

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES
(Action Items Displayed in Italics)
THURSDAY, February 7, 2019 – 7.00 p.m.
OC Parks Headquarters

I. ROLL CALL

Chair Posey, Vice Chair Kusumoto, Commissioners, Muller, Hanson, and West were present. Commissioners McCusker 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.

Kristene McGovern (equestrian) and Janice Coin (equestrian) provided comments and questions on trail use.

Dan Eitman, member of the public, provided comments and questions on the Craig Bike Park project and Competitive/Race Events policy.

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 3, 2019.

Motion: Commissioner Muller

2nd: Commissioner West

Approved 5-0

IV. DISCUSSION CALENDAR MATTERS (Items A – C)

A. CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS LEASE AMENDMENT

The City of Laguna Woods and the County have an existing lease for the County to manage City property as part of Laguna Woods Wilderness Park. The City has requested an amendment to the lease that would adjust the lot line of the leased premises to help facilitate an El Toro Water District upgrade project.

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve a lease amendment to allow a lot line adjustment removing approximately 300 square feet from the lease premises in substantially the same terms presented in the Commission report.

Motion: Commissioner Muller

2nd: Commissioner West

No: Hanson

Approved 4-1

Item V.A on the Capistrano Beach Storm Damage Update was heard before Item IV.B

B. PARK PLANNING 101 AND UPDATES ON IN-PROGRESS PLANS

Staff will provide a presentation on the park planning process and updates on in-progress plans for various locations in the OC Parks system.

Scott Thomas, Planning and Design Division Manager, provided a presentation and answered questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and file.

C. HISTORICAL PARKS RESTORATIONS

Staff will provide a presentation on the Historical Operations Group and updates on various projects currently underway at historic facilities.

Jacky Cordero, Parks Division Manager, 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. CAPISTRANO BEACH STORM DAMAGE UPDATE

The Coastal Commission has issued an emergency permit for addressing the Capistrano Beach storm damage. The permit authorizes removal of the restroom and basketball court structures, installation of large sandbags,

utilization of the parking lot by the public, and a study to be conducted on sea level rise. An update on Capistrano Beach will be provided at the meeting.

B. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS – TOPICS OF INTEREST

C. UPCOMING OC PARKS EVENTS

Tenth Annual Monarch Butterfly Day – Mile Square Regional Park – Saturday, February 2, 10:00am – 2:00pm

- OC Parks invites children and families to learn all about Monarch butterflies and their natural habitat with an up-close look at these magnificent creatures.
- Activities will include interpretive presentations, children's crafts, face painting and a balloon artist. Event is recommended for ages 4 to 12.
- Event and parking are free. Food trucks will be on site.

Tet Festival – Mile Square Regional Park – Friday, February 8, to Sunday, February 10

- The Tet Festival celebrates the 2019 Lunar New Year and will be held at Mile Square Regional Park.
- Event and parking are free. Free shuttles will be available inside park grounds.

Peters Canyon Habitat Restoration – Peters Canyon Regional Park – Sunday, February 10, 7:30am – 10:30am

- Join OC Parks staff and other volunteers in enhancing habitat at Peters Canyon Regional Park.
- Activities may include planting native plants, watering, removing invasive plants, mulching, or weeding.
- Water will be provided. Tools will be available.
- Participants are requested to wear long pants, closed-toe shoes, and a hat and bring sunscreen, work gloves, reusable water container, and any tools they may have.
- Minors aged 16 and younger must have a legal guardian present at all times.
- Registration is required.

Fitness Hike at Dilley – Laguna Coast Wilderness Park – Thursday, February 14, 8:30am – 11:00am

- Raise your heart rate and your spirits on this strenuous, fast-paced 5.5-mile hike over steep and uneven terrain (900 ft. elevation gain) with Laguna Canyon Foundation volunteers.
- Participants will be required to maintain a 19 minute mile pace. The event is open for ages 15 and up.
- Parking is \$3 per vehicle.

Great Backyard Bird Count – Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve – Saturday, February 16, 9:00am – 11:00am

- The Great Backyard Bird Count is a national citizen science initiative that allows anyone of any age to make a meaningful contribution to bird conservation and protection.
- For this family friendly event, participants will gather at the Muth Center and learn how to submit bird count data and then hit the trail to count some birds.
- OC Parks staff will teach guests how to identify local bird species. Participants can expect to walk 2-3 miles over uneven terrain.
- Minors aged 16 and younger must have legal guardian present at all times.
- Online reservations required.

Full Moon Hike – Irvine Ranch Open Space – Tuesday, February 19, 7:00pm – 9:00pm

- Enjoy the trails under the full moon's light. Hike along the paved Hicks Haul Road, traveling through coastal sage scrub in this dark canyon's interior.
- The hike will cover about 3 miles round trip at a moderate pace.
- Hike is open to ages 12 and up, accompanied by an adult.
- Online reservations required.

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 *8:18 pm*