



AGENDA

ORANGE COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION

FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2023, 9:00 a.m.



UPPER NEWPORT BAY NATURE PRESERVE
2301 UNIVERSITY DRIVE
NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

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The Orange County Parks Commission welcomes you to this field trip. 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 Participation 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. Public speaker request forms will be available onsite.

The OC Parks Commission meeting will be an in-person field trip held at the Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve (2301 University Dr., Newport Beach, CA 92660). Please be advised that County health [guidelines apply to this field trip: https://occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/article/oc-health-officers-orders-recommendations](https://occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/article/oc-health-officers-orders-recommendations)

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, those requiring accommodations for this field trip should notify OC Parks 72 hours prior to the meeting at Admin.ocparkscommission@ocparks.com or (949) 585-6431.

All supporting documentation is available for public review at <https://www.ocparks.com/about-us/commissions-and-committees/oc-parks-commission> under the "Agendas and Minutes" link or by calling 949-585-6431 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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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 today's agenda.

III. UPPER NEWPORT BAY NATURE PRESERVE TOUR

Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve is a 135-acre facility with 4.5 miles of trails that offer running, hiking, biking, horse riding, and birding opportunities for the public. It is one of California's largest remaining natural estuaries and it is home to several sensitive, rare, or endangered bird and plant species. Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve also features the Muth Interpretive Center which provides information and displays about the estuary. This tour will showcase the Muth Interpretive Center, along with its new amphitheater and nature documentary, and the Delhi Channel which flows nearby.

- **9:00 a.m.:** Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve
Address: 2301 University Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660
 - Park in the public parking lot located near the corner of Irvine Avenue and University Drive and then follow the signage to the Muth Interpretive Center located to the east of the parking lot.

- **9:10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.:**
 - Stop #1 – Muth Interpretive Center Library
 - Brief overview of Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve
 - Stop #2 – Muth Interpretive Center Tour
 - Tour the Muth Interpretive Center and learn about the Newport Bay Conservancy
 - Watch "Newport, Our Bay", a new nature documentary shown at the facility
 - Tour the new amphitheater
 - Stop #3 – Delhi Channel
 - Enjoy a short hike to the Delhi Channel to learn about the role of the estuary and observe local wildlife

IV. ADJOURNMENT