



# COUNTY OF YOLO

Office of General Services  
Parks Division

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## PARKS, RECREATION AND WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRWAC)

### Summary of Minutes

October 7, 2013

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**Members in Attendance:** Jennifer Henning, Andrew Fulks, Rodney Higgins, Patrick Reynolds, Carolyn Hinshaw, Gerald Hartwig

**Members Absent:** Josh Martinez, Kent Lang, Catherine Portman, Kirk Alexander

**County Staff in Attendance:** Deputy CAO Mindi Nunes, Director of General Services Department Kevin Yarris, Principal Parks Planner Jen Santos, Administrative Services Analyst Laura Liddicoet

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hartwig called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

#### 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented.

**Motion: Fulks. Second: Reynolds. Ayes: ALL**

#### 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The July 22, 2013 minutes were adopted.

**Motion: Hinshaw. Second: Reynolds. Ayes: ALL**

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

#### 5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 Campground Reservation System: Parks Planner Jen Santos informed the PRWAC that an automated reservation system, which will allow campers to view, select and pay for their campsite online, will become active on January 1, 2014.

5.2 Campground Status: Parks Planner Jen Santos reported that campground is closed for the winter season which is typical and also to allow for construction of the shower facility if needed. It will re-open at an as of yet undecided date in the spring of 2014.

5.3 Parkway Plan Update: Parks Planner Jen Santos provided an update related to the Parkway Plan, which is being led by the Yolo County Natural Resources Division. The division is currently looking for grant programs to fund the development of the plan. When progress is made, Natural Resources will happily brief the PRWAC.

5.4 Rails to Trails: Parks Planner Jen Santos provided an update related to the Rails to Trails Project, which is being led by the Yolo County Natural Resources Division. The division is in the early stages of applying to for a grant in order to explore the feasibility of moving the railway from its current location. Natural Resources will update the PRWAC as progress is made.

**6. PARKS DIVISION STAFF UPDATE** (*Information below was provided by the Parks Planner unless otherwise noted.*)

6.1 Report on the Status of the Solar Project at Grasslands Park: Staff reports that progress on the solar project is progressing as expected and wetland development is occurring as required. The installation is currently operational. Construction will be happening on the driveway and learning center this fall.

6.2 Report of State Grant Activities for Prop 40- Campground Showers: Staff reports that progress for the showers is moving forward. Staff anticipates the bidding process to occur through autumn with construction concluding by December.

6.3 Report of State Grant Activities for Prop 50- Putah Creek shade shelters: Staff reports that the shade shelters project is a continuation of the Putah Creek Prop 50 grant and that staff will be finalizing shade shelter selection and moving into construction this fall. Restoration improvements will be handled by the Yolo County RCD.

6.4 Knights Landing Boat Launch improvements (Dept. of Boating & Waterways funded): Staff reports that this project is encountering delays due to environmental permits and other nuances of the project but is on schedule to begin construction next summer.

6.5 Other parks, recreation, or wildlife related matters: Nothing to report.

**7. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

Reports by Committee Members on information they have received and meetings they have attended which would be of interest to the Committee or the public. *Please note that under the California Open Meetings Law (Government Code Section 54954.2); discussion of the Committee Members' reports is limited to asking clarifying questions. However, the Committee or any individual Committee members may request that an item be placed on a future agenda for further discussion.*

Committee Member Higgins reported on the Greenbelt expansion project.

Committee Chair Hartwig reported on a successful raid of a marijuana growing site west of the Cache Creek Casino.

Committee Member Fulks reported that Committee Member Alexander passed away after a lengthy battle with cancer.

**8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA'S:**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Hartwig adjourned the meeting at 6:56PM. The next regular meeting of the PRWAC is tentatively scheduled for January 6, 2014.

Respectfully submitted by:

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