Monterey Room 168 W. Alisal St., 2nd Floor Salinas, CA 93901



Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Getzelman will be appearing remotely from 71040 Jolon Road, Lockwood, CA 93932

Thursday, June 5, 2025 3:00 PM

Parks Commission

PARTICIPATION IN PARKS COMMISSION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, REQUESTS, RECOMMENDATIONS

CLERK ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the December 5, 2024, Parks Commission Minutes. 25-088

Attachments: <u>Staff Report</u>

12-05-2024 Meeting Minutes

SCHEDULED MATTERS

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Attachment A - Volunteer Hours 2023-2024

6. Discuss potential County of Monterey Parks and Lakes Division projects that could be funded with Measure AA revenue.

25-225

Attachments: Staff Report

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

7. Receive a verbal update on the following items:

25-092

- Lake San Antonio elk tagging
- CDFW trout stocking
- Upcoming special events in Parks
- Parks marketing update

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

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MONTEREY COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION

DECEMBER 5, 2024 ACTION MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was in-person and called to order by Chair Kite at 3:08 p.m. Teleconference using Zoom was also available for the public. Lisa Harris called the roll to verify a quorum was present. Chair Kite announced that this is a public meeting, and it was being recorded.

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Sanchez, Vice Chair

Commissioner Getzelman

Commissioner Kite, Chair

Commissioner Church

Commissioner Garcia

Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Stracke

County Staff Present:

Bryan Flores, Chief of Parks (COP) Lisa Harris, Clerk Samantha Barnthouse, Clerk

Guests: None

Members of the Public: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

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Commissioner Church commented on the potential increase of revenue Parks may see from the passing of Measure AA. COP Flores stated that he would like comments and ideas on the future of the parks and its needs from the commissioners. Commissioner Church noted there would be a Board of Supervisors meeting in January where Measure AA would be discussed.

Commissioner Sanchez arrived at 3:13 p.m.

Commissioner Getzelman asked what percentage of the Monterey County population is incorporated versus unincorporated. Commissioner Church answered that about 25% is unincorporated.

Commissioner Church asked for time next meeting to address Park's needs and if we could get a general overview. COP Flores suggested fieldtrips which was concurred by Commissioner Church.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS BY COMMISSION CLERK

Clerk Harris stated that item number 2 was moved to the February 6, 2025 meeting.

APPROVE MINUTES

1. Approve minutes for November 4, 2024

Clerk Harris stated that the minutes were corrected to reflect that Commissioner Sanchez was Vice Chair.

Commissioner Kite motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Sanchez seconded.

Vote: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

3. Review and approve the 2025 meeting schedule. Parks Commission will meet the first Thursday of every other month at 3:00 p.m., in the Monterey Conference Room, 168 West Alisal Street, 2nd Floor, Salinas, CA 93901. Any Meeting Changes will be posted accordingly.

Commissioner Kite asked for comments. After none, Commissioner Kite moved to approve the schedule. Commissioner Sanchez seconded.

Vote: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VERBAL UPDATE

COP Flores provided verbal updates on the following items:

a. Parks Masterplan

COP Flores reported the consultants are making a detailed scope for the Parks Masterplan project in order to go out for a Request for Proposals (RFP). The full Masterplan process should take about 18 months and could cost up to\$1 million. The final Plan will include substantial input from the community as the Plan will affect the parks for the next 30 years.

Commissioner Church commented that \$1 million was a lot of money and seemed higher than normal. COP Flores responded that the base model would be approximately \$600,000 and could then include additional details and community engagement.

Commissioner Church asked about the old master plan. COP Bryan responded that it was a strategic plan and was done in 2015 and was more of an overview, not giving actual management details.

Commissioner Church asked if Fort Ord would be included in the current master plan underway. COP Bryan answered that Fort Ord plans are still in development and are part of the HCD division. Once that is finished, it will become part of the Master Plan.

