



# AGENDA

## ORANGE COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

**IRVINE RANCH HISTORIC PARK**  
**OC Parks Headquarters**  
**13042 Old Myford Road**  
**Irvine, CA**



**DAVID SHAWVER**  
Chair  
Inland Cities

**JOHN WARREN**  
Vice Chair  
Fourth District

**DAVID HANSON**  
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Fifth District

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Second District

**JOHN GABBARD**  
Coastal Cities

**Executive Officer**  
Pam Passow

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 shall not hold a meeting unless the number of members participating constitutes a quorum of the Commission. 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).

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](mailto: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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**III. 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.

**IV. 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 6, 2025 MEETING**

**V. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A–D)**

**A. NATURAL COMMUNITIES COALITION CONSERVATION GRAZING STUDY PRESENTATION**

Natural Communities Coalition staff will present on its Conservation Grazing Study that will take place in select areas within the Irvine Ranch Open Space.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

Receive and file.

**B. OC PARKS SUMMER EVENT PREVIEW**

Staff will present a preview of upcoming OC Parks summer events.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

Receive and file.

**C. OC PARKS TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE**

Staff will provide an update to the Commission regarding the April 10, 2025 OC Parks Trails Subcommittee meeting.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

Receive and file.

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**D. ELECTRIC BICYCLE PRESENTATION AND COMMISSION CONSIDERATION OF SUPPORT OF EXPLORING POSSIBLE ALLOWANCE OF CLASS I ELECTRIC BICYCLE USE ON UNPAVED, NATURAL-SURFACE TRAILS IN OC PARKS FACILITIES**

Staff will provide an overview of electric bicycles and their interface with OC Parks and the Commission will consider support of whether OC Parks staff should explore the possibility of allowing Class I electric bicycles on unpaved, natural surface trails in OC Parks facilities and engage with relevant regulatory agencies on this subject.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

OC Parks Commission to select and recommend one of the following actions:

A. The OC Parks Commission recommends OC Parks staff explore the feasibility of allowing Class I electric bicycles on unpaved, natural surface trails in OC Parks facilities.

or

B. The OC Parks Commission does not recommend OC Parks staff explore the feasibility of allowing Class I electric bicycles on unpaved, natural surface trails in OC Parks facilities.

**VI. OC PARKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT (ITEM(S) A–B)**

**A. DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

**B. UPCOMING OC PARKS EVENTS**

Annual Rancho Days Fiesta – Heritage Hill Historical Park – Saturday, May 3, 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, early California ranching hands-on activities and exhibitors, music, piñata breaking and crafts for children, charro horse riding and roping demonstrations.

Endangered Species Day: Paint Night – Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve – Friday, May 16, 6 – 8 p.m.

- In recognition of Endangered Species Day, join us for a guided painting program to learn more about the threatened and

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endangered species that call Orange County home. This fun and engaging program will include a brief discussion and time to paint your own canvas to take home.

#### Modjeska's Spring Open House – Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

- Join OC Parks at the annual spring open house at Arden: Helena Modjeska Historic House and Gardens! Enjoy Shakespearean performances by the Modjeska Shakespeare Players, live music performances by The Orange Town Revival and docent-led tours of the iconic home and grounds.

#### Create in the Park: Start Creating Outside – George Key Ranch Historic Park – Saturday, May 24, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

- Professional artist, Dawn Buckingham, will guide you through the basics of plein air painting and provide tips on selecting and packing art supplies. A guided tour about the history of George Key Ranch will also be included.

#### Spring into Summer – Old Orange County Courthouse – Saturday, May 31, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- Bring your blankets and chairs and kick off the summer season with OC Parks with live performances from The Como La Flor Band: A Tribute to Selena and Yari Moré Latin Band on the historic Courthouse lawn and enjoy tasty treats from the food trucks. The event will also include step-by-step art demos, a native plant and animal exhibit in the Third Floor Exhibit Gallery, tours of the courthouse, hands-on paleontology and interpretive activities, crafts for kids and much more!

## **VII. 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.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**