

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES
(Action Items Displayed in Italics)
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025 — 3:00 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Chair Fegraus, Vice Chair McCary, and Members Orgill, Osborne, Norton, Clark, and Felder were present. Members Lee, Conners, Jones, and Foley 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 today's agenda.

Jim Foley commented on his concern regarding the opening status of the Dripping Cave Trail.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A)

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

A. APPROVE AUTHORITY MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 MEETING.

Motion: Vice Chair McCary

2nd: Member Osborne

Unanimous vote to approve

IV. AUTHORITY MEMBERS AND PARTNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES (ITEM(S) A-H)

A. LAGUNA CANYON FOUNDATION (LCF) UPDATE

Scott Thomas, LCF Executive Director, shared the following: LCF is observing its 35th Anniversary this year; welcome to Jaime Spataro, the new Director of Development and Communication; participated in the LCAD Fashion Show with a designed garment illustrating the theme restoring the future; assisted with hikes along with OC Parks for the Coast Film Festival; Kids in the Wild Program with already 9 School Field Trips with 300 students to date for the school year- a goal for the school year of 3500+ Title 1 students; working with Laguna Beach School District, thanks to Kelly Osborne's help to take grade level and high school students on LCWP hikes; collaborating with the Laguna Beach Garden Club to provide a seed library of native plants for the public; Supervisor Foley gave a \$3,000 grant to LCF to help with the school programs; Meeting at the Nix Nature Center with LCAD professors along with LCWP staff to discuss updating interpretive exhibits. Saturday Trail days are well attended; assisting with the Natural Communities Coalition Trail Monitoring Study; creating a Rapid Response Trail Team with OC Mt. Bikes; waiting for grant approval to start the Parcel 5 project.

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B. LAGUNA BEACH OPEN SPACE UPDATE

No update at this time.

C. NATURAL COMMUNITIES COALITION (NCC) UPDATE

Darin Loughrey, NCC Outreach Coordinator and Engagement Coordinator, shared the following: new NCC website. This a result of a survey of the Nature Reserve neighbors including interviews with park staff to better understand how NCC can help the public understand the wilderness parks. Website is the first phase of building a greater understanding of open space in Orange County. Go to <https://naturereserveoc.com/>

D. IRVINE OPEN SPACE PRESERVE UPDATE

Casey Gnadt, City of Irvine Open Space Administrator, shared the following: recent demolition of the concrete plant in the north area; planting of 10,000 plants and 2,500 cacti in the Gateway Preserve and adjacent areas with the official reopening in March 2026. Also noted was the October 28, 2025 Irvine City Council meeting with a discussion about the public use of the open space in Parcel 5 and the Veeh Creek feasibility study.

E. NEWPORT BEACH OPEN SPACE UPDATE

Representative not available to provide an update at this time.

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.

H. CRYSTAL COVE CONSERVANCY UPDATE

Representative not available to provide an update at this time.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and File Agenda Items IV.A–H.

Motion: Member Osborne

2nd: Member Orgill

Unanimous vote to Receive and File Agenda Items IV.A–H

V. OC PARKS STAFF UPDATES (ITEM(S) A–B)

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A. PARK OPERATIONS — ALL DEPARTMENTS UPDATE

Ev Mena, OC Parks Park Division Manager, shared the following: We are currently processing a new Park Ranger recruitment and in the background stage with looks to be some well qualified candidates. OC Parks currently has 5 Park Ranger vacancies, next Ranger Academy Spring 2026; Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park is currently closed until further notice due to Mountain Lion sighting – coordinating with UC Davis and CDFW to monitor the conditions; The recent closure of an unauthorized trail at Laguna Coast Wilderness Park called The Nose, was facilitated by staff in conjunction with support from Laguna Canyon Foundation.

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

1. AWCWP Update

Annelise Gannaway, OC Parks Supervising Park Ranger I, shared the following: working with other agencies to address unauthorized encampments at locations in the Aliso Creek/Laguna Canyon Road area, filling a Maintenance Worker II position now and next a Maintenance Worker I position.

