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PARKS, RECREATION AND WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Summary of Minutes

March 9, 2010

Members in Attendance: Kirk Alexander, Robert Beggs, Andrew Fulks, Jennifer Henning, Carolyn Hinshaw, Kent Lang.

Members Absent: Gerald Hartwig, Josh Martinez, Steve Radosevich (resigned).

County Staff in Attendance: Supervisor Duane Chamberlain, Dimitrios Georges, Ray Groom, Christopher Lee, Scott Lines, Warren Westrup.

Others in Attendance: Catherine Portman

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Henning called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was modified to provide a staff update before the regular agenda.

Motion: Fulks. Second: Alexander. Ayes: ALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 2010 were adopted with one minor correction.

Motion: Fulks. Second: Alexander. Ayes: ALL

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 Discuss naming of park site currently known as Otis Ranch to Valley Vista Regional Park: Andrew Fulks provided a brief history of the site, and why the recommendation to name the site. Parks Director Westrup stated that staff has done thorough research into the documented history of the site, and there is no historical or legal significance to the existing reference to the park as Otis Ranch (other than the site was bought from the Otis family in 2003). He said that PRWAC member Hartwig personally spoke with Capay Valley residents about the Otis name, and there was no historical significance to the site continuing to be known as Otis Ranch. Chair Henning stated that the public comment opportunities and discussion at the PRWAC level for the naming have been extensive. General Services (GSD) Director Groom stated that coming to the PRWAC with Supervisor Chamberlain present is part of the Yolo County administrative process requirement for naming a park site. GSD Director Groom stated that he feels there would be support from the Board of Supervisors (BOS) for the naming. Supervisor Chamberlain commended staff and PRWAC member

Hartwig for doing thorough research into the name so that no one is offended by the park site not being further known as Otis Ranch. Andrew Fulks made a motion that the PRWAC make a recommendation to the BOS to name the park site as Valley Vista Regional Park.

Motion: Fulks. Second: Lang. Ayes: ALL

5.2 Election of PRWAC chair and vice chair for 2010-2011: Staff provided copies of previous PRWAC minutes reminding the existing PRWAC members that election procedures for the PRWAC's chair and vice-chair must be on a rotational basis. The PRWAC proceeded with the existing approved process, designating the new chair for 2010-11 as Andrew Fulks (Dist 2), and the vice-chair as Robert Beggs (Dist 3).

Motion: Henning. Second: Alexander. Ayes: ALL

6. STAFF UPDATE

6.1 Clarksburg boat launch facility improvement grant: Parks Manager Lines advised that the Parks & Resources Department has received a \$232,000 grant from the State Wildlife Conservation Board for improvements to the Clarksburg boat launch facility. The proposed improvements include installation of utilities for a park host site, and iron rangers to collect fees. The Board of Supervisors will approve acceptance of the grant at its March 16 meeting. There is no requirement for matching funds from Yolo County.

6.2 Low water bridge at county road 40 replacement grant application (located near Cache Creek Regional Park lower site): Director Westrup advised that a grant application is being reviewed by the State to partially fund the new bridge. Supervisor Chamberlain stated he was concerned that access to the South side of the creek for safety vehicles, rafting concessionaires, and the public for recreational access has been cut off for quite a while. Director Westrup advised that the bridge was condemned by the State, and there was no choice on the closure. The proposed new prefabricated bridge would be located above the creek's flood plane, and would provide access for recreational users and emergency vehicles. GSD Director Groom stated his support of the bridge project.

6.3 Other parks, recreation, or wildlife related matters: Staff (Georges) advised that parks staff is continuing to work on Knights Landing boat launch facility improvements. The plans are 60% complete and are being reviewed by the State Department of Boating and Waterways.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA'S:

- Robert Beggs advised that the Cache Creek Conservancy would be presenting a wildlife-tracking workshop on March 20 @ 9 AM at the Conservancy nature center. Instructors will be conservancy board members.

- Andrew Fulks stated that he has been coordinating with parks staff and a boy scout to build picnic tables along the recently constructed trails at the park site currently known as Otis Ranch. Work will include packing the tables into the site and installing at locations with good views. He also advised that April 18 was a volunteer workday at the recently constructed trail, and April 20 was a hike day.

8. Items for future agenda's

8.1 Trail standards report: comparison between Federal agency (common) standards and California State Parks Department standards.

8.2 Putah Creek parking along HWY 128.

8.3 Parks & Open Space Master Plan update.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Henning adjourned the meeting at 7:51 PM. The next regular meeting of the PRWAC was tentatively scheduled for April 13, 2010.

Respectfully submitted by,

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