

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES
(Action Items Displayed in *italics*)

I. ROLL CALL

Chair Curry, Vice Chair Ashland, Commissioners Fuentes, Hanson, Kott, Kusumoto, and McCusker present.

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.

Members of the public introduced themselves to the Commission and provided comments and information about upcoming events.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR (Item A)

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

A. APPROVE COMMISSION MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 5, 2015.

*Motion: Commissioner Ashland
2nd: Commissioner Fuentes
Approved 6-0, Commissioner McCusker abstained*

IV. DISCUSSION CALENDAR MATTERS (Items A – D)

A. REORGANIZATION OF OC PARKS COMMISSION FOR 2016

The bylaws of the Commission require that the Commission shall elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the calendar year at the first meeting of each calendar year. Nomination and elections for 2016 are therefore scheduled for:

1. Chairman
2. Vice-Chairman

Motion: Commissioner Ashland nominated Commissioner Hanson as Chair and Commissioner Kott as Vice Chair.

*Chair called for ayes of Motion for Chair and Vice Chair
Approved unanimously*

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Item IV B was continued.

B. OC PARKS HISTORIC DIVISION PRESENTATION AND PROPOSED REPURPOSE OF OLD COUNTY COURTHOUSE ROOMS

Staff will provide a presentation on historic resources and operations.

OC Parks is in need of space at the Old County Courthouse for purposes related to its Collection Management Program, including curation, digitization, exhibit preparation, and artifact and equipment storage related to the Program.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Affirm repurposing Old County Courthouse rooms currently used by the Pacific Coast Archaeological Society to meet existing County needs.
2. Affirm offering alternative space at the Cooper Center to the Pacific Coast Archaeological Society.

C. BIKE LOOP AND COYOTE CREEK TRAIL PRESENTATION AND COYOTE CREEK (SEGMENTS O,P,Q) ATP GRANT

Staff will provide a presentation on the OC Bike Loop and the Coyote Creek Segment O,P,Q Bikeway project.

OC Parks recently received notification from OCTA that grant funds in the amount of \$646,000 will be recommended for award for the Coyote Creek Bikeway project at the January 21, 2016 California Transportation Commission meeting. Award of the grant is contingent with commitment of funding the project by the County.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Authorize \$2,600,000 for the County Cash Contribution Funds required to commit the County match for the Active Transportation Program grant, as a prerequisite for award of funds.
2. Direct OC Community Resources/OC Parks staff to return to Board of Supervisors for approval of \$646,000 Active Transportation Program Cycle 2 Grant Funds upon notice of award from California Transportation Commission.

Tuan Richardson, OC Parks Project Manager, made a presentation and answered the Commissioners' questions.

Motion: Commissioner McCusker

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2nd: Commissioner Curry
Approved 6-1, Commissioner Kott voted against moving forward with this item.

D. 2016 COMMISSION WORK PLAN (JANUARY TO JULY)

A projection of topics and field trips for the Commission in the first half of the year is provided.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and file.

Jon Nicks, OC Parks Deputy Director, made a brief presentation and answered the Commissioners' questions.

V. OC PARKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. EL NIÑO PREPARATIONS

Information will be provided on OC Parks' efforts to prepare for El Niño.

Jon Nicks, OC Parks Deputy Director, made a brief presentation and answered the Commissioners' questions.

B. UPCOMING OC PARKS EVENTS

Irvine Regional Park – 2nd Saturday Trail Work Day: Saturday, January 19, 8:30am – 11:00am

- Join park staff and our trail leaders by volunteering to assist with habitat restoration, non-native plant removal, and trail work throughout Irvine Regional Park.

Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve – Second Sunday Restoration Program: Sunday, January 10, 9:00am – 12:00pm

- Join Preserve staff and other volunteers in enhancing the Bay's habitat for local wildlife.
- Activities may include non-native plant removal, planting natives, watering, trash removal, and garden maintenance.

Carbon Canyon Regional Park – Full Moon Night Hike: Saturday, January 23, 5:30pm – 8:00pm

- Come see Carbon Canyon Regional Park under a full moon! Park Rangers will lead a hike to the Redwood Grove showcasing the natural wonders that can be enjoyed under a full moon. This is the last winter night hike of the season.

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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: 08:15 pm