Commission effective April 22, 2021.

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STANDARD AGENDA:

- 7) LIVE OAK TRAIL UPDATE:** Jeff Lindgren made a presentation about the Live Oak Trail. The Trail was opened to hikers on April 15, 2021. No bikers or dogs are allowed on the Live Oak Trail. If and when bikers are allowed on the trail, Parks staff will work with Stakeholders and interested parties to address any concerns. An email address was established to receive user feedback, about 80+ emails have been received from equestrians.

The Park Commission heard the equestrians' comments on allowing dogs and bikers on the Live Oak Trail. Chair Romero requested Parks staff report on efforts to educate all trail users, apply changes to count usage on trails, and enforce horse and dog etiquette.

- 8) INTRODUCTION TO PARK FEE REDUCTION:** State law allows for Quimby fees to be levied for subdivision of land and Development Impact Mitigation Fees for land development projects such as building a residential subdivision. Park Commission has adopted the Park Fee Reduction Program in accordance with State laws which gives the Park Commission discretion to allow for fee reductions based on program guidelines.

9) OPERATIONS AND FISCAL STATUS REPORTS:

North County Report: Dan Pedersen is retiring on May 14, 2021. Dan has been with County Parks for more than 40 years. The Parks Commission is grateful for his years of service to County Parks. Jalama Beach opened on April 21, 2021 for small group reservations. The walk-in sites currently were allocated to visitors by using the reservation system in order to avoid large gatherings. The sites will be available to walk-ins starting June.

Mid County Report: Cachuma Lake has been booked every weekend in February and March. The camping and concessions revenue have already exceeded planned.

South County Report: Park staff successfully assisted in relocating a flock of Cormorant birds from Lookout Park in Summerland.

Small groups are able to gather in outdoors area.

Fiscal and Concession Report: The Beachside Restaurant closure affected revenues. Parks staff are planning to receive submissions for RFPs.

Aquatics and Trails Report: Recruitment process for 16 additional lifeguards. The Jr. Lifeguard program will consist of different sessions, in which individuals will participate in cohorts. Staff is currently in preparation to reopen swimming pools.

Baron Trail is now open.

- 10) DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** No report

- 11) FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:** FY 21-22 Parks Budget Report

- 12) ADJOURN**

Vice Chair Begley motioned to adjourn, Commissioner Mosby seconded the motion. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm. The next Park Commission Meeting is on June 24, 2021 at 9:30am.