

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MICKE GROVE REGIONAL PARK MEMORIAL BUILDING
11793 NORTH MICKE GROVE ROAD, LODI CALIFORNIA
Minutes of Feb. 4, 2025*
ACCEPTED

I. CALL TO ORDER

Notice having duly been given, the Feb. 4, 2025 meeting of the San Joaquin County Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairman Mooney at 5:30 PM.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Chairman Mooney	Commissioner Fuhs	Commissioner Clark
Commissioner Dake	Commissioner Serfozo	

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Commissioner Sahyoun	Commissioner Fry
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EX-OFFICIO AND STAFF

Dan Wirtz, General Services Director
Connie Hart, General Services Asst. Director

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Dake discussed signage replacement and possible refuse dumping related to the Woodbridge Wilderness Area, Ms. Hart said she would look into it.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Aug. 27, 2024 minutes were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Fuhs, seconded by Commissioner Dake.

IV. PARKS REPORT

1. Community Parks Projects

Ms. Hart reported \$10M was recently approved by the Board of Supervisors for park improvements, with \$1.4M immediately earmarked for perimeter fencing, night security and solar-power security lighting at nine community parks. Additional funding this fiscal year will also purchase a zoo van, a new cab-enclosed tractor and begin project/site development of a new primate exhibit in the zoo's former Lorikeet area. Improvements during FY 2025/26 will see the installation of self-cleaning restroom facilities and irrigation upgrades at community parks along with the third phase of the South County Parks project.

2. Parks Administrator Recruitment

Ms. Hart said Ashika Lal, currently with Southgate Parks and Recreation and a CPRS board member, has been selected as the new Parks Administrator. She will start Feb. 24. Mr. Wirtz, in attendance for the first time, introduced himself to the commission as well.

V. ZOO REPORT

1. Zoo Budget Process

Ms. Hart stated that the Zoo will have a separate operating budget moving forward, it will be implemented for FY 2025/26.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. South County Park Project Update

Ms. Hart stated Phase 2 continues to move along with conceptual design, environmental review, site and topography surveys and outreach. Phase 2 is expected to last another year, with park completion estimated for 2031.

2. Capital Projects Update

Ms. Hart said irrigation upgrades continue at Micke Grove Regional Park, with septic system upgrades on the horizon. Irrigation, well and aeration systems will be upgraded at Shumway Oak Grove (ultimately allowing the lake to be fed with well water instead of irrigation run-off). Micke Grove's proposed mini golf course continues to move forward with topographic surveys and design, community outreach will be forthcoming.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Parks Commission Meeting Schedule 2025

Although the 2025 schedule was presented, Chairman Mooney inquired whether future meetings should be held Wednesdays due to BOS meetings. No decision was reached, however, commissioners decided to skip the February meeting. Ms. Hart will provide a revised schedule in March should commissioners decide to change the meeting dates.

VIII. ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

None

IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioners were pleased to meet after a five-month absence, and discussed if federal cuts could affect any county parks, including FEMA reimbursements from previous storms.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Mooney adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Wed., March 26 at 5:30 p.m.

*The commission's regularly scheduled meeting for Tuesday, Jan. 28 was rescheduled to Tuesday, Feb. 4. The meeting served for both January and February.