

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
Effie Year Nature Center Assembly Building
2850 San Lorenzo Way
Carmichael, CA 95608**

ACTION SUMMARY

<u>Thursday</u>	<u>February 26, 2015</u>	<u>6:30 p.m.</u>
COMMISSIONERS:	BASTIAN, LAPIN, BECKWITH, GRANT, GONZALES	
PRESENT:	BASTIAN, LAPIN, BECKWITH, GONZALES	
ABSENT:	GRANT	

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CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Lapin; Commissioner Grant was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Commissioner Bastian.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COMMISSION ACTION

None

PRESENTATION:

- 1. Annual Report: American River Parkway Foundation
(Discovery Park and Annual Passes)
PARK PASS PROGRAM**

(Poggetto)

County Parks and the American River Parkway Foundation entered into an agreement in 2011 for the Foundation to sell annual passes. In 2014 the total number of park passes sold was 8,630; a breakdown by locations was provided. Overall marketing objectives over the past three years were to increase public awareness and generate additional revenue for Sacramento County Parks programs

PRESENTATION: (cont'd)

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PARK PASS PROGRAM

. Some achievements over the past year were:

- Sending email notice reminders to current pass holders during the month passes were due to expire with a “click here” button to automatically renew their passes.
- Enlisted three new businesses to sell passes.
- Continue to meet with user groups to enlist their support.
- Continue to distribute flyers to be placed on autos that were consistently parked on streets outside Park entrances.
- ARPF staff promoted Park Passes at Capital Bike Fest, Earth Day events, and community meetings.
- ARPF updated their website with a map of location, so users could determine the closest location to purchase a pass.

Marketing goals for 2015:

- Continue to update map on the ARPF website with added features
- Work with County Parks to update their website
- Continue to distribute email reminder notices when a pass is set to expire.
- Continue to meet with user groups to promote the passes – special emphasis is being placed on cycling and running groups.
- Enlist three new businesses to sell park passes.
- Increase the number of volunteers distributing flyers on cars to encourage those individuals to purchase a park pass.

DISCOVERY PARK

In June of 2014, the American River Parkway Foundation and the County of Sacramento entered into a MOU to rehabilitate Discovery Park. The following was accomplished:

- Special Cleanups besides Mile Steward
- Invasive Plant Removal
- Infrastructure upkeep
- Mile Stewards
- Multi-Use Trail Work
- Transportation Use – installation of new signage and tire puncture apparatus.

Projects to be completed include:

- New shade structures over picnic tables
- New picnic tables
- New bar-be-ques and hot coal containers
- Painting of water tower
- Re-building kiosks

ACTION ITEMS

2. Approval Of Action Summary: Regular Meeting January 22, 2015

Commissioner Bastian moved to accept the Action Summary; seconded by Commissioner Gonzales.

AYES: Bastian, Lapin, Beckwith, Gonzales
NOES: None
ABSENT: Grant
ABSTAIN; None

3. Public Hearing: Approval Of Concession Agreement With Delta Charters In The American River Parkway (Veselka)

The Department of Regional Parks was approached by Mr. Brian Carroll of Delta Charters with a proposal to operate a concession operation which includes personal watercraft rentals, instructional classes, and tours. Locations will include the boat launch at Discovery Park for activity in the Sacramento River.

Recommendation:

- 1. Conceptually approve the concession agreement with Delta Charters; and
- 2. Direct staff to bring the concession agreement to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

Mr. Carroll provides additional information regard the proposed concession via PowerPoint.

Public Comments:

Bill Davis

Betsy Weiland - written comment on behalf of Save The American River Association via email

Commissioner Beckwith moved to accept staff's recommendations with directions to staff to meet with all pertinent public safety agencies that have jurisdiction over the river to get their input prior to submitting to Board of Supervisors for approval; seconded by Commissioner Bastian.

AYES: Bastian, Lapin, Beckwith
NOES: Gonzales
ABSTAIN; None
ABSENT: Grant

ACTION ITEMS (Acting as Sacramento Fish and Game Commission)

None

DISCUSSIONS

4. American River Parkway Policy And Sign Manual

The purpose of the manual is to standardize the types of signs used on the American River Parkway. Public review and comment period for the draft manual will end March 20; the item will then be re-scheduled on the American River Parkway Advisory Committee and the Recreation and Park Commission meeting agenda for final review.

Commissioners were provided copies of written public comments received to-date.

INFORMATION ITEMS – ORAL

None

INFORMATION ITEMS – WRITTEN

5. Updates From The State Of California Fish And Game Commission
6. Department Reports Scheduled On Board Of Supervisors Agenda

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Attended Central Valley Flood Control Board meeting to hear follow-up presentation on the Army Corp of Engineers permit process as it relates to activities in the American River Parkway. There was some receptiveness during the meeting to look at some of the problematic approach to some maintenance activities we do on the Parkway and have it covered in some way by an existing permit through Central Valley Flood Control or through a catch all permit option.

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

7. Committee Reports

- A. **American River Parkway Advisory Committee** (Gonzales)
Committee met February 20; the agenda consists of following:
 - Workshop on Claremont Drive Project
 - Review Sign Policy Manual
 - Review Delta Charter Concession Proposal
 - Department of Human Assistance provided an update on Homeless Programs in Sacramento
- B. **Lower American River Task Force**
No Meeting
- C. **Fish and Game Commission** (Gonzales)
No Meeting. Commissioner Gonzales comments on item 5 above.
- D. **Dry Creek Parkway Advisory Committee** (Bastian)
The Committee met February 4; following are agenda items:
 - Election of Officers
 - Status of Gibson Ranch Store
 - Gibson Ranch 2011 Annual Report
 - Horses on Cherry Island Soccer Complex
- E. **Fire Protection Plan Sub-Committee** (Lapin/Gonzales)
No Meeting. Commissioner Gonzales asked that Commissioners take on drought related activities as they related to the Department of Regional Parks

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners Beckwith discussed his concerns relating to Central Valley Flood Control and their permitting issues as they related to the Department of Regional Parks.

Commissioners Bastian thanked County staff (David Boyer) for the work done in the Dry Creek Parkway area.

Commissioner Gonzales attended the CPRS awards banquet. Eppie's Great Race was a 2015 Hall of Honor Inductee.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont'd)

Commissioner Lapin requested an update on non-existing or non-working drinking foundations along the American River Parkway.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.; next meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2015, Effie Yeaw Nature Center Assembly Building in Carmichael.

STAFF PRESENT

Jeffrey Leatherman, Director
Liz Bellas, ASO
Amber Veselka, Recreation Supervisor
Sylvia Smartt, Recording Clerk

GUEST

Bill Davis, SARA
Dianna Poggetto, Executive Director ARPF
Ryan Carroll,
Megan Carroll