

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES
(Action Items Displayed in Italics)
THURSDAY, February 6, 2020 – 7.00 p.m.
OC Parks Headquarters

I. ROLL CALL

Chair Koos and Commissioners Hanson and Shawver were present. Commissioner McCusker arrived after Item II. Vice-Chair Muller arrived after Item IV.B. Commissioner Posey 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.

Steven Sheffield, representing SHARE, Bosch and National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA) provided information and answered the Commissioner's questions.

Item IV.B was heard before Item III.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR (Item A)

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

A. Approve Commission minutes for January 9, 2020.

*Motion: Commissioner McCusker
2nd: Vice-Chair Muller
Approved 5-0*

IV. DISCUSSION CALENDAR MATTERS (Items A – B)

A. MOUNTAIN LION POLICY

An updated Mountain Lion Policy is proposed that consolidates two existing mountain lion policies developed in 2005, revises language to align with current protocol utilized by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and elevates the response protocol for repeated mountain lion sightings.

Stacy Blackwood, OC Parks Director, and John Gump, Operations Manager, provided information and answered questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Concur with the update of the OC Parks Mountain Lion Policy in substantially the same form as attached.

*Motion: Commissioner McCusker
2nd: Commissioner Shawver
Approved 5-0*

B. RANGER ACADEMY PRESENTATION

A presentation will be provided by staff on the OC Parks Ranger Academy.

Zachary Salazar, Supervising Park Ranger II, provided a presentation and answered questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and file.

V. OC PARKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

A. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS – TOPICS OF INTEREST

B. UPCOMING OC PARKS EVENTS

Full Moon Hike – Hicks Haul Road – Saturday, February 8, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

- Hike about 3 miles along the paved Hicks Haul Road while discussing the night sky. This program is for those who are interested in experiencing the trails after sunset and taking in the night sounds and smells along with the full moon's glow.
- Wear warm layers and sturdy shoes. Please bring water and a red tinted flashlight for the hike.
- Ages 12 and up; minors must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required.

Yoga Hike – Laguna Coast Wilderness Park – Wednesday, February 12, 9:00am – 10:30am

- Stretch your mind and body on this 2.4-mile hike with a yoga twist over steep and uneven terrain led by Laguna Canyon Foundation volunteers.
- Please bring a towel and water — yoga mat optional.
- For ages 15 and up. Ages under 18 with a signed waiver from parent.
- Parking is free.

Habitat Restoration – Talbert Nature Preserve – Saturday, February 15, 9:00am – 11:00am

- Help us enhance Talbert Regional Park by joining our team of volunteers. You and fellow volunteers will restore habitat for local wildlife.
- Activities may include non-native plant removal, trail maintenance, planting, and watering. No experience is necessary. Please bring hat, sunscreen, snacks, etc. Water and tools are provided. Long sleeves, pants, and sturdy hiking or work boots are highly recommended.
- Registration is required.

Eco-Champions Beach Clean Up – Salt Creek Beach – Saturday, February 22, 10:00am – 11:30am

- Join OC Parks for the Eco-Champions Beach Clean Up! Enjoy the beach while taking action to protect and preserve it. Make a positive impact on the coastal ecosystem as you assist in removing marine debris from the shoreline.
- Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in collecting data for community science research on marine debris. To participate in this optional community science research, please bring a smart phone.
- Single-use gloves will be provided.
- Parking is free.

San Juan Hot Springs Hike – Caspers Wilderness Park – Saturday, February 29, 8:00am – 10:30am

- Join us for a family-friendly walk through history at Caspers Wilderness Park and learn how the hot springs have been valued by different cultures over time. Once we reach the historic pools, there will be a discussion about hot springs science and geology.
- Caspers Wilderness Park is a protected wilderness preserve and the hot springs are a storied part of the park's history. During the hike, attendees can keep an eye out for native plant and animal life while the ranger shares details about the hot springs and surrounding lands.
- This is an easy, one-mile roundtrip hike. No dogs or strollers. Hikes are made possible through a partnership with Caspers Park Foundation.
- Registration is required. Event is free, parking \$5 per vehicle.

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 8:40 pm