



# AGENDA

## ORANGE COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024, 6:00 p.m.



**IRVINE RANCH HISTORIC PARK**  
**OC Parks Headquarters**  
**13042 Old Myford Road**  
**Irvine, CA**

**DAVID SHAWVER**  
Chair  
Inland Cities

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**ERIK WEIGAND**  
Coastal Cities

**Executive Officer**  
Pam Passow

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 shall not hold a meeting unless the number of members participating constitutes a quorum of the Commission. 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 meeting held at the Mess Hall at OC Parks' Headquarters (13042 Old Myford Road, Irvine, CA 92602).

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## **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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**III. 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.

**IV. CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A–B)**

The following item(s) on the consent calendar will be approved by one motion unless a Commissioner requests to pull a specific item.

**A. APPROVE COMMISSION MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 7, 2024 MEETING**

**B. APPROVE COMMISSION MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 5, 2024 FIELD TRIP**

**V. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A–D)**

**A. OC PARKS SUMMER EVENT PREVIEW**

Staff will present a preview of upcoming OC Parks summer events.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

Receive and file.

**B. ARDEN: HELENA MODJESKA HISTORIC HOUSE AND GARDENS STONE HOUSE RESTORATION PRESENTATION**

Staff will present on the restoration of the Stone House at Arden: Helena Modjeska Historic House and Gardens and provide information on the site's history as well as its cultural and historical significance.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

Receive and file.

**C. OC PARKS TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE**

Staff will provide an update to the Commission regarding the April 11, 2024 OC Parks Trails Subcommittee meeting.

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

Receive and file.

**D. OC PARKS TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER TERM RENEWAL**

The OC Parks Trails Subcommittee (Subcommittee) has two members whose terms of membership expire soon and they desire to continue their service. Staff therefore propose to renew the membership of Member Deborah Ball and Member Suzanne Martin for an additional two-year term.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

1. Renew the membership of Subcommittee Member Deborah Ball for an additional two-year term, expiring on July 7, 2026.
2. Renew the membership of Subcommittee Member Suzanne Martin for an additional two-year term, expiring on July 7, 2026.

**VI. OC PARKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**A. DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

**B. UPCOMING OC PARKS EVENTS**

Wilderness Access Day: Black Star Canyon – May 4 – 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

- Take time to explore the local plant communities and beautiful scenery from easy 30-minute walks or take in 7+ miles in a strong cardio trek.

Annual Rancho Days Fiesta – Heritage Hill Historical Park – May 4 – 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- Come explore the rich history of Orange County's rancho era through hands-on activities, crafts, music, dance and more.

Biking the Bay – Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve – May 8 – 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

- Join OC Parks for an interpretive bike ride around Upper Newport Bay! Participants will have the opportunity to get their heart rate up and pedal around the Bay, all while learning about local ecology and history.

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Wilderness Access Day: Gypsum Canyon Wilderness – May 11 – 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

- Come explore OC Parks' newest trails at Gypsum Canyon Wilderness through this self-guided opportunity. Visitors will have the opportunity to provide voluntary feedback about Gypsum Canyon Wilderness through on-site participation surveys and offer naming suggestions for several unnamed trails.

Nature Creativity: Resin Flower Coaster – Laguna Canyon Wilderness Park – May 17 – 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

- In this program, you will learn how to identify wildflowers, learn why scientist's press flowers and make your own personal flower coaster out of resin to take home with you!

Phone Photo Friday – Peters Canyon Regional Park – May 17 – 2 – 4 p.m.

- If you've ever wanted to learn more about the camera you carry with you every day, join us for a beginner's program to taking better photos with your cell phone. Be prepared to hike around and explore the landscape at your leisure.

Endangered Species Day: Paint Night – Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve – May 17 – 6 – 8 p.m.

- In recognition of Endangered Species Day, join us for a guided painting program to learn more about the threatened and endangered species that call Orange County home. Each participant will paint and take home their own canvas.

Upper Newport Bay Habitat Stewards – May 18 – 9 – 11:30 a.m.

- Join Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve staff and volunteers in enhancing the Bay's habitat for local wildlife. Activities may include non-native plant removal, planting natives, watering, restoration site maintenance and trash clean-up.

Parks After Dark – Santiago Oaks Regional Park – May 23 – 8 – 10 p.m.

- Explore the landscape of Santiago Oaks Regional Park as we set out to search for the nighttime critters that call this park home. Dressing in layers, wearing sturdy footwear, and water are recommended.

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Wilderness Access Day: Saddleback Wilderness – May 25 – 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

- Come explore 3.3-miles of new trails at Saddleback Wilderness, part of OC Parks' Irvine Ranch Open Space, through this self-guided opportunity.

**VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORT**

At this time Commissioners may comment on agenda or non-agenda matters, provided that no action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**