I. ROLL CALL

Chair Posey and Commissioner McCusker were present. Vice Chair Kusumoto, Commissioners, Muller, Hanson and Koos were 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 information and answered the Commissioner’s questions.

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 February 7, 2019.

IV. DISCUSSION CALENDAR MATTERS (Items A – D)

Due to lack of quorum only items IV. C and IV. D were heard by the Commission.

A. TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE – PROPOSED SECOND QUARTER AGENDA

An update will be provided on the previous Trails Subcommittee meeting, and an agenda is proposed for the next meeting, expected to be held on May 9, 2019.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the Trails Subcommittee 2019 second quarter meeting agenda.

B. OC LOOP PRESENTATION

Staff will provide a presentation on the OC Loop and updates on activities related to work towards completion of its remaining segments.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and file.
C. OC PARKS BUDGET PRESENTATION

Staff will provide information on the current fiscal year and upcoming fiscal year 2019-20 budgets.

Stacy Blackwood, OC Parks Director, provided a presentation and answered Commissioners’ questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and file.

D. APRIL FIELD TRIP

In January 2019, your Commission approved its 2019 meeting and field trip schedule.

The locations below are options for the April field trip.

a) Arden: Modjeska House historical facility tour
b) Peters Canyon Regional Park and future Crawford Canyon Park tour
c) Archaeo/Paleo tour – Chestnut Facility and Clark Park Interpretive Center
d) Upper Newport Bay – preserve, Muth Center and Upland to Tideland exhibit tour

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Select a field trip location.
2. Confirm Friday, April 12, as the field trip date.

Commissioner McCusker selected the Archaeo/Paleo tour 2nd: Chair Posey

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

Junior Ranger Day at the Bay – Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve – Saturday, March 9, 9:00am – 12:00pm
Come earn your Junior Ranger Badge and Certificate at Upper Newport Bay.
Participants will go on a guided hike, complete a short service project, and take the junior ranger oath.
Activities will be designed for learners in the 9-12 age range, but everyone is welcome.
Online registration required.

Naturalist Led Bird and Butterfly Nature Walk – Caspers Wilderness Park – Saturday, March 9, 9:00am
Join Volunteer Naturalist Mike Clayton, for a one-mile nature walk in the beautiful Bell Canyon area of Caspers Wilderness Park. The walk will focus on identifying and learning about the birds and butterflies encountered on the trail.
Parking is $5 per vehicle.

Dig in! Plant & Protect Wildflowers with the Native Seed Farm – Irvine Ranch Open Space – Saturday, March 23, 8:30am – 12:00pm
Join us at the Irvine Ranch Conservancy’s one-of-a-kind Native Seed Farm in Irvine.
Activities include planting new little plants into growing fields and using various weeding tools to remove weeds so the new plants can grow up strong.
Ages 8 and up, accompanied by an adult. Registration is required.

Double Loop: Baker Canyon – Irvine Ranch Open Space – Sunday, March 31, 7:00am – 10:00am
Join in on a challenging hike that rewards you with sweeping views of the Irvine Ranch Natural Landmarks and Santa Ana Mountains.
This scenic hike involves steep climbs and descents on both double and single-track trails and around 1100 feet of accumulated climbing elevation.
Online reservations required. Ages 16 and up; minors must be accompanied by an adult.

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 7:57 pm