



# COUNTY OF YOLO

Department of General Services  
Parks Division

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

### Draft Summary of Minutes

Monday, May 9, 2016

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Members in Attendance: Nancy Ulrey, Trini Campbell, Jack Young, Rodney Higgins, Alan Shank,  
Andrew Fulks

Members Absent: Catherine Portman, Jennifer Henning

County Staff in Attendance: Kevin Yarris, Elisa Sabatini

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ulrey called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM

#### 2. ADOPTION OF CURRENT AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented  
Motion to approve: Fulks, Second: Young, Ayes: All

#### 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of March 14, 2016 were adopted as presented.  
Motion to approve: Young, Second: Shank, Ayes: All

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

#### 5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 Advisory Members appointments/reappointments/resignations

Chair Ulrey welcomed Aland Shank as the newest member of the committee representing District 3.

5.2 CDFW Funding Plan for FY15/16

Yarris presented the CDFW list of projects and amount spent fiscal year to date.

5.3 Fremont Weir Update

Fulks presented his disappointment in the Board of Supervisors' unwillingness to push the matter further with letters of support for reopening the western access to the area. Sabatini presented detailed background on the issue, including the Sutter County Board of Supervisors request that Yolo County support their decision to not engage in private land issues within Sutter County. Sabatini also stated the issue is tied to the future expansion of the Yolo Bypass for consideration in the coming 3 years.

5.4 Capay Valley Directional Signage – Grant opportunity

Campbell is looking for opportunities to increase signage throughout the Capay Valley directing visitors to Parks and the Snow Mountain National Monument. Sabatini suggested the County's Rural Initiatives fund as a possible source. Fulks and Campbell to work on application together.

5.5 Sustainable Parks System Study

Sabatini presented the near-complete report. Member input to be considered in next revision will be emailed to Sabatini. Report to be posted on Parks website after the Parks Steering Committee considers it on May 11.

**6. PARKS DIVISION STAFF UPDATES**

A report by the Parks Division staff on recent activities relevant to the Parks, Recreation, and Wildlife Advisory Committee. *Please note that per the California Open Meetings Law (Government Code section 54954.2); discussion of the staff update is limited to asking clarifying questions. However, the Committee or any individual Committee member may request that an item be placed on a future agenda for further discussion.*

6.1 Grasslands Regional Park Update

Yarris updated the Committee on the Soaring Society's concession agreement being adopted by the Board of Supervisors, the ongoing Bowmen negotiations, the RCD contract for invasive species management, the fencing and signs being completed this month around the Burrowing Owl Preserve, and the flourishing vernal pools in the south end of the park.

**7. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

Ulrey mentioned the Wine and Wilderness fundraiser being held May 14 at the Cache Creek Nature Preserve.

Higgins reported the first ever Caltrans Pedestrian and Bike plan being adopted.

Fulks reported that the Valley Vista trail expansion program was underway with volunteers.

Campbell reported that the Elderberry issue at the Esparto Aquatic Park was resolved by shrinking the footprint of the design so as not to disturb the plants/beetles.

**8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

Young requested a discussion of campground expansion to the lower site of the Cache Creek Regional Park.

Chair Ulrey requested an update after the Board of Supervisors considers the Parks Management Study.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Ulrey adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Motion to adjourn: Young, Second: Campbell, Ayes: All

Next meeting scheduled for June 13, 2016

Submitted by:

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