



SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



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FROM: Regional Park & Open-Space District

SUBMITTAL DATE:
5/27/09

SUBJECT: Riverside County Regional Park & Open-Space District Advisory Commission
Annual Report 2008

RECOMMENDED MOTION: that the Board receive and file the Riverside County Regional Park & Open-Space District Advisory Commission 2008 Annual Report.

BACKGROUND: Attached is the 2008 Annual Report for the Regional Park and Open-Space District Advisory Commission as required per Board Policy A-21 and Resolution No. 2005-148 Adopting Rules and Procedures for Advisory Committees.

Departmental Concurrence

717-District Advisory Commission Annual Report 2008

Scott Bangle, General Manager

FINANCIAL DATA N/A	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$	In Current Year Budget:
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$	Budget Adjustment:
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$	For Fiscal Year:

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY:
Alex Gann

County Executive Office Signature

- Policy
- Consent
- Policy
- Consent

Dept's Recomm.:
Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: All

Agenda Number:

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Riverside County Regional Park & Open-Space District Advisory Commission



Darrell Ruff, District I
William Hartford, District I, Vice Chair
Virginia Field, District II (resigned 7/08)
Ray Smith, District II (appointed 7/08)
Daniel Hake, District II (appointed 7/08)
Cois Byrd, District III
Darrell Connerton, District III

Vacancy, District IV
Don Martin, District IV
Bob Grady, District IV
Judy Nieburger, District V
Jerry Cody, District V, Chair

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MEETINGS:

The Riverside County Regional Park & Open-Space District Advisory Commission met bimonthly in January, March, May, July, and November of 2008.

DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMISSION ACTIONS for 2008:

- recommended approval of a long-term lease with Cox-West Development of approximately 73 acres of park land to be used for five holes of golf along the Santa Ana River Parkway.
- recommended approval of a land donation from Southern California Edison as mitigation for El Casco Substation
- recommended approval of Park Fees for 2008-2009
- approved the Jensen-Alvarado Ranch Strategic Plan dated June 1, 2007
- approved the Master Plan for the Gilman Ranch
- recommended approval of \$5,950 from the Fish and Game fund for the Park District Interpretive Division for use at Interpretive sites
- recommended approval of the name changed of the Bain Street Trail to the Jim Real Regional Trail

- recommended to the Planning Department that they study an addition to the County General Plan a standard policy for surfacing driveways that cross trail routes
- elected Jerry Cody as Chair and William Hartford as Vice-Chair to the District Advisory Commission for 2008-2009.

COMMISSIONERS & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

The Commission met in various areas throughout the County in 2008, including Riverside, Blythe, Murrieta, and Palm Desert.

District I

Darrell Ruff kept the Commission abreast of activities concerning parks in the Wildomar area. He has been also active in the cityhood of Wildomar.

Bill Hartford frequently visited the Santa Rosa Plateau and is very active with that facility. He also observed activities at Kabian Park. Mr. Hartford is the Vice-Chair of the Commission and has chaired Commission meetings in the absence of Mr. Cody.

District II

Virginia Field visited the Jensen Ranch. Ms. Field resigned from the Commission in 2008. She was thanked for her many years of service to the Commission both as Chair and a Commission member.

Daniel Hake became a Commissioner in July 2008 and is getting acquainted with his role as a Commissioner.

Ray Smith became a Commissioner in July 2008 and is getting acquainted with his role as a Commissioner. Mr. Smith participated in activities on the Santa Ana River. He is also the Public Information Officer for the County of Riverside, and initiated the first wildflower photo contest.

District III

Darrell Connerton was active in his role as Commissioner by visiting Lake Skinner and other parks in District III. He also observed the Quagga Mussel activities at Lake Skinner. He attended the Balloon & Wine Event at Lake Skinner in June 2008. He is a member of the Santa Rosa Plateau Foundation.

Cois Byrd participates in activities at the Santa Rosa Plateau and is a member of the Santa Rosa Plateau Foundation. He has also been involved with a program with the Sheriff's Department for the control of graffiti in Riverside County.

District IV

Don Martin reported on park activities in Indio, Palm Desert and La Quinta.

Bob Grady oversaw activities at District parks in Blythe, namely Quechan, Mayflower, Lake Cahuilla and McIntyre. He served as host for the Eastern County tour for the Commission. He initiated the request to install Wi Fi at Mayflower Park. He was also involved in many other activities in Blythe for the good of the community.

District V

Jerry Cody has been involved with activities of the San Timoteo Canyon Schoolhouse Committee and many other activities in his local area to support the community. As the Chair of the District Advisory Commission, he chaired the Commission meetings, attended Park District events and graciously served as master of ceremonies for ribbon cuttings and other Park District activities.

Judy Nieburger visited several county parks throughout the Park District in 2008. She supported the Park District by participating in the 2008 Hidden Valley Wildlife Area Duck Daze. There she did a presentation on handling and caring of snakes. She also reported on activities in her local area.

Overall Commission Activities

In January 2008, the Commission attended the Blythe Outlook Conference. In the spring of 2008, the some Commissioners attended the Employee/Volunteer/Support Group appreciation luncheon held at the Park District Headquarters.

They supported the Park District by attending ribbon cuttings at Kabian Park in February 2008 and Hidden Valley in May 2008. Several of them also attended the History Symposium in October 2008. They also supported the Trails Committee by taking action on their request concerning trail issues. In December 2008, Commissioners attended the Park District Holiday Open House.

The District Advisory Commission will continue with its purpose to advise and make recommendations to your Honorable Board concerning the planning, acquisition, development and use of parks and open space for a comprehensive system for Riverside County; the acquisition, development, maintenance and promotion of regional recreation trails in Riverside County; and matters related to the expenditure of fish and game propagation funds and conservation and propagation of fish and game in Riverside County.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott Bangle, General Manager &
Secretary, Regional Park & Open Space
District Advisory Commission



Jerry Cody, Chair
District Advisory Commission