2. LCWP Update

Brad Barker, OC Parks Supervising Park Ranger II, shared the following: shade sail anticipated to be installed by summer 2026 in the mulch area adjacent to the parking area where students convene for their hikes at the Nix Nature Center; recently completed the annual fuel modification around the Nix Nature Center; the installation of stickers, Feather Friendly Film over all the windows at the NNC and Ranger Headquarters are reducing bird strikes; rain measurement at this time last year was zero, this year 2 inches; Retiring Larry Acosta, OC Parks Maintenance Supervisor with 11 years at LCWP was honored at a recent Retirement Party.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and File Agenda Items V.A–B.

Motion: Vice Chair McCary

2nd: Member Norton

Unanimous vote to Receive and File Agenda Items V.A–B

VI. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A–H)

A. CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH BIKE PUMP TRACK

The City of Laguna Beach is considering the construction of a bike pump track at a location adjacent to Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park. Authority

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Members will discuss any potential impacts to Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park and any needed response to the proposal.

Michael Hawk commented in opposition to the bike pump track at this location.

Peter Nealon commented in opposition to the bike pump track at this location.

Daniel Schultz commented in opposition to the bike pump track at this location citing concerns for wildlife.

Cheryl Heichmer commented in opposition to the bike pump track at this location citing high fire risks and no parking.

Jim Foley commented in support of the bike pump track at this location citing that the property is not protected and that it would be a public amenity.

David Browning commented in support of the bike pump track at this location citing that the land needs to be remediated and opposed the Authority's idea to issue a letter.

Rudy Schwartz commented in opposition to the bike pump track at this location citing parking issues.

Penny Milne, Canyon Alliance of Neighborhoods Defense Organization President, commented in opposition to the bike pump track at this location citing that it would set precedent and notes that there is a risk of edge effect as noted in management plans for the property but welcomes restoration of the property as it is a wildlife corridor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. If appropriate, authorize the Chair to prepare and issue a letter regarding the City of Laguna Beach's consideration of a bike pump track at a location adjacent to Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park.
2. Receive and file and continue the item.

Motion: Chair Fegraus

2nd: Vice Chair McCary

Unanimous vote to approve the recommended actions. Authority members noted that the letter should inquire with the City of Laguna Beach for more information about the proposed bike pump track if it is proposed for the Moulton Meadows site adjacent to AWCWP. If so Authority requests that the City provide a report at the January 2026 Authority meeting before taking any action that would allow a bike pump track at the Moulton Meadows site.

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B. CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION REGARDING IRVINE BOWL DECIBEL OUTPUT ADJUSTMENTS

The City of Laguna Beach is considering an item regarding a potential regulation of the Irvine Bowl's decibel output at concerts and events outside of the festival period. If available, the Authority will receive any new information and the potential impacts to LCWP.

Member Orgill reported on the recent concert and sound analysis. It was agreed by Authority members that the letter to the City of Laguna should include the bike pump track information request and also a request for the results of the sound analysis from the recent concert showing the higher decibel impact on humans and wildlife before any official action is taken by the city council.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file and continue the item

Motion to authorize the Chair to prepare and issue a letter to the City of Laguna Beach requesting information about the recent concert sound analysis and that this information be shared with the Authority prior to any formal action by the City of Laguna Beach: Chair Fegraus

2nd: Vice Chair McCary

Unanimous vote to approve the preparation and issuance of the letter and to receive and file and continue the item.

C. LAGUNA CANYON ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

City of Laguna Beach Staff, if available, will share an update on its Laguna Canyon Road Improvement Project and its potential impacts on LCWP following a report presented at the November 15, 2022 City Council Meeting and further planning.

Member Orgill noted that the City of Laguna Beach is meeting with CALTRANS to discuss undergrounding and easements. More town hall workshops planned. Members discussed removing this standing item but decided to wait until the January 2026 meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file and continue the item.

Motion: Chair Fegraus

2nd: Vice Chair McCary

Unanimous vote to approve the recommended action.

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D. LAGUNA CANYON ROAD WIDENING AND SAFETY PROJECT UPDATE

OC Parks Staff, if available, will share an update on Caltrans' Laguna Canyon Road Widening and Safety Project.

Brad Barker, OC Parks Supervising Park Ranger II, provided an update on the Project.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file and continue the item.

