



# 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

August 17, 2020

Meeting via Teleconference

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**Members in Attendance:** Anthony Volkar, Nancy Ullrey, Eileen Allen, Ken Trott, Trini Campbell

**Members Absent:** Andrew Fulks (Chair), Catherine Portman, Bridget O'Flaherty

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

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Ullrey called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

#### 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

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

#### 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 15, 2020 meeting were adopted as presented.

*Motion: Allen. Second: Volkar. Abstention: Campbell. Motion carried.*

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

#### 5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 Advisory Members appointments/reappointments/resignations

None.

5.2 Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair

Ullrey nominated for Chair. Allen nominated for Vice-Chair.

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

### 5.3 Cache Creek Conservancy Visitor Center Design Plan

Elisa Sabatini, Manager of Natural Resources (Yolo County), Mike Novak, Architect (NORR), and Keith Wilson, Landscape Architect (Wilson Design Studio) provided an overview of the project. The County Administrator's Office is partnering with the Cache Creek Conservancy to apply for grant funding to develop a new 6,600 square foot visitor center and administrative building and 2,700 square foot toolshed/storage facility to replace the Conservancy's existing modular buildings located at the Cache Creek Nature Preserve. Additional site improvements include new pervious parking lot and accessibility upgrades to site circulation.

***Motion: Volkar. Recommend that the Board of Supervisors hold a public hearing to receive input and approve conceptual design of the Cache Creek Nature Preserve Visitors' Center. Second: Trott. Abstention: Ullrey. Motion carried.***

### 5.4 Presentation by Yolo Habitat Conservancy Staff

Alex Tengolics, Executive Director of Yolo Habitat Conservancy, provided an overview of the functions of the Yolo Habitat Conservancy and explained how park properties would be evaluated for inclusion in the reserve system. The alignment between park use and conservation aspects and goals would be evaluated to determine if a park would be a good fit for inclusion in the reserve system. Currently, only Capay Open Space Park and Wild Wings Park are included in the reserve system. Tengolics encouraged the PRWAC and Parks Division to continue conversations with the Yolo Habitat Conservancy if candidate park sites are recommended for evaluation.

## 6. PARKS DIVISION STAFF UPDATES

### 6.1 Cache Creek Campground

The campground opened on June 25 with several procedural modifications in response to the State's Covid-19 guidelines including limited capacity, increased sanitization of high-touch surfaces, and elimination of day use access and walk-up reservations, among others. Weekends are booked solid through Labor Day. Projected revenue is about half of a typical season in recent years.

### 6.2 Knights Landing Boat Launch Grant

Construction is moving forward on schedule. The vault restroom and water well have been installed and construction has started on widening the boat ramp.

### 6.3 Grasslands HCF Grant

Panel signs are undergoing one last review and will be sent for fabrication shortly. The building permit for the shade structure is expected to be issued this week and should be installed by the end of August.

### 6.4 OHV Planning Grant

Staff has had several Zoom meetings with the consultant team to discuss the project and next steps. An online survey will be finalized this week and will be distributed to OHV rider groups and the general public via mailing lists, website, and social media. The survey will be sent to the PRWAC once it is finalized.

### 6.5 County Road 40/Low Water Bridge

Public Works Division is finalizing the CEQA Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for public circulation. Construction of the bridge is still slated to commence in Spring 2021.

6.6 Rumsey Bridge

The project is still in the environmental review stage. Campbell asked about process for naming the bridge. Yarris mentioned there is a Board of Supervisors policy for naming of county buildings and assets.

6.7 Parks Marketing and Branding

The Parks Division will be submitting information on various parks to include in the Healthy Parks Healthy People database- an effort that was led by the Cache Creek Conservancy.

6.8 Knights Landing Park Project

The County Administrator's Office will apply for the next round of Prop 68 grant funding with a phased approach or may consider scaling back the project.

6.9 Putah Creek Fishing Access Site #3

Boulders have been placed to block off access to the west side of the parking lot that collapsed. The Parks Maintenance crew will clean up the eastern portion of Site #3 so a portion of the parking lot can be reopened to the public.

6.10 Park Signs on County Roads and State Highways

Signs have been ordered for Putah Creek Fishing Access Sites, Valley Vista, Camp Haswell, and Grasslands Regional Park. No update on signs to be installed by Caltrans.

## 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 continue to think of ideas.

Committee Member Reports:

- Campbell: WYORCA is continuing to work on providing shade structures at Tuli Mem Park and Aquatic Center. Cannabis Tax Citizen's Oversight Committee approved allocation of \$150,000 for Tuli Mem Park budget.
- Ullrey: The Cache Creek Conservancy is partnering with the Yolo County Resource Conservation District on a grant to remove Arundo along the Cache Creek Corridor.

## 8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- Review of Burrowing Owl Reserve Monitoring Report

## 9. NEXT MEETING

Next regular meeting scheduled for September 21, 2020

## 10. ADJOURN

*Ullrey adjourned the meeting at 8:11 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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