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PARKS, RECREATION AND WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRWAC)

DRAFT Summary of Minutes

March 9, 2015

Members in Attendance: Jack Young, Andrew Fulks, Rodney Higgins, Patrick Reynolds, Trini Campbell

Members Absent: Jennifer Henning, Kent Lang, Nancy Ullrey, Catherine Portman

County Staff in Attendance: Deputy County Administrator, Mindi Nunes
Administrative Services Analyst, General Services, Laura Liddicoet
Natural Resources Analyst, Elisa Sabatini

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fulks called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM. A quorum was achieved at 7:00pm

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented.

Motion: Reynolds. Second: Campbell. Ayes: ALL

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The January 26, 2015 minutes were adopted as presented.

Motion: Reynolds. Second: Campbell. Ayes: ALL

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 Advisory Members appointments/reappointments/resignations: A vacancy on the Advisory Committee remains for District one.

5.2 Parks Study Update:

Elisa Sabatini, Analyst for the CAO Natural Resources Division provided the PRWAC with an update to the Parks Working group. The work plan presented at the January 26, 2015 PRWAC meeting was approved by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors on February 24, 2015.

Sabatini reported that two Request for Proposals (RFP) were received from vendors for the completion of the Parks Usage Study, but unfortunately, both were excessively expensive. Alternatives, which include the use of UC Davis/Sacramento State students, partnering with the County Planning and Public Works Department, and revising the list of parks/facilities visited in the RFP are being considered.

A request for the PRWAC to form a three member subcommittee to work in tandem with the internal County working group was also requested, though tabled until the April 13 meeting, when more PRWAC members are in attendance.

5.3 Wildfire Mitigation: At the February 24, 2015 Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board signed a resolution requesting that the Governor increase efforts at wildfire mitigation. During the course of the BOS discussion, efforts to address the issues pertaining to the Low Water Bridge in the Cache Creek Regional Park, and subsequent access to Road 40 ensued. Supervisor Saylor then requested that this issue be referred to the PRWAC for further discussion. The PRWAC discussed the issue at length, and made the following recommendation: The County needs to work Cal Fire and private landowners to use private roads as fire breaks, as opposed to dozing for new fire breaks, thus not disturbing habitat. The County should manage the Cache Creek Regional Park with increased law enforcement, and aggressively pursue funds to replace the low water bridge.

5.4 Parks Master Plan Review (one hour limit): The PRWAC reviewed a spreadsheet listing all of the Parks Master Plan goals, examining the following parks: Cache Creek, Camp Haswell/Valley Vista, Capay Open Space, Clarksburg Boat Launch, Dunnigan Park, Esparto Park and the Putah Creek Access Sites. Notes and additional items have been added to the spreadsheet, which will be available once the review is complete.

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

6.1 Park Hosts Update: Staff reported that three offers for Paid Park Host employment at Cache Creek Campground were extended in the month of February, and all three were rejected. The campground continues to be closed as a host cannot be located. Yolo County Human Resources will be opening the position again, and posters/signage is being posted in the valley, seeking a host. Elkhorn Boat Launch may have a park host on site in the next few weeks, pending approval from County Human Resources

6.2 Campground Shower Update: The campground shower project is complete, and was inspected by the State Parks Division earlier in the day March 9. Staff presented photos of the completed building and individual shower stalls.

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.

Chair Fulks reported that he recently met with Supervisor Saylor to reiterate the support needed from the BOS for the parks system. They also discussed the issues relative to the Fremont Weir, which were presented at the January 26, 2015 meeting. He is hoping to meet with Supervisors Villegas and Provenza before the PRWAC formally sends a letter to the BOS.

Committee Member Campbell reported that the ballot for the formation of the Esparto Recreation District would be mailed to residents on April 1.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA'S:

Cold Canyon Discussion
Update on the Davis Communications/Grasslands sites

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fulks adjourned the meeting at 9:00PM. The next regular meeting of the PRWAC is scheduled for April 13, at 6:30pm.

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