

PARKS COMMISSIONING MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 5, 2025

Location: 168 W. Alisal, Monterey Room, Salinas, CA 93901

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

ROLL CALL

In Attendance: Commissioners Shawne Ellerbee, Sergio Sanchez, Kelley Stracke, & Paula Getzelman via zoom

Absent:

Late Arrival: Supervisor Glenn Church arrived at 3:15 p.m.

County Staff: Sabrina Guzman, Secretary, Dona Luna, Management Analyst, Staff present via zoom, Bryan Flores Chief of Parks, Reed Gallogly, County Counsel, Isidro Trujillo, Parks Ranger, Nate Merkle, Admin Operations Manager, Lisa Harris, Admin Secretary, Micah Beardsall, Admin Operations Manager, and Eric Barlar, IT Analyst

PUBLIC COMMENT

Peter Berridge Vice President MORCA – Spoke in person to advocate for a Mountain Bike Park in Laguna Seca.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/REQUEST/REFERRALS

Commissioner Stracke: commented on the Spartan Race and was very impressed on how Spartan Race ran well.

Commissioner Ellerbee: recap of events over the last few months, Spartan, Wildflower, Sea Otter Classic, and all future Special Events.

CLERK CORRECTIONS/COMMISSIONER UPDATES

No additions or corrections

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Ellerbee abstained from voting.

Commissioner Stracke moved to Commissioner Sanchez and Commissioner Stracke 2nd, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

- 1. Appoint the Monterey County Parks Commission Chair and Vice Chair for the 2025 calendar year.**

Action: During the calendar 2025 District 1 will serve as chair and District 2 will serve as Vice Chair. Commissioner Ellerbee moved to approve, and Commissioner Stracke 2nd the motion, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Chair and Vice Chair.

2. **Receive a presentation from Big Sur Land Trust representative Nicole Chrislock on the partnership with the County of Monterey Parks and Lakes Division at the Marks Ranch property within Toro Regional Park.**
3. **Received a presentation from Monterey County Water Resources with a brief background and update on the following Agency projects: Interlake Tunnel, Nacimiento Dam Plunge Pool Project, and San Antonio Dam Spillway Replacement Project.**
4. **Received a report of the Park's volunteer hours and services by park for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.**
5. **Discuss with Chief of Parks Bryan Flores potential County of Monterey Parks and Lakes Division Projects that could be funded with Measure AA revenue.**
Items mentioned included:
 - All-inclusive outdoor workout equipment
 - Rubberized surface
 - Remove & replace playgrounds increase footprint
 - Road upgrades
 - Amphitheater at North Shore
 - Commissioner Sanchez recommended soccer fields, Volleyball courts at the lakes
 - Commissioner Stracke recommended Disc Golf at the lakes would be good
 - Chief of Parks Bryan Flores mentioned an RC track at lakes, horseshoe pits and possible permeant Disc golf.
 - CDFW updates – Elk tagging at North Shore LSA about 12 -15 Elk we're tagged. There was trout stocking at the Lake on 12/11/24 - 4000 lbs. of sterile rainbow trout, 12/18/24 – 400 lbs. of trophy trout, and 1/13/2025 – 3000 lbs. of regular & trophy trout were stocked. Unfortunately, on 2/26 the stock was cancelled due to not having the supply of trout.
 - Wildflower welcomed 1158 attendees bringing back the event since prior to covid
 - Spartan welcomed 7800 participants
 - AIDS Life cycle this year was the last year. Event is shutting down.
 - Staff is working to bring a Food Truck Night, Concerts, Movies in the Park, and other events.
 - Parks RX in July at Toro Park
 - Parks Marketing, working on video short of each park, commercials on TV & social media, working with the County Publicity Team.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Special Events
- Measure AA
- Market

- Impact of Budget 25-26 on Parks.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.