

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES  
(Action Items Displayed in Italics)  
THURSDAY, March 7, 2019 – 7.00 p.m.  
OC Parks Headquarters

**I. ROLL CALL**

*Chair Posey and Commissioner McCusker were present. Vice Chair Kusumoto, Commissioners, Muller, Hanson and Koos were absent.*

**II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

At this time, members of the public may address the Commission on items of public interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission, and are not contained in tonight's agenda.

*Greg Stone, representing the OC Modeler's Association, provided information and answered the Commissioner's questions.*

**III. CONSENT CALENDAR (Item A)**

The following items on the consent calendar will be approved by one motion unless a Commission member requests to pull a specific item.

A. Approve Commission minutes for February 7, 2019.

**IV. DISCUSSION CALENDAR MATTERS (Items A – D)**

*Due to lack of quorum only items IV. C and IV. D were heard by the Commission.*

**A. TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE – PROPOSED SECOND QUARTER AGENDA**

An update will be provided on the previous Trails Subcommittee meeting, and an agenda is proposed for the next meeting, expected to be held on May 9, 2019.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve the Trails Subcommittee 2019 second quarter meeting agenda.

**B. OC LOOP PRESENTATION**

Staff will provide a presentation on the OC Loop and updates on activities related to work towards completion of its remaining segments.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Receive and file.

## **C. OC PARKS BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Staff will provide information on the current fiscal year and upcoming fiscal year 2019-20 budgets.

*Stacy Blackwood, OC Parks Director, provided a presentation and answered Commissioners' questions.*

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Receive and file.

## **D. APRIL FIELD TRIP**

In January 2019, your Commission approved its 2019 meeting and field trip schedule.

The locations below are options for the April field trip.

- a) Arden: Modjeska House historical facility tour
- b) Peters Canyon Regional Park and future Crawford Canyon Park tour
- c) Archaeo/Paleo tour – Chestnut Facility and Clark Park Interpretive Center
- d) Upper Newport Bay – preserve, Muth Center and Upland to Tideland exhibit tour

### **RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:**

1. Select a field trip location.
2. Confirm Friday, April 12, as the field trip date.

*Commissioner McCusker selected the Archaeo/Paleo tour  
2nd: Chair Posey*

## **V. OC PARKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

*Stacy Blackwood, OC Parks Director, provided updates and information and answered Commissioners' questions.*

### **A. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS – TOPICS OF INTEREST**

### **B. UPCOMING OC PARKS EVENTS**

Junior Ranger Day at the Bay – Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve – Saturday, March 9, 9:00am – 12:00pm

- Come earn your Junior Ranger Badge and Certificate at Upper Newport Bay.
- Participants will go on a guided hike, complete a short service project, and take the junior ranger oath.
- Activities will be designed for learners in the 9-12 age range, but everyone is welcome.
- Online registration required.

Naturalist Led Bird and Butterfly Nature Walk – Caspers Wilderness Park – Saturday, March 9, 9:00am

- Join Volunteer Naturalist Mike Clayton, for a one-mile nature walk in the beautiful Bell Canyon area of Caspers Wilderness Park. The walk will focus on identifying and learning about the birds and butterflies encountered on the trail.
- Parking is \$5 per vehicle.

Dig in! Plant & Protect Wildflowers with the Native Seed Farm – Irvine Ranch Open Space – Saturday, March 23, 8:30am – 12:00pm

- Join us at the Irvine Ranch Conservancy's one-of-a-kind Native Seed Farm in Irvine.
- Activities include planting new little plants into growing fields and using various weeding tools to remove weeds so the new plants can grow up strong.
- Ages 8 and up, accompanied by an adult. Registration is required.

Double Loop: Baker Canyon – Irvine Ranch Open Space – Sunday, March 31, 7:00am – 10:00am

- Join in on a challenging hike that rewards you with sweeping views of the Irvine Ranch Natural Landmarks and Santa Ana Mountains.
- This scenic hike involves steep climbs and descents on both double and single-track trails and around 1100 feet of accumulated climbing elevation.
- Online reservations required. Ages 16 and up; minors must be accompanied by an adult.

**VI. COMMISSION COMMENTS AND REPORT**

At this time Commissioners may comment on agenda or non-agenda matters and ask questions of or give direction to staff, provided that no action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT 7:57 pm**