



AGENDA

ORANGE COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION

Thursday, March 3, 2022 6:00 p.m.



**IRVINE RANCH HISTORIC PARK
OC PARKS HEADQUARTERS
13042 OLD MYFORD ROAD
IRVINE, CA**

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The Orange County Parks Commission welcomes you to this meeting. This agenda contains a brief general description of each item to be considered. The Commission encourages your participation and welcomes public comments on items under the purview of the Commission. If you wish to speak on a matter that does not appear on the agenda, you may do so during the Public Comment period at the beginning of the meeting. Except as otherwise provided by law, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda. When addressing the Commission, please state your name for the record prior to providing your comments. Speakers may be limited to three (3) minutes.

The OC Parks Commission meeting will be an in-person meeting held at the Mess Hall at OC Parks' Headquarters (13042 Old Myford Road, Irvine, CA 92602). Please be advised that County health guidelines apply to this meeting: <https://occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/article/oc-health-officers-orders-recommendations>

Public speaker request forms will be available onsite.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, those requiring accommodations for this meeting should notify OC Parks 72 hours prior to the meeting at Admin.ocparkscommission@ocparks.com or 949-923-3785.

All supporting documentation is available for public review at <https://www.ocparks.com/about/commission> under the "Agendas and Minutes" link or by calling 949-923-3785 during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

OC COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Orange County Parks Commission Duties and Responsibilities

(O.C. Codified Ordinances Sec. 2-2-19: Paraphrased)

Except as otherwise provided, the Orange County Parks Commission shall be advisory to the Board of Supervisors and to the Director of OC Parks, and shall have the power and duty:

1. To recommend to the Board of Supervisors plans and policies for the acquisition, development, maintenance and operation of the harbors, beaches and regional parks of the County;
2. On request of the Board of Supervisors, to advise the Board and make recommendations on any matter pertaining to harbors, beaches and regional parks, and any other matters referred by the Board;
3. On request of the Director, to advise on any question of administrative policy and regarding any matter to be decided by the Director under this division;
4. On appeal from an administrative decision by the Director, to act as a board of administrative review;
5. To make such investigations as it may deem necessary in the exercise of its powers;
6. To perform the duties and functions of the County Fish and Game Commission assigned by either statute or this code, and consider methods for the propagation and protection of fish and game in the State of California and County of Orange. The Commission shall be advisory body to the Board of Supervisors.

OC Parks Commission Regular Meeting Schedule: First Thursday, Monthly, 6:00 p.m.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2022 — 6:00 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

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.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR (Item A)

The following item 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 3, 2022.

IV. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (Items A–C)

A. CONVEYANCE OF PARK PARCEL TO CITY OF LAKE FOREST FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

The City of Lake Forest (City) and the County of Orange (County) are working to convey a small portion of County property, which is designated as park land, to the City for needed road improvements at the intersection of Portola Parkway and El Toro Road. Since the property is park land, it will require that the County authorize park abandonment. Neither the portion of the park being transferred to the City nor the improvements being done by the City will impact existing public recreation amenities.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Recommend that the Board of Supervisors find that Park Parcels at the intersection of Portola Parkway and El Toro Road are not used by the public for park purposes and are not appropriate, convenient or necessary for park purposes and approve actions related to park abandonment of the Park Parcels.
2. Recommend that the Board of Supervisors authorize actions necessary for County staff to approve and execute all real estate instruments to transfer the Park Parcels to a qualifying public entity for reasonable consideration based on the market value for the property's intended use, subject to the satisfaction of Park Abandonment requirements related thereto.

B. ORANGE COUNTY ZOO LARGE MAMMAL EXHIBIT PRESENTATION

Staff will provide a presentation that details the construction of the Large Mammal Exhibit at the Orange County Zoo.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file.

C. APRIL FIELD TRIP

In November 2021, the Commission approved its 2022 meeting and field trip schedule. At that meeting, your Commission indicated that the field trip date and location would be selected the month preceding the field trip.

Date options for a morning field trip:

1. Friday, April 8, 2022
2. Saturday, April 9, 2022

Field trip location options:

1. Orange County Zoo Large Mammal Exhibit (preference to be held on Saturday)
2. Mile Square Regional Park Expansion Site (preference to be held on Saturday)
3. George Key Ranch Historic Park

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Select a field trip date.
2. Select a field trip location.

V. OC PARKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

1. Pickleball Update
2. General Updates

B. UPCOMING OC PARKS EVENTS

Wild Tales — Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve — Friday, March 4, 11, 18 and 25 — 10 – 10:45 a.m.

- Upper Newport Bay's long-running and popular story time is back! Wild Tales will be offered every Friday and include a different outdoor story, theme, and craft.
- Activities are designed for ages 2-4 for all are welcome.

- All minors under 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times.
- Rain or heat advisory will cancel the event.
- Space is limited and priority will be given to those who are pre-registered.

Trail Stewardship Event — Laguna Coast Wilderness Park — Sunday, March 6 — 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

- If you use the wilderness parks for hiking, biking, photography or just relaxing, Trail Stewardship might be right up your alley! Get up close and personal with the trails you use; you'll see them in a whole new way. No experience necessary. Whatever your skill level is, there is a job to do: clearing drains to get the water off of the trail, pruning vegetation back to keep users on the trail, moving dirt to rebuild eroded tread, and restoring impacted areas are just some of the tasks we will accomplish. Expect to hike up to 4 miles while carrying tools.
- Online reservations are required prior to the event.
- For questions call 949-497-8324 on weekdays or 949-923-2235 on weekends.
- Parking is free.
- Gloves and tools provided.

Limestone Canyon Geology Hike to The Sinks — 13333 Black Star Canyon Road — Sunday, March 13 — 8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

- Visit one of the most photographed and famous sites on the Irvine Ranch Natural Landmarks – The Sinks. This interpretative program will begin with a hike along a canyon corridor and will visit The Sinks. Along the way, we'll talk about the geologic processes that over millions of years created the geologic features of The Sinks and the surrounding area.
- Please come prepared with a day pack, water and closed-toe sturdy shoes or boots, snacks, sunscreen and all other necessary elements to keep you healthy on the trail.
- All participants must carry their own day pack and water and be comfortable hiking an average moving pace of 3 miles per hour uphill and downhill.
- Registration is required, no walk-up registration is permitted.

St. Patrick's Day Full Moon Hike — Santiago Oaks Regional Park — Thursday, March 17 — 7 – 8:30 p.m.

- Half the park is after dark! Come explore the nocturnal sights and sounds as we hit the trails on this leisure night hike. It's chilly after sunset so wear warm layers, sturdy footwear, and bring a water and red tinted flashlight if possible.

- This hike is not recommended for very small children or strollers.
- For questions, contact Resource Specialist, Kelley Brugmann at 714-973-6625 or Kelley.Brugmann@ocparks.com
- Advance registration required.

Dinosaur-like Birds and Bird-like Dinosaurs — OC Zoo — Saturday, March 19 — 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

- Learn about the exciting journey of feathered dinosaurs to our modern birds! A specialist from the Dinosaur Institute at Natural History Museum LA will join a zoo educator to explore this topic. All classes include hands-on learning, fun crafts or activities and meeting zoo creatures up close!
- Program for children ages 8-10 only
- \$5 per child (one parent included)
- Registration is required: call 714-973-6846 to register

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