



AGENDA

ORANGE COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2023, 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 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.

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) 923-3738.

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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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(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 NOVEMBER 3, 2022 MEETING.

IV. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (ITEMS A–C)

A. ORANGE COUNTY BIRD OF PREY CENTER LEASE

The Orange County Bird of Prey Center (OCBPC) currently leases property owned by the County of Orange (County) located in the northwestern portion of O'Neill Regional Park. A new 10-year lease is proposed to allow for further improvements to the Leased Premises and events to provide funding for those improvements. Additionally, new terms are proposed, including allowing overnight onsite security, increased bird capacity onsite, and a resolution to authorize alcoholic beverage service on the Leased Premises for fundraising purposes. Staff will provide details on the proposed lease.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve the lease with the Orange County Bird of Prey Center.
2. Recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve the resolution to authorize alcoholic beverage service on the Leased Premises at O'Neill Regional Park pursuant to the terms of the lease with the Orange County Bird of Prey Center.

B. OC PARKS TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER APPOINTMENTS, CHAIR APPOINTMENT, COMMISSIONER AND ALTERNATE CHAIR APPOINTMENT, AND MEETING AND TRAIL USE DESIGNATION PILOT PROJECT UPDATES

The OC Parks Trails Subcommittee ("Subcommittee") has two vacancies in membership. Two candidates are proposed for Commission approval to fill current vacancies on the Subcommittee. Pursuant to the Subcommittee

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Guidelines, the Commission will need to appoint the current Alternate Chair, Dave Shawver, to be the Subcommittee's Chair. The Commission will also need to appoint another Commissioner to serve on the Subcommittee, to fill Commissioner Koos' vacancy, and to serve as the Alternate Chair for the Subcommittee. Staff will also provide an update to the Commission regarding the December 12, 2022 Subcommittee meeting and an update on the Trail Use Designation Pilot Project.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Appoint David Browning as a member of the OC Parks Trails Subcommittee.
2. Appoint Michael Schoeck as a member of the OC Parks Trails Subcommittee.
3. Appoint the current Alternate Chair, David Shawver, to be the Chair of the OC Parks Trails Subcommittee.
4. Nominate and select a Commissioner to serve on the OC Parks Trails Subcommittee as its Alternate Chair.
5. Receive and File Updates on the Fourth Quarter 2022 OC Parks Trails Subcommittee Meeting and the Trail Use Designation Pilot Project.

C. APRIL FIELD TRIP

In November 2022, the Commission approved its 2023 meeting and field trip schedule. Pursuant to the 2023 meeting and field trip schedule, the field trip dates and locations would be selected in the month(s) preceding the field trip.

Proposed date options for a morning field trip:

1. Friday, April 14, 2023
2. Saturday, April 15, 2023

Proposed field trip location options:

1. Irvine Ranch Open Space – Saddleback Wilderness Area
2. Salt Creek Beach – Young's Beach Shack
3. Peters Canyon Regional Park

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RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

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

V. OC PARKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

B. UPCOMING OC PARKS EVENTS

Wilderness Access Day: Black Star Canyon (+ Equestrian) – Saturday, March 4 – 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

- Black Star Canyon, part of OC Parks' Irvine Ranch Open Space, offers pleasant introductory trails for beginner hikers and families as well as challenging experiences for seasoned trail users. Designated trails will be open for self-guided hiking, biking and equestrian use.

Spring Bird Walk – Mile Square Regional Park – Saturday, March 4 – 8 – 10 a.m.

- Join a gentle-paced walk to discover the many different types of birds that call Mile Square Regional Park their home. Bird watchers of all experience levels are welcome and loaner binoculars will be available.

Ducks Day at the OC Zoo – Irvine Regional Park – Saturday, March 4 – 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

- Wear your Ducks gear for free entry to the OC Zoo! Take your photo with an alumni player, receive fun Ducks-themed giveaways and see zoo animals up close.

Full Moon Hike in Peters Canyon – Tuesday, March 7 – 6 – 8 p.m.

- Come explore the nocturnal sights and sounds as we hit the trails on this leisurely night hike. Wear warm layers and sturdy footwear and bring water and a red filtered flashlight if possible to help keep your night vision from being impacted by any bright light.

Spring Fling Preschool Program – OC Zoo – Wednesday, March 15 – 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

- Come learn about animals associated with springtime, including birds, insects, bunnies and more. Class includes hands-on learning, fun crafts and meeting zoo animals up close.

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Photo Journey in Limestone Canyon: The Sinks, Loma Ridge Backcountry and Sunset – Sunday, March 19 – 3:30 – 7:30 p.m.

- Join us in the back country wilderness for a journey filled with beautiful sights that are photographic and artistic sketching opportunities. Board a 4-wheel drive vehicle for a 13-mile tour of the canyon and surrounding hills. Stop frequently to admire the views, take photos, sketch landscapes and answer questions. Stops will include short walks with views of The Sinks, a trip up Cactus and Markel Spur, with optional hike routes available.

Morning Yoga Hike in Baker Canyon – Irvine Ranch Open Space – Saturday, March 25 – 8 – 11 a.m.

- Enjoy a 3+ mile hike and gentle yoga practice in nature. The hike through Baker Canyon, part of OC Parks' Irvine Ranch Open Space, includes some elevation and will be a nice warm up for a gentle morning yoga flow under a shaded canopy.

Adventure Day – Ronald W. Caspers Wilderness Park – Saturday, April 15 – 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- Adventure Day returns to Caspers Wilderness Park this April! Join OC Parks staff for a day filled with exciting games, guided hikes, and endless fun. Activities will include: live music performances, Charro horse riding and roping demonstrations, blacksmith demonstrations, Native American dancing, kids games, Kids Bike Rodeo for ages 12 and under, and equestrian ride with the ranger

Earth Day at the Bay – Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve – Saturday, April 22 – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

- OC Parks and the Newport Bay Conservancy invite you to attend our annual celebration: Earth Day at the Bay! This free, family-friendly event features environmental-themed exhibits from community partners and local artists. Booths will feature activities which include arts and crafts, science discovery and educational information. There will be live music throughout the day as well as a scavenger hunt complete with prizes. Be sure to enter the opportunity drawing as well.

VI. 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.

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VII. ADJOURNMENT