SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MICKE GROVE REGIONAL PARK MEMORIAL BUILDING
11793 NORTH MICKE GROVE ROAD, LODI CALIFORNIA
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the San Joaquin County Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Clark at 5:33 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: *Germaine Clark, Snow Dake, Mary Fuhs, Robert Mooney and William Fry*
Absent: *Upkar Randhawa*

Ex-Officio and Staff Present: *Ashika Lal, Kyle Hetzel and Daniel Ramirez*

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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(Dake/Fuhs) Passed

Ayes: Germaine Clark, Snow Dake, Mary Fuhs, Robert Mooney and William Fry
Noes: None
Absent: Upkar Randhawa

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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(Mooney/Dake) Passed

Ayes: Germaine Clark, Snow Dake, Mary Fuhs, Robert Mooney and William Fry
Noes: None
Absent: Upkar Randhawa

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Dake, a volunteer at Woodbridge Wilderness Area, addressed the Commission regarding the possibility of expanding the park's hours of operation. He shared that he has received several requests from community members for extended hours and suggested that the neighborhood volunteer group may be able to assist with continued park operations.

The Commission agreed to place this item on a future meeting agenda for further discussion.

VI. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

A. State of the County Recap – October 14, 2026

Parks Administrator, Ashika Lal, gave a presentation highlighting the event and Parks and Recreation exhibitor booth and display

B. Ten-Year Parks and Recreation System Master Plan Update

Parks Administrator, Ashika Lal, provided an update on the status of the plan and the open public comment period.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2027 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Schedule

Staff presented the proposed 2027 Commission meeting schedule for review and discussion. Commissioners discussed the proposed schedule and expressed no concerns or requested changes. The schedule will be brought back for formal adoption at the next meeting.

B. FunTown Safari Miniature Golf Course Winner Recognition

Staff informed the Commission that notification letters were sent to the winning children of the FunTown Safari Miniature Golf Course naming contest. As part of their recognition, the winners and their families were offered a behind-the-scenes experience at Micke Grove Zoo.

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

A. Parks Report

Parks Administrator, Ashika Lal, presented the Parks Report and responded to a question from the Commission regarding the Trunk or Treat event.

B. Zoo Report

Zoo Manager, Kyle Hetzel, presented the Zoo Report and responded to a question from the Commission regarding the frequency of USDA permitting.

IX. ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

The Parks Administrator introduced Kyle Hetzel, the new Zoo and Interpretive Services Manager, to the Commission.

X. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Mooney complimented the overall appearance of the park and asked about the status of the irrigation project and Stanislaus Shelter replacement. Staff responded to his questions.

Chair Clark inquired about storm preparedness throughout the County park system. Staff responded to her questions.

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XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m. The next regular meeting of the San Joaquin County Parks and Recreation Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Memorial Building at Micke Grove Regional Park, 11793 North Micke Grove Road, Lodi, California 95240.