

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES
(Action Items Displayed in Italics)
THURSDAY, June 18, 2020 – 7.00 p.m.
VIRTUAL MEETING: +1 (415) 655 0001, Access Code 286 112 375

I. ROLL CALL

Chair Koos and Commissioners Shawver, McCusker, Posey, Hanson and Ashland were present. Vice-Chair Muller was absent.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

At this time, members of the public may address the Commission on items of public interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission, and are not contained in tonight's agenda.

Greg Stone, representing the OC Modeler's Association, provided an update on the Association's activities.

Craig Durfey, representing Social Emotional Paws, provided comments on war dogs.

Michael Wellborn, representing Friends of Harbors Beaches and Parks, provided comments on trail safety.

Melanie Schlotterbeck, representing Safe Trails Coalition, provided comments on trail usage.

Amy Litton, resident of Costa Mesa, provided comments on ebikes on County trails.

Kevin Schmidt, a resident of Orange County, asked a question regarding the use of ebikes on lands managed by OC Parks.

Elijah Pallante, resident of Aliso Viejo, provided comments on destruction of unauthorized trails in Laguna Wilderness Park and Aliso and Wood Canyons.

Tony Gosom, resident of Irvine, provided comments on trail work performed by California Conservation Corps.

Luke Wronski, resident of Costa Mesa, provided comments on destruction of unauthorized trails in Laguna Wilderness Park.

Jesse Peterson, resident of Silverado Canyon, provided comments on destruction of unauthorized trails in Laguna Wilderness Park.

Iain Morgan, resident of Rancho Santa Margarita, provided comments on the destruction of unauthorized trails.

Joseph Hawes, resident of Aliso Viejo, submitted a petition regarding trail maintenance.

Don Szabo, resident of Laguna, provided a comment on recent trail work done in Aliso & Wood Canyons.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR (Items A-B)

The following items on the consent calendar will be approved by one motion unless a Commission member requests to pull a specific item.

A. Welcome back to Bert Ashland, First District Commissioner.

Commissioners welcomed back Bert Ashland, Commissioner Ashland provided comments.

B. Approve Commission minutes for March 5, 2020.

Motion: Commissioner Shawver

2nd: Commissioner McCusker

Abstained: Commissioner Ashland, Commissioner Posey

Approved 4-0

IV. DISCUSSION CALENDAR MATTERS (Item A)

A. PARK ABANDONMENT AND AUTHORIZATION TO CONVEY LAND – ALISO AND WOOD CANYONS

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is planning a construction project on State Route 133 (SR-133), which includes safety improvements, undergrounding of utilities, and addition of a bike lane. Park abandonment of an unused portion of Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park and modification to the premises managed by OC Parks under a Lease with the City of Laguna Beach are needed to facilitate the project.

Stacy Blackwood, OC Parks Director, provided information and answered Commissioner's questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Recommend that the Board of Supervisors find that the Corner Parcel at Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park is not required for County use and approve actions related to park abandonment of the Corner Parcel.
2. Recommend that the Board of Supervisors authorize actions necessary for County staff to approve and execute all real estate instruments to transfer the parcel to a qualifying public entity for reasonable consideration based on the market value for the property's intended use, subject to compliance with County Regional Riding and Hiking Trail policies and satisfaction of Park Abandonment requirements related thereto.
3. Recommend that the Board of Supervisors authorize actions necessary to amend the 2009 Amended and Restated Lease for the Laguna Coast Wilderness Park between the County and the City of Laguna Beach to remove parcels required for a Caltrans project along State Route 133, upon approval of County Counsel.

Motion: Commissioner Posey

2nd: Commissioner McCusker

Approved 6-0

Commissioner Shawver and Chair Koos made a second motion recommending inclusion of verbiage in the Board staff report background regarding their interest in Caltrans ensuring any habitat impacts from the project are restored to the greatest degree possible.

Approved 6-0

V. OC PARKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Stacy Blackwood, OC Parks Director, provided updates and answered Commissioners' questions.

A. OC PARKS OPERATIONS AND BUDGET UPDATE

B. UPCOMING OC PARKS EVENTS

OC Parks now offers a robust suite of family-friendly virtual programming and highlights to educate, entertain, and support recreation within local neighborhoods. The programs are a combination of live and recorded events that can be accessed on both Facebook and Instagram.

OC Parks features the following daily event themes:

- **#MondayMemories:** Mondays will feature content provided by Archaeology / Paleontology or Historical staff.
- **#TriviaTuesdays:** Tuesdays will feature plant or wildlife trivia curated by field staff.
- **#WildlifeWednesday:** Wednesdays will feature wildlife updates from the OC Zoo or parks.
- **#ThrowbackThursday:** Thursdays will feature "throwback" posts highlighting past or classic content.
- **#FeatureFriday:** Fridays will feature staff sharing interesting information and highlights from their parks or facilities.
- **#ScenicSaturday:** Saturdays will feature various scenic sights from throughout the parks.
- **Sundays** will feature "The Week Ahead" infographics alerting followers of weekly content to come.

VI. COMMISSION COMMENTS AND REPORT

At this time Commissioners may comment on agenda or non-agenda matters and ask questions of or give direction to staff, provided that no action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law.

VII. ADJOURNMENT *8:56 pm*