

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2022 — 3:00 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Chair Fegraus, Vice Chair Conners, and Members Iseman, Maloney, Clark, and Felder were present. Members Bartlett, Tao, Weiss, and Prince were absent.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

No comments were received from the public.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM A)

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

A. APPROVE AUTHORITY MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 9, 2022 MEETING.

Motion: Member Iseman

2nd: Chair Fegraus

Unanimous vote to approve with one abstention.

IV. AUTHORITY MEMBERS AND PARTNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

A. LAGUNA CANYON FOUNDATION (LCF) UPDATE

Hallie Jones, Executive Director shared the following: recent visit by a mt. lion represents an opportunity for education; 200 students from underserved schools visited the park in the LCF program; public programs for volunteers are back; LCF staff all in the new headquarters; looking at future large restoration projects with OC Parks; new staff. Question from CGA member about the Prop 12 parcels not under lease yet with OC and the zoning issues with the City of Laguna Beach.

B. LAGUNA BEACH OPEN SPACE UPDATE

Representative not available to provide an update at this time.

C. NATURAL COMMUNITIES COALITION (NCC) UPDATE

Darin Loughrey, NCC Outreach and Engagement Coordinator, shared the following: NCC will host a meeting on June 8th on the findings of the 5-year Outdoor Recreation: Research, Monitoring and Planning – A Program of Research on the Nature Reserve of Orange County conducted by Utah

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State University and Oregon State University scientists; information on a Native Seed Co-Operative; Western Spadefoot toad grant has ended, next 3 years for monitoring the project.

D. IRVINE OPEN SPACE PRESERVE UPDATE

Casey Gnad, City of Irvine Open Space Administrator, shared the following: still high level of trail use; using bike patrols in accord with social media reports; \$1 million grant for Bommer Canyon for restoration; plant species priorities including fire resilient plants; Irvine has invited OC Parks to their monthly open space meetings; Spring 2023 will have milestone markers to help with trail usage and emergency response.

E. NEWPORT BEACH OPEN SPACE UPDATE

Carissa Macias, City of Newport Beach Natural Resources Advisor, shared the following: update on illegal trail through Buck Gully had a guilty finding providing funding for restoration and trail building; sponsoring Irvine Ranch Conservancy docent-led tours; Fostering Nature – a 10-week program for 5th graders; in Phase 3 of the Big Canyon restoration.

F. ALISO VIEJO OPEN SPACE UPDATE

Representative not available to provide an update at this time.

G. LAGUNA NIGUEL OPEN SPACE UPDATE

Representative not available to provide an update at this time.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and File

Motion: Member Maloney

2nd: Member Clark

Unanimous vote to Receive and File.

V. OC PARKS STAFF UPDATE

A. PARK OPERATIONS — ALL DEPARTMENTS UPDATE

John Gannaway, OC Parks Parks Division Manager, shared the following: new large mammal exhibit at Irvine Regional Park; nature day at Riley Wilderness Park; facts about the mountain lion travels in Orange County; staff are monitoring fire that just started in Dana Point, unsure of cause of fire.

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B. LAGUNA COAST WILDERNESS PARK (LCWP) AND ALISO AND WOOD CANYONS WILDERNESS PARK (AWCWP) SPOTLIGHT

1. LCWP Update

John Gannaway, OC Parks Parks Division Manager, no update at this time.

2. AWCWP Update

John Gannaway, OC Parks Parks Division Manager, no update at this time.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and File

Motion: Member Conners

2nd: Motion Maloney

Unanimous vote to Receive and File.

VI. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (ITEMS A–D)

A. TRAIL USE DESIGNATIONS PILOT PROJECT IN LCWP AND AWCWP UPDATE

Staff will provide an update on the Trail Use Designations Pilot Project occurring within LCWP and AWCWP.

Mike Wilson, OC Parks Business Manager, shared the following and answered the Authority Members' questions: provided an update of the Utah State University Trail Usage Report which will be presented to the Trails Subcommittee on May 17th at OC Parks Headquarters; copies of the report will be available and posted for public comments on the OC Parks website; no recommendations at this time, final report due in the Fall.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and File.

Motion: Member Clark

2nd: Member Maloney

Unanimous vote to Receive and File.

B. HABITAT PROTECTION METHODS

Staff from the City of Irvine Open Space Preserve will give a presentation regarding its habitat protection and use guidelines. Information presented by the City of Irvine Open Space Preserve will enable discussion of potential

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methods for habitat sustainability in areas within the subject area of the Authority.

Casey Gnad, Open Space Administrator presented an information PowerPoint presentation on the City of Irvine Open Management Plan. Key points included the history starting in 1988 through a ballot preservation act, 1996 joining the NCCP/hcp Nature Reserve of Orange County, 1998 and 2009 north open space, creation of the Recreation and Reserve Management Plans; 34 miles single and 2 -track trails; have to manage trails as originally designated; Public Works responsible for management and administration of Irvine Ranch Conservancy contract; docent-led tours for the most sensitive habitat, 7 day monitored access for other trails. Northern Open Space 1,700 acres docent-led only, designated high fire area; Southern Open Space 5,000 acres. Irvine's Open Space Team includes Administration, rangers, community service manager for recreation, IRC Contract Staff, Specialized bike team for monitoring. Developed a 5-prong Wildfire Awareness Plan dividing the city into zones. Because of Coastal Fire emergency many missed this excellent presentation. We will review this again at a future Coastal Greenbelt Authority meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and File.

Motion: Member Maloney

2nd: Member Connors

Unanimous vote to Receive and File and contact representatives from Crystal Cove State Park regarding availability to give a presentation to the Authority on habitat protection methods they employ at the Authority's July 2022 meeting. It was also agreed to ask State Parks to present their management plans at a future meeting.

C. AMENDMENTS TO THE AUTHORITY BYLAWS

Review comments from Authority Members pertaining to proposed amendments to the Authority Bylaws. Finalize updates to existing Bylaws for submission to the landowners: Orange County Board of Supervisors and the Laguna Beach City Council.

Additional amendments were suggested by the City of Laguna Beach, Authority Members, and by the public. It was also noted that the City of Laguna Woods had not had the opportunity to review the amendments included in the agenda packet. The additional amendments were reviewed and agreed upon by the Authority Members.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Recommend that the City Council of Laguna Beach and the Orange County Board of Supervisors approve the proposed Authority Bylaws Amendments.

Motion: Member Conners

2nd: Chair Fegraus

Unanimous vote to recommend the amendments to the Coastal Greenbelt Authority Bylaws included in the Agenda packet and as further amended today, May 11, 2022. If the City of Laguna Woods has further amendments, they would be considered at a future public meeting of the Coastal Greenbelt Authority. If the City of Laguna Woods, within a time period, does not have any further amendments, the recommended amendments voted on today stand.

D. IRVINE WILDLIFE CORRIDOR UPDATE

Receive information about the Science Advisors series, Partner Charter, and other activities.

Member Clark shared the following: recent wildlife corridor activities, the opportunity for education with the mountain lion sighting in Orange County and the need for multiple wildlife corridors, and the Science Advisors recent viewing of drone footage of the wildlife corridor through the Great Park.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and File.

Motion: Chair Fegraus

2nd: Member Maloney

Unanimous vote to Receive and File.

VII. AUTHORITY COMMENTS AND REPORT

At this time Authority Members 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.

Member Felder noted that the graffiti in the Canyon Acres area was cleaned up immediately.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT 4:52 p.m.

Motion: Chair Fegraus

2nd: Member Conners

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Unanimous vote to adjourn until July 13, 2022 at the Nix Nature Center.