



# COUNTY OF YOLO

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Parks Division

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

DATE: Monday, NOV 21, 2022

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Teleconference

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

7:15 called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM. Discussion began at 6:30 but due to lack of quorum, no action took place until the quorum was established.

Present: Trott, Portman, Fulks, Campbell Cline, Shukis

Absent: Branaman, Risher, Ullrey

Staff Present: Huerta, Martinez, Pistochini

### 2. AUTHORIZE REMOTE (TELECONFERENCE/VIDEOCONFERENCE) MEETINGS

Authorize remote (teleconference/videoconference) meetings by finding, pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, that As a result of the declared emergency, the meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

Motion to approve online meeting: Trott Second: Catherine Ayes: All.

### 3. ADOPTION OF CURRENT AGENDA

Motion:. Second:. Ayes: All.

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

Consider Minutes of April 18, August 15<sup>th</sup>, & Oct 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Motion: Trott. Second: Fulks. Ayes: All.

### 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Opportunity for members of the public to address the PRWAC on subjects relating to committee business. The PRWAC reserves the right to impose a reasonable time limit on any topic or to any individual speaker. None present or received.

### 6. REGULAR AGENDA

6.1 Road 40 Bridge Completion – Andrew Fulks.

Fulks reviewed the history of the condemnation of RD40 Bridge. Prior to the bridge being condemned, all roads and trails were actively maintained by County and BLM. Fulks described the water rafting concessions and how they used different parts of the Wilderness and Cache Creek Regional Park for their operations. Once the bridge went out, maintenance ceased, except for CalFire grading roads for fire breaks. Additionally, the area could not be patrolled, so poaching and illegal marijuana operations began. Fulks stated there is an opportunity to fix Yolo County's access to wilderness and suggested a recommendation be made to BOS to create a cooperative agreement between parties. The grand opening of the RD40 Bridge is 11/30, but seasonal closures will continue due to the lack of road maintenance. Discussion ensued about land use considerations and it was suggested that the new RD40 Bridge be named after an important figure from Capay. Pistochini stated he would review the County Policy on Naming Assets.

6.2 Status of Camp Haswell & Wild Wings – Emily Huerta

Huerta reviewed the "Unoccupied Preservation" proposal with PRWAC. The project is moving forward and Parks has asked the volunteer(s) to produce a schedule and will evaluate using Yolo County Historical Society to house the funds raised for this project.

For Wild Wings Site Improvement Plan, feedback from the October meeting regarding Universal Access is under review with Natural Resources.

6.3 WCB Agreement at Clarksburg Boat Launch – Emily Huerta

Huerta reviewed the major focuses of the WCB Operational Agreement with PRWAC.

According to the agreement,

1. This site may only be used for sport fishing, or other wildlife related or appropriate recreational activities.
2. To be kept available without charge
3. No restrictions on public access except when necessary for maintenance activities.
4. Operator to do all M&O except for occurrences beyond "acts of God"
5. Any additional improvements may be required to be removed at cost to operator at end of agreement term. State is not obligated to make any improvements.
6. Term up in 2027

Portman asked if there were efforts in the past to amend the agreement to be able to charge fees. Pistochini responded that further review is needed to track any changes.

6.4 CalFire Vegetation Management at Valley Vista Update – Emily Huerta

Huerta reviewed outcomes from the site walk that Campbell Cline, Huerta, and Battalion Chief Watson hiked. All hiked the South side of HWY 16 along the fire break road and discussed the concerns brought up by PRWAC. The project is now in cultural review with Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation with a consultation scheduled for January 4<sup>th</sup>.

6.5 Knight's Landing Park Update & Funding– Ryan Pistochini

Pistochini reviewed the original 3 phase funding plan with PRWAC and presented the project genesis, site development plans, and funding plan. Campbell Cline recommended that for the playing fields, that no top soil be removed to ensure that they will grow properly and be viable for use. The Operation and Maintenance budget is being developed by Wilson Design Studio Landscape Architecture and parks staff.

6.6 Yolo County Library & YCP “Go Wild Yolo”

Huerta reported about 100 individuals were in attendance at “Go Wild Yolo”. Volunteers and staff were able to spread awareness about the County Parks System, the backpack program, and the different agencies involved in conservation and environmental education efforts in the county.

6.7 New Grant Updates – Committee Members

The purpose of this standing item will be for committee members to bring new grant opportunities to staff for evaluation. No new opportunities were brought up this session.

**7. DISCUSSION ITEMS/PARKS DIVISION STAFF UPDATES**

7.1 Cache Creek Campground Update and Boat Launch Updates on Hold– Emily Huerta

**8. COMMITTEE MEMBER AND DIRECTOR REPORTS**

Reports by Committee Members and/or Director on information they have received and meetings they have attended which would be of interest to the Committee or the public. *Please note that under the California Open Meetings Law (Government Code Section 54954.2); discussion of the Committee Members’ and/or Director reports is limited to asking clarifying questions. However, the Committee or any individual Committee Members may request that an item be placed on a future agenda for further discussion.*

- Kazys shared that the West Sacramento Levy Trail project was supported by the city’s Council who asked it to be phased. This is not a county project.

**9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

- 9.1 Prop 68 Update
- 9.2 RD 40 Bridge and Wilderness Access Development & Alignment (new standing item)
- 9.3 Naming RD 40 Bridge
- 9.4 Review of the Leok Po Demonstration and Workshop held at Cache Creek Conservancy

**10. NEXT MEETING**

Regular Meeting Scheduled for January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022. PRWAC may determine a different day to hold the first meeting of 2023.

**11. ADJOURN**

Kazys motioned to adjourn at 8:10 PM: Second: Fulks

Ayes: All.