

MONTEREY COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION

Saffron Room

1441 Schilling Place, Salinas, CA, 93901

January 10, 2019

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

At Chair Hertlein's request, Commissioner Devers served as Acting Chair. The meeting was called to order by Chair Devers at 1:05 p.m. There was a quorum.

<u>Commissioners Present</u>	<u>Commissioners Absent</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Joseph Hertlein, Chair Joanna Devers, Acting Chair Paula Getzelman Supervisor Mary L. Adams	Sergio Sanchez	Brian Briggs Carl Holm Shawne Ellerbee John Dugan Neville Pereira Cam Sanchez Brett Fulgoni John Snively Karina Bokanovich

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, REQUEST, RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Carl Holm – RMA Director requested an update be given to the Commissioners on the recent Board of Supervisor's approval of the Fee Article. Ms. Shawne Ellerbee – RMA Deputy Director of Administrative Services informed the Commission of the decision to go forward with the Fee Article last the Commission met and of the implementation of the Fee Article on January 10, 2019. She reported some of the changes that were made on the motion by the Board of Supervisors (BOS) such as the age of children to being 5 years through 12 years, students as possessing a valid Identification card, a fee omission for Laguna Seca that was omitted in error but put back in at the request of the BOS and the free Family Day of the first Sunday of the month. She informed the Commission the BOS had a discussion with regards to fiscal sustainability, increasing rates and the BOS deferred the Family Day which did not get passed and was not moved forward but left open. She also informed the Commission of copies of the Resolutions at her disposal.

Acting Chair Devers commended RMA for their pro-active approach in responding to comments on the Next-Door Mobile Application in reference to the fees.

Supervisor Adams inquired whether the public can make reservations on-line. Ms. Ellerbee informed the Commission an on-line reservation system is not currently in place, but the public can call and process a transaction over the phone or come into the office.

Chair Hertlein inquired on the Board of Supervisor's reasoning behind the decision of not approving the first Sunday of the month free of charge to the public. Ms. Ellerbee informed the Commission Supervisor Alejo had commented that it did not make sense that fees were being increased and money given away looking at the financial constraints the county has been facing and will continue to face in the future. She informed the Commission there were concerns that if the BOS is giving those dollars away, they would have to come back and identify replacement funds for that and so at the fiscal time for the board and the county and its fiscal budget

preparation there is a hesitancy to do that. She informed the Commission BOS did move forward with an assessment or sales tax increase as discussed in a previous commission meeting such as Sonoma had done, it was deferred to a later date.

SCHEDULED ITEM:

1. Receive a status report on operations at Lake Nacimiento and Lake San Antonio.

Mr. Carl Holm – RMA Director informed the Commission RMA was tasked to provide a business plan to look at how the lake operations is addressed and get parks into a fiscal sustainable condition. He felt the input from the BOS is where he should start first on whether the county wants to have someone manage the lake facilities entirely, have the county take over entirely or something in between. He informed the Commission of the involvement of the Ad Hoc Parks Committee, and an RFP placed to see if there is an interest in managing the lake facilities. He informed the Commission although there are two lakes facilities technically there are three lake facilities: North Shore, San Antonio and South Shore which are physically separated with different and distinctive characteristics. His intent is to present this to the Board of Supervisor's on January 15, 2019 and would like the input of the Commission. He reported the Business Plan details will come back and forth to the Ad Hoc Parks Committee and this commission once it gets there.

Mr. Neville Pereira – RMA Chief of Building Services and Interim Deputy Director for Public Works, Parks and Facilities informed the Commission of the contract extension of February 28, 2019 for Cal Parks as this would allow time for the options to be brought here and then referred to the BOS. He informed the Commission of each of the three options mentioned on the board report provided: Option One - leaving it as is, Option Two - transferring Lake San Antonio operations into County park system or Option Three - having county manage 100% of the managed operations. He mentioned option two has details about it in order to manage the budget as RMA anticipates running it on the low season as usual and scaling back operations in the off season at South Shore and closing the North Shore completely.

Mr. Carl Holm – RMA Director informed the Commission the reason for the North shore closure would be due to low water levels as they taper off North shore activity, the South Shore facility would still be open all year long.

Ms. Shawne Ellerbee – RMA Deputy Director of Administrative Services informed the Commission of the financial aspect of the General Fund and Lake Operations. She reported the financials from fiscal year 2018 Cal Parks: cost and county costs separated for each facility; Lake Nacimiento turned a profit because Lake San Antonio is embedded in that same enterprise fund, Lake Nacimiento subsidizes Lake San Antonio and it had more expenditures than what was brought in revenue from Lake Nacimiento. She informed the Commission the general fund subsidizes the lakes one to two million dollars a year. She inquired whether it makes sense to have Lake San Antonio blended in with Lake Nacimiento or should they be separated. She informed the Commission of the discussion on the November 29, 2018 Parks Commission meeting where marketing aspect was mentioned and promoting all our facilities at the lakes. She mentioned partnering with Dwayne Woods of the CAO's office on sponsorships/partnerships.

Mr. Brett Fulgoni – RMA Interim Operations Manager for Parks informed the Commission of simplifying the operations between South Shore and North Shore and focusing the resort operations at Nacimiento as it makes the most sense from a logistics, operational and financial perspective for that individual business plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carol Kenyon
Beth Winters

Action: Supervisor Adams moved to approve Option Two – Transfer of Lake San Antonio operation into County park system to be referred to the Board of Supervisors. Commissioner Hertlein seconded the motion and it was approved with the following vote:

AYES: Joe Hertlein, Joanna Devers, Paula Getzelman and Supervisor Mary Adams

NOES: None

ABSENT: Sergio Sanchez

ABSTAIN: None

II.ADJOURNMENT

Chair Joe Hertlein adjourned the meeting at 4:36 p.m.

Prepared by: Susan Rosales-Nava, Secretary