



# COUNTY OF YOLO

Department of General Services  
Parks Division

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Director

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

### Summary of Minutes

June 15, 2020  
Meeting via Teleconference

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**Members in Attendance:** Andrew Fulks (Chair), Anthony Volkar, Nancy Ullrey, Catherine Portman, Bridget O'Flaherty, Eileen Allen, Ken Trott  
**Members Absent:** Trini Campbell  
**County Staff in Attendance:** Kevin Yarris, Director of General Services; Jeff Anderson, Sr. Parks Planner

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fulks called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

#### 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

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

#### 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 10, 2020 meeting were adopted as presented.

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

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

#### 5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 Advisory Members appointments/reappointments/resignations

None.

5.2 COVID-19 Impact on Parks

All parks, except for the campground and Dunnigan Community Park, were opened to the public on May 18. Guidance from the State is ambiguous with regards to playgrounds, so for the time being, all playground structures remain closed. The campground will reopen on June 25 with several procedural

modifications in accordance with State guidelines including limited capacity, increased sanitization of high-touch surfaces, and limited or no access to certain gathering places.

5.3 Delta Conservancy Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program (Prop 68)

Staff is working on a proposal for a planning grant to explore opportunities to increase recreation and tourism at Elkhorn Regional Park. The park is outside of the Delta boundaries, so project may not be eligible. Staff is in communication with Delta Conservancy staff about making the necessary findings for project eligibility.

## 6. PARKS DIVISION STAFF UPDATES

6.1 Cache Creek Campground

The water tank has been installed. Waiting on results from final water sample.

6.2 Knights Landing Boat Launch Grant

Construction started for out-of-water work on June 1. The parking lot and boat ramp will remain open through July 26. The entire site is expected to be closed to the public from July 27-October 30 for in-water construction and chip-sealing of the parking lot.

6.3 Grasslands HCF Grant

Fencing and access gates at the eastern terminus of the concrete path have been installed. A shade structure and concrete pad will be constructed this summer. Additionally, a concrete pad will be poured adjacent to the gravel parking lot for an ADA porta potty. The dog park area has been mowed and staff will spray the starthistle infestation this month as weather conditions allow. A burrowing owl survey will be completed in for the dog park area followed by collapsing and filling in of some of the larger squirrel holes.

6.4 OHV Planning Grant

Staff has had several zoom meetings with the consultant team to discuss the gateway project trail riding scenario. The consultant has prepared a draft survey that will be distributed to the OHV community to gauge interest and compile feedback to help guide the process. The working group will set up meetings with stakeholders shortly, such as BLM, CDFW, Cal Fire, Public Works, etc.

6.5 County Road 40/Low Water Bridge

The project is still in the environmental review stage. State funding earmarked for the project has been redistributed, but Public Works is confident the project can be completed with Highway Bridge Program funding. Construction is still anticipated to begin in 2021.

6.6 Rumsey Bridge

The project is in the environmental review stage, which should be completed later this year. Public Works can continue the design process once environmental review is complete.

6.7 Parks Marketing and Branding

Ullrey mentioned that Yolo County Parks is a partner on the Cache Creek Conservancy's Healthy Parks Health People grant. County parks are included in many reference materials, handouts, and online programming.

6.8 Knights Landing Park Project

The grant application was not awarded. The granting agency suggested that the County Administrator's Office apply for funding in Round Four with a phased approach. Staff shared that the Knights Landing Flood Risk Reduction Project, a project led by the County Administrator's Office, was awarded by Department of Water Resources and includes walking trails along the levee system and benches on the water side of the levee for fishing access.

6.9 Putah Creek Fishing Access Site #3

Staff is continuing to explore other avenues to repair the collapsed parking lot since the WCB Public Access Grant was not awarded. Options include applying for future grants, requesting CDFW fund the repairs, and exploring options for returning the property and maintenance obligations to the State. Cedar and Mary Helen Seeger provided input on Putah Creek Fishing Access Sites.

6.10 Park Signs on County Roads and State Highways

Public Works installed directional signage for Elkhorn Regional Park along both directions of Old River Road. Staff is hopeful Caltrans will install signage along Highway 128 for Putah Creek Fishing Access Sites and State Highway 113 for Knights Landing Boat Launch before the end of the calendar year.

## 7. COMMITTEE MEMBER AND DIRECTOR REPORTS

Director Report: Yarris reiterated there is interest from the Board of Supervisors to enhance recreational opportunities along the Sacramento River corridor and asked the committee to think of ideas.

Committee Member Reports:

- Ullrey: The Capay Open Space Park grant was completed in March. A virtual tour of the site and signage is available on the Cache Creek Conservancy website. As part of the Health Parks Healthy People initiative, the Nature Preserve is holding yoga classes every other Sunday (limited to 10 people).
- Portman: Interested in discussing more wildlife issues at PRWAC meetings. Would also like update on conserved parks acreage under the HCP/NCCP and information on the new organizational changes of the Yolo Habitat Conservancy now that it is within the County Administrator's Office.
- Fulks: An eagle scout will be creating the next half mile of upper loop at Valley Vista for his eagle scout project. The Caltrans hillside revetment netting along the north side of Valley Vista along Highway 16 looks great and blends in well.

## 8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- Yolo Habitat Conservancy Presentation
- Review of Burrowing Owl Reserve Monitoring Report
- Election of Officers

## 9. NEXT MEETING

Next regular meeting scheduled for July 20 at the Cache Creek Conference Room at the Department of Community Services, 292 West Beamer Street, Woodland or via Zoom.

## 10. ADJOURN

*Fulks adjourned the meeting at 7:41 pm.*

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## NOTICE

The Parks, Recreation and Wildlife Advisory Committee is responsible for providing advice and recommendations on matters within its jurisdiction to the Board of Supervisors, the County Administrative Officer, and the Director of General Services as appropriate. Any person who is dissatisfied with a recommendation of this committee may submit their comments to the Director of General Services prior to a final decision being made on the issue. The appropriate body for making a final decision on a given issue, whether it is the Director of General Services or the Board of Supervisors, may sustain, modify, reject or overrule any recommendations of the Parks, Recreation and Wildlife Advisory Committee. Final decisions may be appealed in accordance with Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Yolo County Code.

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