



**A G E N D A and MINUTES
COASTAL GREENBELT AUTHORITY**



Wednesday, September 11, 2019

3:00 p.m.

**Laguna Woods City Hall
24264 El Toro Road
Laguna Woods, CA 92653**

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Staff: **Justin Schmillen** – Recreation Manager
Derek Breaux – Recreation Supervisor

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Those persons addressing the Authority are requested to give their names for the record. Except as otherwise provided by law, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the following agenda. However, items may be taken up in a different sequence. Written materials must be received 24 hours in advance to ensure consideration by the Authority. A limited number of staff reports are available at the Authority meeting. The public may address the Authority on items of public interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Authority during the public participation section of the meeting.

1. ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public are welcome to address the Authority on items of public interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Authority and are not listed as an agenda item.

3. MINUTES

Meeting Minutes, July 10, 2019. Corrections/Additions

Recommended Action: Approve meeting minutes or modifications as appropriate. *The minutes of July 10, 2019, as presented, were approved unanimously on a motion by Conners and a second by Maloney.*

4. CGA MEMBERS AND PARTNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

- A. Update by Laguna Canyon Foundation by a LCF representative. *Hallie Jones, Executive Director shared the following activities: planning with the Laguna Beach Fire Department for fuel modification for short and long term planning – covering the use of goats and hand crews – requires a new overall fuel modification permit from the Coastal Commission; renovations on LCF headquarter almost complete.*
- B. Update by Natural Communities Coalition by a NCC representative. *Not Available.*
- C. Update by City of Laguna Beach regarding open space in Laguna Beach. *Iseman noted that there is pressure within the city to build affordable housing perhaps in Laguna Canyon. This would require a change of land use, concern about traffic and fire issues; the city continues to look at properties to preserve as open space.*
- D. Update on the City of Irvine’s Open Space Preserve. *Baird shared that Open Space is now under the jurisdiction of the Public Works Department with programs in Irvine Open Space under Community Services; staff has oversight of the Irvine Ranch Conservancy contract for maintenance, currently amending that contract; work with 5 Point to maintain the wildlife corridor, part of the Emerging Resources Task Force which includes Natural Communities Coalition, Cooperative, OCFA, UCI and IRC.*
- E. Update on the City of Newport Beach’s Open Space. *Schmillen shared that the modification of the Buck Gully trail by IRC will start October 12, 2019. Once completed enforcement will be 7 days a week with citation ability. Breaux also noted that 5th grades from ten schools participated in the February – April 2019 education program and the 2020 program will start in March; restoration in the Big Canyon area with the removal of a Brazilian pepper tree forest and replanting of native plants through the Public Works Department.*
- F. Update regarding Open Space from Aliso Viejo - *Not Available.*
- G. Update regarding Open Space from Laguna Niguel Rivera – *Rivera indicated that there is no new information at this time.*

5. OC PARKS STAFF UPDATE

- A. Park Operations – All Departments Update
- B. Spotlight on Laguna Coast Wilderness and Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Parks: Park staff will highlight recent accomplishments, activities and upcoming events.

Laguna Coast Wilderness Park Update: *Supervising Park Ranger Matt Stegner shared the following: removal of illegal trail at Los Trancos; activated drone program for trail use and habitat restoration; repaired fencing along El Toro Road; Astronomy Night a great success with 150 participants.*

Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park Update: *Supervising Park Ranger Sean Bengtson shared the following: new Visitor Center has a temporary Occupancy permit but still needs the sewer connection completed for the official sign-off and Occupancy permit; new office technician for the Visitor Center; completion of exhibits will be the final task; existing trailers have been painted; gates at Alta Laguna and north end of Wood Canyon trail have been replaced; staff changes include Zachery Salazar to OC Headquarters and Brad Barker to Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park.*

6. RECEIVE AND FILE MATTERS

- A. Irvine Wildlife Camera Monitoring Study Report by Kevin Clark, Director of Biological Services at the San Diego Natural History Museum and John Foley, Board member, Laguna Greenbelt, Inc. and field data collector

Recommended Action: Receive and File presentation. *The Report Analysis was presented. The conclusion for the study indicated very poor use by the target species (coyotes and bobcats) and high human intrusion. There were many questions by the public. The report is available to Download on <https://ocwildlifecorridor.files.wordpress.com/2019/09/irvine-corridor-camera-analysis-report-final-aug-28-2019-2.pdf>*

- B. Status report on CALTRANS Safety Lane project and Additional Laguna Canyon Road project.

Recommended Action: Receive and File *Agenda item continued to next meeting as requested by OC Parks staff.*

7. ACTION ITEMS

None to report.

- 8. CGA MEMBERS COMMENTS AND REPORT** *Noted that Woods End Lease Amendment is complete.*

- 9.. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT TO WEDNESDAY, November 13, 2019 AT 3 P.M.** *On a motion by Fegraus with a second by Conners, the meeting was adjourned in Memory of those who lost their lives in the 9/11 attack. The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 3 p.m. Unanimously approved.*