



AGENDA



ORANGE COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

ALISO AND WOOD CANYONS WILDERNESS PARK

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Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

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The Orange County Historical 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 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 (714) 973-6606.

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I. ROLL CALL

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 today's agenda.

III. 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 APRIL 7, 2026 MEETING

IV. STAFF UPDATE (ITEM(S) A)

A. CULTURAL RESOURCES OPERATIONS FACILITY UPDATE

Staff will give an update on the recent happenings within the Cultural Resources Operations at historical facilities.

V. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A–B)

A. COMMISSIONER ROLES REPORTS

Commissioners will provide updates on the latest developments or request input from the Commission in their roles.

1. Brown – Oral Histories
2. Chinn – Historic Preservation
3. Harrell – Arden: Helena Modjeska Historic House and Gardens
4. Johannes – Public Events
5. Moodian – Oral Histories
6. Richonne – Website & Publications
7. Sarkis – Networking Event
8. Senft – Finance & Website
9. Skorpanich – Website
10. Thoms – Cooper Center

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- 11. Yauger – Networking Event
- 12. Gossett – OC Archives

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file.

B. ALISO AND WOOD CANYONS WILDERNESS PARK VISITOR CENTER TOUR

The Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park Visitor Center, a 2,600 square-foot facility, opened in May of 2021 and features a public space with reception and display areas for visitors to learn about the park and its surroundings. The visitor center provides nature lovers with an introduction to the park's vast natural and cultural resources and offers a place for outdoor environmental stewardship and education. Commissioners and attendees will be given a tour of the visitor center which will go over the history of the center and showcase the current displays and discuss how the displays are used to connect with the public.

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VI. 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.

VII. ADJOURNMENT