Commissioner Church asked for a timeline. COP Bryan explained that the Ford Ord plans still need to go through other committees before being presented to the Board of Supervisors and that it could still be another 18 months.

b. North County Youth Recreation Association Concession Agreement

COP Flores reported that the North County Youth Recreation Association and Parks had their first negotiations meeting. COP Flores requested that the Commission appoint commissioners to the Ad Hoc Committee. COP Flores nominated Commissioner Garcia and asked for other volunteers. Commissioner Garcia agreed to be on the Ad Hoc Committee.

Counsel commented that appointment of commissioners is at the discretion of the Chair. Chair Kite volunteered to be on the Ad Hoc Committee.

COP Flores suggested commissioners contact relevant sport groups for information. COP Flores also commented the North County Youth Recreation Association is looking forward to an agreement renewal that will last the next 10 years.

c. Wildflower Experience Triathlon

COP Flores reported that the last Wildflower Experience Triathlon was held in 2019. He is excited for it to come back to the Parks and that it was approved by the Board of Supervisors in October.

Commissioner Getzelman asked if students will be participating as volunteers. COP Flores answered that yes, students will be participating as volunteers, and that the event will need an army of volunteers.

Commissioner Sanchez asked if this was the same event that had a previous fatality. COP Flores answered no.

Commissioner Kite asked about Parks staff numbers. COP Flores answered there are only about 13 current full-time Parks staff at Lake San Antonio.

d. Laguna Seca Recreation Area and Friends of Laguna Seca

COP Flores reported that John Narigi, formerly the County contracted operator, has announced he will be removing his company from FLS with no plans on returning. Employees from Narigi's company will be retained by the FLS.

COP Flores reported that cleanup is still underway at Laguna Seca, working with haulers and recyclers.

Transition and cleanup will be complete by end of February.

Commissioner Sanchez asked when FLS will be taking over the shooting range. COP Flores answered that it is in discussions and that the Parks are still overseeing the range.

e. Lake Nacimiento Resort Lodge Renovation

COP Flores reported the Lake Nacimiento lodges are nearly finished with renovations. He predicts the \$3.1 million that was invested will be made back within a few short years.

Commissioner Kite asked if COP Flores will be working with See Monterey to promote the new lodges. COP Flores answered yes, that See Monterey promotes the Parks often.

Commissioner Getzelman asked if the store on North Shore (Lake San Antonio) will be renovated as well. COP Flores answered yes, but further down the road as additional funding is needed. Commissioner Church asked what Parks was charging for the lodges and how much the new charges would be with the renovations. COP Flores answered that currently they cost \$400 to \$500 a night, but that it has not been decided how much to charge with the new renovations.

Commissioner Church asked how many lodges does the County own. COP Flores answered that there are 4 different floor plans, 7 buildings, and 13 units. They can sleep from 8 to 12 people depending on the floor plan.

Commissioner Church enthusiastically suggested a Parks Commission meeting at the lodges once renovated. COP Flores agreed suggesting a joint Parks Commission and Board of Supervisors meeting. Commissioner Sanchez asked if it would be overnight. COP Flores suggested making it a retreat.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

COP Flores commented there were items brought up during the Special Session in November, but due to the short turnover, those items will be addressed in the February meeting.

Commissioner Church asked for input on the potential funds from Measure AA.

Commissioner Sanchez asked for an overview/update on the construction of the Interlake Tunnel system for the lakes.

Commissioner Sanchez also suggested reenergizing the parks and raising money as other foundations are active in doing so for their parks. Commissioner Sanchez would like to see the Parks Foundation started again.

COP Flores responded that the Interlake Tunnel Project is a Water Resources Agency (WRA) project, not a Parks project. He said he would inquire with WRA to see if a presentation was possible.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The Parks Commission meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE

February 6, 2025, 3:00 p.m.



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Prepared by: Bryan Flores, Chief of Parks (831) 796-6425



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Attachment A - BSLT handout to complement BSLT's presentation.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Big Sur Land Trust is presenting information.

