

COUNTY OF YOLO

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PARKS, RECREATION AND WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRWAC)

Summary of Minutes October 18, 2021 Meeting Via Teleconference

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. AUTHORIZE REMOTE (TELECONFERENCE/VIDEOCONFERENCE) MEETINGS

Portman moved approval of the teleconference for this meeting. Hensley second. Ayes: All

3. ADOPTION OF CURRENT AGENDA

Cruz moved approval of agenda. Branaman second. Ayes: All

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Cruz moved adoption of minutes from the April 19, 2021 and September 20, 2021 minutes. Second Trott. Ayes: Ullrey, Trott, Branaman, Hensley, Cruz, Shukis, Campbell, Fulks. Abstain: Portman.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

6. REGULAR AGENDA

6.1 OHV Study Presentation (Staff/Project Consultants) (60 min)

Director Yarris gave an update on the final two reports provided by SMG Consulting et. al. Discussion ensued about the financial projections as well as staffing needs included in the report. Questions were regarding the Tax Revenue implications from the two suggested projects. That revenue is small and isn't revenue that goes directly back to parks. Further discussion centered around the data used to create the financial models, which was clarified by the consultants.

Public comment was both for and against allowing OHV use in the creek and any potential future OHV park. Commentors discussed the tread lightly program for OHV use as a positive for the park scenarios and other comments were regarding the environmental degradation in the creek bed that prevents riparian forests from taking hold. One comment in particular was about the potential to do minimal improvements at the Cache Canyon Regional Park Lower Site to reduce capital outlay to make the Gateway project more affordable. Another commentor suggested hosting races would be a good way to generate revenue to support an OHV park. Those events could bring 600-800 riders to the area for such an event.

Member Fulks recommended the county and the PRWAC separate the issues and impacts of riding in the streambed near county road 87 and these two proposed parks, which are not related.

As a result, two motions were created by the Committee Members:

- 1) Portman motioned to support a ban on all OHV use in the Cache Creek streambed. Second: Cruz. Ayes: All.
- 2) Fulks motioned to continue to explore the Gateway park at Road 40/Lower Site if financially sustainable. Second: Shukis. Ayes: Branaman, Hensley, Campbell, Cruz, Trott, Fulks, Ullrey, Shukis. No: Portman. Motion carried 8-1.

6.2 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funding for Parks (10 min)

Director Yarris gave a brief update on the Board of Supervisor's ARP plan, whereby \$3,000,000 dollars was allocated to Parks and Facilities. Yarris will lead a team of individuals from PRWAC, WYORCA staff and the public to create a list of projects and ideas for use of those funds. Those ideas will be brought to the November meeting of PRWAC for discussion and input.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS/PARKS DIVISION STAFF UPDATES

<u>Cache Creek Campground:</u> The campground is now closed for the season.

<u>Tuli Mem Aquatic Park:</u> A meeting is being scheduled with the YMCA, county staff and WYORCA to discuss next year's operations and needs.

<u>Prop 68 Per Capita Grant:</u> Project recommendations are being considered by the Board of Supervisors on October 26, 2021. If matching grant funding is approved, applications will be submitted to State Parks for all the included projects by the end of December, 2021.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER AND DIRECTOR REPORTS

None.

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- ARP Funding for parks
- Clarksburg Boat Ramp (Shukis)

10. NEXT MEETING

Regular Meeting Scheduled for November 15, 2021

11. ADJOURN by Ullrey at 8:42 PM.