



A G E N D A and MINUTES COASTAL GREENBELT AUTHORITY



Wednesday, March 13, 2019

3:00 p.m.

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

Mary Feagraus, Chair

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Tiffany Ackley

City of Aliso Viejo, Council Member

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City of Laguna Hills, Council Member

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Ron Rivera, Recreation Manager, Alternate

City of Laguna Niguel

Sean Levin, Deputy Director, Recreation/Sr. Services

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Environmental Groups

Cynthia Conners, Vice Chair

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City of Laguna Beach, Assistant City Manager

Tom Wilson, Alternate

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Gene Felder, Alternate

Member at Large

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. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS –

- A. Meeting Minutes, January 9, 2019. Corrections/Additions.
Action: On a motion by Conners with a second by Maloney, the minutes were unanimously approved as stated.
- B. Report by Laguna Canyon Foundation by a LCF representative. *Hallie Jones, Exe. Dir, Laguna Canyon Foundation reported on the restoration projects: DeWitt property – about 300 plants were lost in the big rain storm and LCF has a new partnership with the City of Laguna Beach; Pecten Reef at AWCWP – looking for new funds from CA Fish & Wildlife to expand the project.*
- C. Report by Natural Communities Coalition by a NCC representative. *Milan Mitrovich reported: Annual report including budget and programs ready for Board action, habitat restoration update and summary of seed banks part of the annual report; Coastal Cactus wren symposium hosted by NCC recently to help understand status of new science and threats; NCC received approval from CA Wildlife Conservation Board for the Fall 2019 upland restoration project with partners OC Parks and State Parks.*
- D. Report by City of Laguna Beach regarding open space in Laguna Beach. *Councilmember Iseman noted that the City of Laguna Beach is working on a plan for Laguna Canyon Road.*
- E. Update on the City of Irvine's Open Space Preserve. *Welcome to Councilmember Khan.*
- F. Update on the City of Newport Beach's Open Space. *Justin Schmillen, Recreation Manager noted that 2019 Irvine Ranch Conservancy Buck Gully Plan has started; Derex Breaux, Recreation Supervisor shared details of the 4 day/3 night Back Bay camp for 5th graders from under-served Santa Ana schools. With a focus to foster interest in land and ocean ecosystems the 9-week program will serve 35-40 students per week.*

- G. Updates regarding Open Space from the Cities of Aliso Viejo and Laguna Niguel
Councilmember Ackley noted that the City of Aliso Viejo is researching grants for Arundo removal.
Ron Rivera, City of Laguna Recreation Manager noted: the storms have delayed construction at the new community facilities, April 20th Earth Day activities at the Crown Valley Park, city's new strategic plan will include trails.
- H. Park Operations Spotlight
 Park staff will highlight recent accomplishments, activities and upcoming events.
Introduction of new OC Parks department and staff members:
Jennifer Naegle, Natural Resources Dept. manager and Team of Matt Major and Alison Flint. The new section of OC Parks will focus on invasive species and best management practices.
- Laguna Coast Wilderness Park report:*** *Senior Park Ranger Barker shared: since July 18, 2018 to date rain measured 23 inches! Park has had to close due to weather and trail conditions at least 40 days during the Winter and Spring.*
Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park report: *Ranger Salazar noted: OCFA has started to repair park fire access roads, Canyon Acres access suffered serious erosion and remains closed; discussed difficulty of informing the public about trail closures – use social media, volunteers at trail entrances – difficult with high volume of visitors; using drones to monitor every 2 months the restoration progress at the burn area.*

Additional Staff Report if available. *None at this time.*

4. Request by the City of Laguna Woods for Support of a Lease Amendment at Woods End section of Laguna Coast Wilderness Park.
 Action: Recommend to the Orange County Board of Supervisors the approval of a lease amendment to allow a lot line adjustment to the 10.6-acre parcel owned by the City of Laguna Woods and leased to the County of Orange for inclusion in Laguna Coast Wilderness Park.
 Action: Motion to Support the Lease Amendment. *Rebecca Pennington, Development Programs Analyst, City of Laguna Woods presented the project. OC Parks is working with the city, no set date for construction, request for CGA support letter. On a motion by Conners and second by Fegraus the draft recommendation letter to OC Supervisors was unanimously approved. OC Parks will submit the support letter with their documentation.*
5. Laguna Ridge Trail Update. Report by OC Parks.
 Action: Receive and File *Received information about the trail condition, noted that LCWP Resource Management Plan recognizes adaptive management procedures and that the restoration project is under study.*

6. Status Report, if available, on the Aliso Creek Super Project and the Locally Preferred Alternative Plan.
Action: Receive and File *Jones, Laguna Canyon Foundation working with City of Laguna Beach and Oceans Foundation to plan an alternate project and its funding, noted there wasn't community support for the Army Corps project*

7. Status report on CALTRANS Safety Lane project and Additional Laguna Canyon Road project.
Action: Receive and File *Jones, Laguna Canyon Foundation shared that Caltrans design documents are at 35%, City of Laguna Beach, OC Parks and LCF are working with CALTRANS on mitigation and design options, that a lawsuit has been filed (not public), permits still required for project include Resource Agency and Coastal Development permit from Laguna Beach.*

8. Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park Visitor Center Update by OC Parks
Action: Receive and File *OC Parks noted that they are still working on the sewer permit and do not have an occupancy permit.*

9. Report on Wildlife Corridor, Camera Study project by Laguna Greenbelt by Chair Fegraus
Action: Receive and File *Fegraus shared that the San Diego Natural History Museum is working on a Report of the Wildlife Camera Study and when completed it will be shared with the Coastal Greenbelt Authority.*

10. Amendments to the Bylaws. Continue to review the Bylaws for a total list of amendments to be considered by the park's landowners – Orange County and the cities of Laguna Beach and Laguna Woods. Discussion if a committee should be appointed to review the Bylaws and possible amendments. If so, a motion to do so.
Action: Receive and File *No report.*

11. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS, under consideration:
 - OC Vector Control Mosquito Exhibit
 - Woods End Trail reclassification, discuss process and timeline. Dependent on OC Parks schedule and budget.
 - Update on San Diego Creek at PA 39 and 18 regarding wildlife corridor functions
 - AWCWP Canyon Vistas entry issue
 - Aliso Creek OCTA Restoration Update
 - The Ranch and trail connections. Need an update from City of Laguna Beach.
 - Review of trails acquired through the Prop 12 funding and their incorporation into the GDP/RMP and the process and timeline for this action
 - Proposal for the Dilley entrance at LCWP
 - Future meeting sites include new Laguna Canyon Foundation headquarters, AWCWP Visitors Center
 - E-Bikes in the wilderness park

12. AUTHORITY MEMBERS COMMENTS AND REPORTS;
NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS OF INTEREST TO CGA *Fegraus noted an intent to address the City of Laguna Beach council about the role of the Coastal Greenbelt Authority.*
13. **Recommended Action for all Agenda Items, Announcements and Reports unless separately noted:**
Action: Motion to Receive and File: *On a motion by Conners and a second by Maloney the noted items were unanimously approved to Receive and File.*
14. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT TO WEDNESDAY, May 8, 2019 AT 3 P.M. *On a motion by Fegraus with a second by Conners and unanimously approved, the Coastal Greenbelt Authority was adjourned to first a meeting at the new AWCWP Visitor Center on March 14, 2019 at 11 a.m. and then to its regularly scheduled meeting on May 8, 2019 at 3 p.m.*