Prepared by: Dona Luna, Management Analyst II, (831) 755-5455

Reviewed by: Bryan Flores, Chief of Parks



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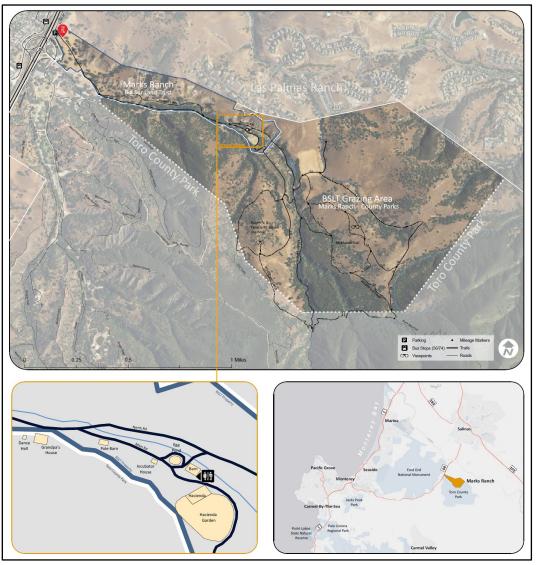
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Conservation Grazing Program at Marks Ranch







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THE SETTING:

Marks Ranch is a central California landscape mosaic of gently rolling hills separated by narrow drainages located between Salinas and Monterey, California that has been ranched for generations. From the open oak and sycamore alluvial woodland and grasslands fronting Highway 68, the property narrows through a seasonal drainage that serves as an important regional wildlife corridor, which opens to the diverse grasslands, wildflower meadows (over 90 species!), oak stands, wetlands, and shrublands nestled in the lower slopes of the northern Sierra de Salinas. A network of incredible trails, historic ranch structures, and project sites give visitors an opportunity to connect with nature, learn about working lands, and expand their own land stewardship ethic. Furthermore, the ranch is a strategic location for emergency response crews to protect nearby communities from the threat of wildfire.

PARTNERSHIP HISTORY:

- BSLT acquired the 816-acre ranch in 2007. In 2010 and 2012, BSLT worked with the County to to secure Wildlife Conservation Board funding to facilitate the transfer of ownership of most of the property to enlarge Toro County Park and ensure the protection of important habitats as well as the documented wildlife corridor. BSLT still owns and manages 79 adjacent acres that includes the ranch entrance, historic hacienda, and a well that serves the grazing area on Toro County Park.
- In 2011, BSLT entered into a 10-year grazing lease with the County. In exchange for the grazing lease, BSLT has the option to make annual payments to the County or offset the costs by performing important land management projects across the grazing area to the satisfaction of Park staff. Such offset services have included road work, trail maintenance, natural resource management, response to vandalism, invasive species removal, support during wildfire events and more. This partnership has helped facilitate the cooperative management of this ranch and the objectives of the WCB funding.
- The grazing of the property was temporarily put on pause after the River Fire (Aug 2020) damaged critical grazing infrastructure. During the River Fire, BSLT worked alongside County Park staff to assist in the fire suppression efforts led by Cal Fire to protect surrounding communities. After the fire passed through the property, BSLT staff worked to inventory damage, develop response plans, secure Cal Fire Fire Suppression Repair crews, and implement priority projects with staff and contractors to repair and winterize the property both on Marks Ranch and the leased backcountry Toro County Park land.
- When the 10-year grazing lease was set to expire in April 2021, rather than enter into another long-term lease, BSLT and the County chose to extend the lease with a series of short-term lease extensions between 2021-2025. Over the last year, the County was successful in securing the funding for repairs and contracting work to repair much of the damaged infrastructure. BSLT is excited to bring cattle back onto the property and desires to enter into another longterm grazing lease.

GRAZING PROGAM MANAGEMENT:

The reduction in wildfire fuels, maintenance of important habitats, and upkeep of infrastructure across Marks Ranch will require active, informed management as invasive species, climate change, changes in fire patterns, aging infrastructure, and other stressors continue to create significant challenges for land managers. BSLT believes that the continuation of a conservation grazing program represents one of the best cost-effective tools to meet these demands. Grazing is overseen by BSLT's stewardship team and guided by management plans that are collaboratively developed with regional rangeland experts and other stakeholders. BSLT then establishes a sublease with a grazing operator to achieve plan goals and minimize adverse effects of the operation.



