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

DATE: Monday, October 17, 2022

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Teleconference

1. CALL TO ORDER

Trini Campbell Cline called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

Present: Trini Campbell Cline, Ken Trott, Sarah Risher, Nancy Ullrey, Ian Branaman, Dana Cruz, Andrew Fulks

Absent: Kazys Shukis, Catherine Portman,

Staff Present: Emily Huerta, Mike Martinez, Ryan 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: Ian. Second: Nancy. Ayes: All.

3. ADOPTION OF CURRENT AGENDA

Motion: Nancy. Second: Ian. Ayes: All.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 Consider Minutes of April 18, August 15th, & Sept 19th, 2022. April 18th and August 15th Meeting Minutes are deferred until NOV due to lack of quorum. Motion: Nancy. Second: Ken. 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 Wildwings Site Improvement Proposal – Emily Huerta
Huerta shared Wild Wings Site Improvement Plan which was done in partnership with Yolo County Natural Resources and Facilities Manager. Huerta received feedback from PRWAC on site plans. Ullrey stated Crushed AB could be limiting for those in manual wheelchairs. Trini suggested to contact Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation regarding updates and creation of new interpretative signing in accordance with the improvement plans. Huerta shared she met with the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Director of Communications to discuss interpretive signage project, which is on hold due to lack of staff and resources from Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation.
- 6.2 Next Steps for Camp Haswell – Emily Huerta
Huerta reviewed the existing project for the “Unoccupied Preservation Proposal” from Guinda community members. The plan has been endorsed by the Committee on Capital Investments (CCI) with a note stating any proposal needs to consider ongoing maintenance costs. Currently Huerta is waiting to receive estimated fees. Call with the lead community member is being scheduled to review scheduling and to flesh out details. This project is identified for volunteer work.
- 6.3 Putah Creek Fishing Access Site 3 Closure Review – Emily Huerta
Huerta gave PRWAC background on the closure of Putah Creek Fishing Access Site 3. Post LNU Fire Complex, a February 2019 Storm caused high velocity sheet flow and subsurface erosion from a clogged culvert and drainage runoff from the property across Highway 128. This caused significant impacts to the west parking lot, making it unsafe for cars to drive. Grant application to fix the site was submitted to WCB Board Public Access Program September 2019 but was denied. Project would have included engineering design plans and acquisition of federal, state, and local permits to reconstruct a portion of the parking lot at Site 3. Site 3 amenities include two parking lots, a vault restroom, picnic tables, interp signage, and walking paths.
 - 6.3.1 Goal is still to reopen this area to the public – Huerta reported that there is a future meeting with WCB Public Access Program Manager 10/20 to see what can do to move forward again.
- 6.4 CalFire Vegetation Management at Valley Vista – Emily Huerta
Huerta was contacted by CalFire Battalion Chief Miguel Watson to inquire about conducting maintenance of existing fire break lines/roads at Valley Vista Regional Park. The areas CalFire wants to maintain are used as an access point to the fire perimeter and will become part of the main fire perimeter. Having this area maintained will allow efficient deployment of firefighting resources and help keep fires small in this area. Activities will be limited to a light scraping 10’ along the existing fire road with a grader and dozer if needed. A 10/19 site walk is scheduled with Watson.

PRWAC members, Andrew and Trini, brought up concerns about CalFire’s project due to past activities which led to environmental damage and erosion to areas beyond the project area.

Fulks expressed interest in having an observer onsite during CalFire maintenance activities. Trini stated she was available to attend the scheduled site walk.

6.5 Yolo County Library & Yolo County Parks Present “Go Wild Yolo” – Emily Huerta
“Go Wild Yolo” is a launch event for Yolo County Library’s “Nature Explorer Backpack Program” which will be available to check out from any yolo county library 10/24. The flyer was shared with PRWAC.

6.6 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. None were brought up.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS/PARKS DIVISION STAFF UPDATES

7.1 Cache Creek Campground Update and Boat Launch Updates on hold– Emily Huerta
Metrics and reports will be shared with PRWAC as they become available.

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.*

Nancy shared information about their “Cultural Burn Event” in partnership with CalFire and Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation for 11/10-11/11. Marketing materials will be shared once prepared so Yolo County Parks can socialize and promote.

Andrew shared a Flickr Album with PRWAC of trail work that was conducted at Valley Vista 1 mile loop.

Mike shared about a trail application that the county had tested. He stated he will revisit and share if ready.

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- 9.1 Clarksburg Boat Launch WCB Agreement – Emily Huerta
- 9.2 Update on County Road 40 & Overview – Andrew Fulks

10. NEXT MEETING

Regular Meeting Scheduled for November 21st, 2022

11. ADJOURN

Dana motioned to adjourn at 7:28 PM: Second: Nancy. Ayes: All.