



AGENDA

ORANGE COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

IRVINE RANCH HISTORIC PARK
OC PARKS HEADQUARTERS
13042 OLD MYFORD ROAD
IRVINE, CA

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The Orange County Parks Commission welcomes you to this meeting. This agenda contains a brief general description of each item to be considered. The Commission encourages your participation and welcomes public comments on items under the purview of the Commission. If you wish to speak on a matter that does not appear on the agenda, you may do so during the Public Participation period at the beginning of the meeting. Except as otherwise provided by law, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda. When addressing the Commission, please state your name for the record prior to providing your comments. Speakers may be limited to three (3) minutes. Public speaker request forms will be available onsite.

The OC Parks Commission meeting will be an in-person meeting held at the Mess Hall at OC Parks' Headquarters (13042 Old Myford Road, Irvine, CA 92602). Please be advised that County health guidelines apply to this meeting: <https://occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/article/oc-health-officers-orders-recommendations>

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, those requiring accommodations for this meeting should notify OC Parks 72 hours prior to the meeting at Admin.ocparkscommission@ocparks.com or (949) 585-6431.

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OC COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Orange County Parks Commission Duties and Responsibilities

(O.C. Codified Ordinances Sec. 2-2-19: Paraphrased)

Except as otherwise provided, the Orange County Parks Commission shall be advisory to the Board of Supervisors and to the Director of OC Parks, and shall have the power and duty:

1. To recommend to the Board of Supervisors plans and policies for the acquisition, development, maintenance and operation of the harbors, beaches and regional parks of the County;
2. On request of the Board of Supervisors, to advise the Board and make recommendations on any matter pertaining to harbors, beaches and regional parks, and any other matters referred by the Board;
3. On request of the Director, to advise on any question of administrative policy and regarding any matter to be decided by the Director under this division;
4. On appeal from an administrative decision by the Director, to act as a board of administrative review;
5. To make such investigations as it may deem necessary in the exercise of its powers;
6. To perform the duties and functions of the County Fish and Game Commission assigned by either statute or this code, and consider methods for the propagation and protection of fish and game in the State of California and County of Orange. The Commission shall be advisory body to the Board of Supervisors.

OC Parks Commission Regular Meeting Schedule: First Thursday, Monthly, 6:00 p.m.

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I. ROLL CALL

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.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A)

The following item(s) on the consent calendar will be approved by one motion unless a Commissioner requests to pull a specific item.

A. APPROVE COMMISSION MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 2, 2023 MEETING

IV. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A–B)

A. NATURAL COMMUNITY CONSERVATION PLAN/HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN (NCCP/HCP) PRESENTATION

Staff will provide an overview of the NCCP/HCP, two conservation easements that apply to OC Parks' facilities. This will include an overview of the history and goals of the NCCP/HCP in preserving habitat and how the NCCP/HCP applies to OC Parks' facilities.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file.

B. OC PARKS TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE COMMISSIONER AND ALTERNATE CHAIR APPOINTMENT AND MEETING UPDATE

The OC Parks Trails Subcommittee (Subcommittee) has a vacancy in one of its Commission seats, which also serves as the Subcommittee's Alternate Chair. Pursuant to the Subcommittee Guidelines, the Commission will need to appoint another Commissioner to fill this vacancy. Staff will also provide an update to the Commission regarding the March 27, 2023 Subcommittee meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Nominate and select a Commissioner to serve on the OC Parks Trails Subcommittee as its Alternate Chair.
2. Receive and File updates on the First Quarter 2023 OC Parks Trails Subcommittee Meeting.

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V. OC PARKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

B. UPCOMING OC PARKS EVENTS

Wild Tales – Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve – Friday, May 5 – 10 – 10:45 a.m.

- Wild Tales is offered weekly and includes an outdoor story in the newly renovated amphitheater, an age-appropriate hike and a craft project.

Full Moon Hike in Santiago Oaks – Friday, May 5 – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

- Half the park is after dark! Come explore nocturnal sights and sounds as we hit the trails on this leisure night hike. It's chilly after sunset so wear warm layers, sturdy footwear and bring water and a red tinted flashlight if possible to keep our night vision from being impacted by any bright light.

Rancho Days Fiesta – Heritage Hill Historical Park – Saturday, May 6 – 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- Come explore the rich history of Orange County's rancho era through hands-on activities, crafts, music, dance and more. Activities and performances include Native American and Folklorico dancing, Charro horse riding and roping demonstrations, and tours of the historic buildings.

Restorative Birdwatching – Arden: Helena Modjeska Historic House and Gardens – Saturday, May 13 – 8 – 10 a.m.

- Join OC Parks on the grounds of Arden: Helena Modjeska Historic House and Gardens for this slow-paced and accessible bird walk that will encourage bird watching practices designed to emphasize these benefits by connecting with nature, guided observation, building community, sharing stories, encouraging creativity and practicing mindfulness.

Toddler Treks: Interesting Insects – Irvine Regional Park – Tuesday, May 16 – 10 – 11 a.m.

- Discover our 6-legged friends of Irvine Regional Park! Insects have so many interesting features, such as their different shapes, sizes, colors and patterns. Take a closer look at examples of insects before you go on a fun insect discovery walk.

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Tot Walk – Aliso and Wood Visitor Center – Friday, May 19 – 9 – 11 a.m.

- Join OC Parks naturalists and bring your young ones (infant to age 3) to explore Aliso’s wild backyard. Take a leisurely stroll through the garden and to the creek. We will see bugs, plants and birds while exploring! OC Parks staff may even lead a game or introduce a local resident to the children. Come join the fun!

Photo Journey: Limestone Canyon – Irvine Ranch Open Space – Sunday, May 21 – 4:30 – 8:30 p.m.

- Head into the backcountry wilderness for a journey filled with beautiful sights that are photographic and artistic sketching opportunities. Board a 4-wheel drive vehicle for a 13-mile tour of the canyon and surrounding hills. Stop frequently to admire the views, take photos, sketch landscapes and answer questions. Stops will include short walks with view of The Sinks, a trip up Cactus and Markel Spur and optional hikes into Box Springs and/or the Markel Spur to East Sinks loop hike.

VI. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORT

At this time Commissioners may comment on agenda or non-agenda matters, provided that no action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law.

VII. ADJOURNMENT