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PARKS, RECREATION AND WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRWAC)

DRAFT Summary of Minutes

March 14, 2016

Members in Attendance: Jennifer Henning, Jack Young, Andrew Fulks, Rodney Higgins, Nancy Ullrey, Catherine Portman, Trini Campbell

Members Absent: None

County Staff in Attendance: General Services Director Kevin Yarris
Administrative Services Analyst, General Services, Laura Liddicoet

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented.

Motion: Portman. Second: Henning. Ayes: ALL

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The February 11, 2016 minutes were adopted as amended.

Motion: Portman. Second: Higgins. Ayes: ALL

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 Advisory Members appointments/reappointments/resignations: Committee Member Reynolds resigned his appointment. There are currently three vacancies.

5.2 Knights Landing Boat Launch Improvement Project Grant Application: Staff reported that a \$1.54 million dollar grant application was submitted to the State of California Wildlife Conservation Board. The application is for the construction of a new, expanded boat launch at Knights Landing, in addition to on-site improvements. The WCB will announce awards on May 26, 2016.

- 5.3 Cache Creek Parkway Plan Update: Natural Resources Analyst Elisa Sabatini presented information regarding the Cache Creek Parkway Plan. Essentially, until the conclusion of the Parks Sustainability Study, no work on the Cache Creek Parkway plan will be completed. Once feedback is received from the Board of Supervisors (BOS) on April 26, 2016, a work plan for the Parkway Plan will begin to emerge.
- 5.4 OHV Update: Natural Resources Analyst Elisa Sabatini presented an update on OHV. At the January 22, 2016 BOS meeting, the Board directed staff to resume their search for an appropriate location for an OHV park within Yolo County and adopted a 1-year ordinance banning nighttime OHV use in Cache Creek. Natural Resources and Parks recently completed a \$265,000 application to California State Parks for an OHV planning grant. When the ordinance was enacted, the BOS also provided an additional \$100,000 to the Sheriff for enforcement of the ban; staff reports that the Sheriff's office has been issuing warnings on a regular basis and that signage is being installed.

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

- 6.1 Cache Creek Regional Park Status (park host, showers, and operations): Staff reported that the campground had a relatively busy February, as the nice weather was inviting to campers. One of the wells is in need of a new pump, which is being purchased. There are several special events at the campground in the next few months such as kayak slalom races and a Boy Scout Jamboree.
- 6.2 Grasslands Regional Park Update- Staff reported that the addendum to the Bowmen lease agreement will be taken to the BOS on 3/22. Staff also reports that the Soaring Society is ready to sign their agreement (\$2500 annually to fund RCD and consulting work for invasive species in the park). Fencing and signs will be completed in the next month. The City of Davis is paying for those. While working with the City, it was discovered that there is funding related to the dog park available, and the division will be looking into that for next fiscal year. Environmental Review for the dog park could create a funding issue, but the division will also be exploring options for handling those issues.

As an Informational aside, staff reported that all the boat launches are closed. Possibly open this weekend, most likely next week.

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 that the State approved 59 active trail projects.

Committee Member Fulks reported that March 19 will be the kickoff for the Berryessa/Snow Mountain celebration at Cowboy Camp. UCD interns will begin working on the Valley Vista Trails on April 9.

Committee Member Campbell reported that elderberry bushes have been found at the site of the Esparto Recreation Center. She enquired as to mitigation options.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

DFG Funding Plan for this FY 4/4/16
Fremont Weir Update 4/4/16
Parks Study Update 4/4/16
Directional signage for Capay Valley

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ullrey adjourned the meeting at 7:18PM. The next regular meeting of the PRWAC is scheduled for April 4, at 6:30pm.

Submitted by:

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