

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

(Action Items Displayed in Italics)

Thursday, March 5, 2026 — 6:00 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Shawver.

II. ROLL CALL

Chair Warren, Vice Chair Jones (arrived during Item V.A), and Commissioners Bui (arrived during Item V.A), Diaz, Hanson, Shawver, and Gabbard were present.

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.

No comments were received from the public.

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 FEBRUARY 5, 2026 MEETING

Motion: Commissioner Shawver

2nd: Commissioner Gabbard

Approved 5-0

V. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A-B)

A. SANTA ANA RIVER TRAIL ENHANCEMENTS PRESENTATION

Staff will present an overview on recent enhancements made along the Santa Ana River Trail.

Pam Passow, OC Parks Director, introduced staff presenting the item and answered the Commissioners' questions.

Antonio Valdes, Trails and Mapping Administrator, presented the item and answered the Commissioners' questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file.

Motion: Commissioner Diaz

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2nd: Commissioner Gabbard

Approved 7–0

B. OC PARKS TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE TERM EXTENSION AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The OC Parks Trails Subcommittee (Subcommittee) was established by the Commission in 2016 with a term of five years, which was extended in 2021, and is now before the Commission for consideration of an extension for another five-year term or dissolution. The Subcommittee also has a member whose membership term will expire on July 10, 2028. Staff propose renewing the membership of Member Deborah Ball for an additional two-year term, subject to the Commission’s decision whether or not to extend the term of the Subcommittee.

Pam Passow, OC Parks Director, provided information on the item and answered the Commissioners’ questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. OC Parks Commission to select and recommend one of the following actions:
 - A. Approve extension of the OC Parks Trails Subcommittee term for an additional five years to October 5, 2031.
 - B. Dissolve the OC Parks Trails Subcommittee effective October 5, 2026.

Motion to approve extension of the OC Parks Trails Subcommittee term for an additional five years to October 5, 2031: Commissioner Bui

2nd: Commissioner Gabbard

Approved 7–0

2. Renew the membership of OC Parks Trails Subcommittee Member Deborah Ball for an additional two-year term, expiring on July 10, 2028, subject to the Commission’s renewal or dissolution of the OC Parks Trails Subcommittee.

Motion: Commissioner Jones

2nd: Commissioner Bui

Approved 7–0

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

A. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

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Pam Passow, OC Parks Director, provided updates and answered the Commissioners' questions.

B. UPCOMING OC PARKS EVENTS

Stories Carved in Stone – Laguna Coast Wilderness Park – Saturday, March 14, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

- Join OC Parks and Laguna Canyon Foundation volunteers on a journey through history and discover volcanic intrusions, explore 40-million-year-old rock formations and experience the only naturally occurring lake in Orange County.

Starr Party – Caspers Wilderness Park – Saturday, March 14, 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

- Join us outdoors for the Starr Party, where telescopes and expert guidance will help you explore the night sky until approximately 9:30 p.m. The program features interactive activities, perfect for families and space enthusiasts of all ages. Equipment will be provided but feel free to bring binoculars, telescopes or cameras.

Jr. Ranger Adventure: Mile Square Regional Park – Saturday, March 28, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

- The OC Parks Jr. Ranger Program encourages park guests to explore the outdoor world within OC Parks. Join OC Parks staff and volunteers to earn a unique Jr. Ranger badge for Mile Square Regional Park.

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 6:42 p.m.