



# COUNTY OF YOLO

Department of General Services  
Parks Division

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

### Summary of Minutes

November 19, 2018

Norton Hall: 70 Cottonwood Street, Woodland, CA 95695

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**Members in Attendance:** Anthony Volkar, Andrew Fulks, Nancy Ullrey, Karen Sutliff, Bridgette O'Flaherty, Catherine Portman, Trini Campbell

**Members Absent:** Cliff Feldheim (Chair)

**County Staff in Attendance:** Kevin Yarris, Director of General Services; Jeff Anderson, Associate Parks Planner

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Ullrey called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

#### 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

*Motion: Campbell. Second: Portman. Motion carried unanimously.*

#### 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 17, 2018 meeting were adopted as presented.

*Motion: Fulks. Second: Volkar. Abstention: Fulks, Portman, Campbell. Motion carried.*

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

#### 5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 Advisory Members appointments/reappointments/resignations

Vice-Chair selection: Andrew Fulks

*Motion: Campbell. Second: Portman. Motion carried unanimously.*

5.2 Amendment of CDFW Lease Agreements to Charge Fees at Putah Creek Fishing Access Sites and Clarksburg Boat Launch

Yarris provided an overview of the item and explained the annual cost to maintain the Putah Creek Fishing Access Sites and Clarksburg Boat Launch, as well as other County parks. The Sustainable Parks Study, approved by the Board of Supervisors in 2016, included a specific recommendation to work with CDFW to amend lease agreements to be able to charge fees at these two locations. Steve Karr, from Putah Creek Trout, informed the Committee that he distributed a survey to approximately 330 PCT members, as well as posted on a local fly fishing blog with approximately 1,000 followers, asking for comments on charging fees as Putah Creek Fishing Access. Steve received four responses- two had no objection to charging fees, and two were opposed. The Committee did not offer any objection to staff continuing to pursue lease amendments to charge fees at both parks.

5.3 Parks Division FY18/19 Budget

Yarris provided an overview of the budget. Committee members inquired about several budget categories and asked for a copy to be sent via email.

**6. PARKS DIVISION STAFF UPDATES**

6.1 Cache Creek Campground

Anderson stated the campground will remain open through December 3, 2018. The camp host will remain on site while site is closed during winter. Staff hopes to open the campground earlier than usual in 2019 to allow for a long camping season.

6.2 Knights Landing Boat Launch Grant

Anderson provided an update about the permitting process. The 401 permit amendment was recently issued by Central Valley Water Quality Control Board. Staff plans to go to bid in January 2019.

6.3 Grasslands HCF Grant

Anderson provided an overview of project status. The estimate used for the grant submittal is about \$50k short. Staff is exploring ways to make up the deficit.

6.4 County Road 40/Low Water Bridge

Anderson provided an update of the project being undertaken by Public Works Division to replace the Road 40 low water bridge. Public Works staff is in the early design phases. No design decisions have been made as of yet. Staff will keep the committee informed as the project progresses.

6.5 Rumsey Bridge

No update from staff. Campbell mentioned she is aware that the old Rumsey bridge will be memorialized with a plaque.

6.6 Ground Squirrels at Grasslands

Ullrey mentioned that she was made aware of two techniques not previously discussed- filling holes with fine concrete and putting PVC pipe in holes to disorient the squirrels. Yarris explained that there is not currently support by Board of Supervisors to conduct shooting of squirrels. Yarris recommended that Committee members meet with individual Board members if they are interested in getting support for shooting. Staff will also recommend to SVSS that they meet with Davis Habitat and Open Space Commission to get feedback.

6.7 Parks Marketing and Branding

Anderson provided an update of marketing and social media efforts. Staff will be working with a local graphic artist to develop a new logo, and will share the designs with the Committee and seek input.

6.8 Esparto Park and Aquatic Center

Campbell announced the project is at 80% completion and on-track to open in spring 2019. The park was named Tuli Mem Park.

**7. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

Fulks: Tuleyome started fall and winter trail building at Valley Vista. The firebreak created by CalFire decimated sections of the Frog Pond Trail. Tuleyome will conduct volunteer efforts to restore the trail.

Campbell: Encouraged Director Yarris to relay to County Administrator about the need for unified signage plan, kiosks, maps in the Capay Valley.

Ullrey: Draft kiosk panels for Capay Open Space Park are finished and will be displayed in Esparto library for month of December for public review. Final kiosks and signage planned to be installed in June 2019.

**8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

- A) Status of Cache Creek Parkway Plan
- B) Update on Gibson House from operations standpoint

**9. NEXT MEETING**

Next regular meeting scheduled for December 17, 2018, Norton Hall, 70 Cottonwood Street, Woodland.

**10. ADJOURN**

*Ullrey adjourned the meeting at 7:33 pm.*

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