Conservation Grazing Program Objectives & Benefits

ECOSYSTEM & HABITAT CONSERVATION – Maintaining or enhancing the distribution, community structure, and biodiversity of native and special status species and the ecosystem functions these habitats provide.

CLIMATE RESILIENCE – Grazing as a critical management tool to support climate change initiatives and ecosystem resilience.

FIRE FUEL REDUCTION – Reducing the threat of catastrophic wildfire to adjacent properties by minimizing fuel loads and brush encroachment.

WILDLIFE CORRIDOR PROTECTION— Maintaining the wildlife corridor by promoting biodiversity.

INVASIVE PLANT MANAGEMENT – Controlling invasive, non-native weed species in the grassland and woodland habitat.

PUBLIC ACCESS & EDUCATION – Maintain the public's ability to enjoy the land while enhancing their understanding of and support for the use of grazing as a management tool.

RETAIN GRAZING LEGACY - Encouraging continuation of historic California grazing through a sustainable livestock grazing operation.

http://www.bigsurlandtrust.org



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OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Monterey County Water Resources Agency presenting information.

Prepared by: Dona Luna, Management Analyst II, (831) 755-5455

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OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

FINANCING:

There is no financial impact to receiving this report.

Prepared by: Dona Luna, Management Analyst III, x5455

Reviewed by: Bryan Flores, Chief of Parks

Approved by: Randell Ishii, Director of Public Works, Facilities and Parks

Attachments:

Attachment A-Volunteer Report of Hours and Tasks

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Attachment A PWFP Parks -Volunteer Projects and Hours Per Park Reporting Period: July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

The categories of volunteers providing volunteer/community service in County Parks is listed below:

Live On Volunteers
General Day Volunteers/Community Service
Alternative Work Program
General Assistance Program
Probation Program

The volunteer services provided by volunteers are:

<u>Live On Volunteers</u> - Open/Close Park; check trails and clear debris from trails, parking lots and driveway; painting; lawn grooming; restroom cleaning and stocking; remove trash; weeding; clean up shop; interface with and provide support to park visitors.

<u>General Day Volunteers/Community Service</u> – Remove French broom; cleaning park, trail brush-out and area clean up; and litter pick up.

<u>Alternative Work Program; General Assistance Program and Probation</u> - Gardening, clean-up, unskilled manual labor and small "supervised" projects.

In Fiscal Year 2023-2024 five day use parks had 19 Live On Volunteers:

Jacks Peak – 2 Manzanita – 2 Royal Oaks Park – 4 San Lorenzo Park – 5

Toro Park – 8

Live On Volunteers provided 10,503 hours of service.

Thirteen groups provided general day volunteer/community service in County Parks with 641 volunteers for a total of 1,745 hours.

Royal Oaks and San Lorenzo Parks worked with the Alternative Work Program, General Assistance Program and Probation who provided workers for a total of 5,260 hours.

Alternative Work Program – 107 workers for total of 4,471 hours General Assistance Program – 100 workers for a total of 749 hours Probation Program – 3 workers for total of 40 hours

According to the Nonprofit Leadership Center (NLC), the volunteer hourly rate in California for 2023 was \$38.61 per hour:

https://independentsector.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/is-vovt-report-all-years_v21.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=VOVT%202024%20release&utm_content=VOVT%202024%20release+CID_e
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Based NLC hourly rate Parks realized a savings of \$687,614 (17,809 volunteer hours @ \$38.61 - rounded).



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Staff requests that the Parks Commission discuss potential projects that could be funded by Measure AA, in preparation for advisement to the Oversight Ad Hoc Committee.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

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Receive a verbal update on the following items:

Lake San Antonio elk tagging

CDFW trout stocking

• Upcoming special events in Parks

Parks marketing update