Motion: Chair Fegraus

2nd: Vice Chair McCary

Unanimous vote to approve the recommended action.

E. LAGUNA COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN STUDENT CENTER DEVELOPMENT

City of Laguna Beach Staff, if available, will provide a report of the proposed developments at the Laguna College of Art and Design Student Center and any possible impacts to AWCWP.

Member Orgill provided an update on the developments.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file and continue the item, if appropriate.

Motion: Chair Fegraus

2nd: Vice Chair McCary

Unanimous vote to approve the recommended action.

F. IRVINE WILDLIFE CORRIDOR UPDATE

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

Member Clark shared the following: information about the Wildlife Camera Study. The study is under the direction of the Robert Rock Design Associates for Laguna Greenbelt Inc. The study will focus on the 6-mile planned Irvine-Laguna Wildlife Corridor and also Laguna Canyon Road (State 133).

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Authorize the Chair to prepare and issue a letter to OC Parks in support of new camera studies to monitor wildlife in the Irvine Wildlife Corridor.

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2. Receive and file and continue the item.

Motion: Member Osborne

2nd: Member Orgill

Unanimous vote to approve the recommended actions.

G. REVIEW OF THE 1998 LCWP GENERAL DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANS

Authority Members reviewing the LCWP General Development and Resource Management Plans will present the Coastal Greenbelt Authority's Historical Update and Goal Summary for Laguna Coast Wilderness Park. The Authority will share the schedule for completing an update for the Nix Nature Center and the final document of the References.

Members Norton and Clark and Chair Fegraus shared the highlights of the Historical Update and Goal Summary for LCWP. It was noted that these documents do not replace the 1998 General Development and Resource Management Plans for LCWP but add more information and history to date about LCWP. Part 2 will be the Nix Nature Center Historical Update along with future goals and the last part will be a listing of the various documents noted in the Updates so they can be referenced directly. After discussion it was agreed that it was time to send a letter to the LCWP Landowners asking that they support OC Parks staff providing resources to review and finalize the documents.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Authorize the Chair to prepare and issue a letter to OC Parks and other LCWP landowners regarding the Authority's Historical Update and Goal Summary for Laguna Coast Wilderness Park .
2. Authorize the distribution of the Authority's Historical Update and Goal Summary for Laguna Coast Wilderness Park to OC Parks and other LCWP landowners.
3. Receive and file and continue the item.

Motion: Member Norton

2nd: Vice Chair McCary

Unanimous vote to approve the recommended actions.

H. COASTAL GREENBELT AUTHORITY PROPOSED 2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

The Authority's 2026 Meeting Schedule is provided for review and approval.

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It was noted that November 11, 2026 is a national holiday, Veteran's Day, and that the Laguna Woods City Hall will be closed. It was agreed to adjust the meeting schedule to accommodate this holiday at the January 2026 Authority meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve the Coastal Greenbelt Authority's 2026 Meeting Schedule.

Motion approve the schedule with an amendment making the November 11, 2026 meeting a field trip: Chair Fegraus

2nd: Member Orgill

Unanimous vote to approve the recommended action, as amended.

VII. AUTHORITY COMMENTS AND REPORT

At this time Authority Members may comment on agenda or non-agenda matters, provided that no action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law. Members may also suggest items for the September 10, 2025 meeting agenda.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT TO JANUARY 14, 2026 MEETING 5:08 p.m.

Motion: Member Orgill

2nd: Member Osborne

Unanimous vote to adjourn to the January 14, 2026 Meeting.

COASTAL GREENBELT AUTHORITY

STAFF REPORT

FROM: Ev Mena, Executive Officer

DATE: November 12, 2025

SUBJECT: Coastal Greenbelt Authority's Proposed 2026 Meeting Schedule

A proposed schedule of 2026 meeting dates is provided below for the Authority's review. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every other month at the City of Laguna Woods Council Chambers at 3:00 p.m., but confirmed meeting locations and field trips will be noted on the agenda prior to the meeting.

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

Wednesday, November 11, 2026 – Field Trip

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve the Coastal Greenbelt Authority's 2026 Meeting Schedule.


Ev Mena