

**SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES**  
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2022 — 3:00 p.m.

**I. ROLL CALL**

*Chair Fegraus, Vice Chair Conners, and Members Maloney, Clark, Prince, and Felder were present. Members Iseman, Bartlett, Tao, and Weiss were absent.*

**II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

At this time, members of the public may address the Authority on items of public interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Authority and are not contained in today's agenda.

*Philip Bettencourt shared the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Seal Beach Natural Wildlife Refuge and its history. He encouraged everyone to learn more about the Refuge.*

**III. CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM A)**

The following item on the consent calendar will be approved by one motion unless an Authority Member requests to pull a specific item.

**A. APPROVE AUTHORITY MINUTES FOR THE JULY 13, 2022 MEETING.**

*Motion: Member Maloney*

*2nd: Member Prince*

*Unanimous vote to approve with one abstention by Member Conners.*

**IV. AUTHORITY MEMBERS AND PARTNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES**

**A. LAGUNA CANYON FOUNDATION (LCF) UPDATE**

*Jacky Cordero, LCF Deputy Director, shared the following: first ever Gala on October 21st honoring major donors Massen Greene Foundation and Tricia and Michael Berns; starting LCF strategic plan review; continued partnerships with OC Parks, City of Laguna Beach, Catalina Island Conservancy, Orange County Bird of Prey Center, Irvine Ranch Conservancy, and a number of mountain biking organizations; 22 new volunteers; Title One school tours starting this Fall.*

**B. LAGUNA BEACH OPEN SPACE UPDATE**

*Representative not available to provide an update at this time.*

**C. NATURAL COMMUNITIES COALITION UPDATE**

*Darin Loughrey, NCC Outreach and Engagement Coordinator, shared the following: moving forward with the approval of their Strategic Plan; publishing a report in the Fall on the health of the Reserve; starting a polling*

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*project soon which will be a telephone survey of voters to determine how they perceive open space and its uses.*

**D. IRVINE OPEN SPACE PRESERVE UPDATE**

*Representative not available to provide an update at this time.*

**E. NEWPORT BEACH OPEN SPACE UPDATE**

*Representative not available to provide an update at this time.*

**F. ALISO VIEJO OPEN SPACE UPDATE**

*Representative not available to provide an update at this time.*

**G. LAGUNA NIGUEL OPEN SPACE UPDATE**

*Representative not available to provide an update at this time.*

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

Receive and File Agenda Items IV.A–G.

*Motion: Vice Chair Conners*

*2<sup>nd</sup>: Member Clark*

*Unanimous vote to Receive and File Agenda Items IV.A–G.*

**V. OC PARKS STAFF UPDATE**

**A. PARK OPERATIONS — ALL DEPARTMENTS UPDATE**

*John Gannaway, OC Parks Parks Division Manager, shared the following: Sunset Cinema and Summer Concert Series in the parks have ended with over 33,000 attending the concerts and 11,000 attending the movies; Irvine Regional Park will celebrate its 125th Anniversary on October 1st with many special activities, everyone is invited to attend the celebration.*

**B. LAGUNA COAST WILDERNESS PARK (LCWP) AND ALISO AND WOOD CANYONS WILDERNESS PARK (AWCWP) SPOTLIGHT**

1. LCWP Update

*Brad Barker, OC Parks Interim Supervising Ranger II, shared the following: staff in new positions with Bryan Valladares, OC Parks Interim Supervising Park Ranger I at Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park, Nick Martinico, OC Parks Supervising Park Ranger II at Laguna Niguel Regional Park, and Brad Barker, OC Parks Interim Supervising Park Ranger II at LCWP;*

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*regarding Emerald Fire — on a recent visit saw lemonade berry and laurel sumac plants sprouting; quarter inch of rain from recent storm; during the severe hot weather conditions attendance was down and no major emergencies — comment that the “hot weather” signs were helpful; Kate Clark and Warren Haines will be honored at OC Parks Volunteer Ceremony. Questions regarding the change in hours for the Nix Nature Center — done for staff flexibility, correct hours are posted on website and times have been removed from printed materials; question about the new park ranger position at the City of Laguna Beach — comments included already positive interactions with County parks staff.*

### 2. AWCWP Update

*Bryan Valladares, OC Parks Interim Supervising Park Ranger I, shared the following: no damage from the storm — only .2” rain; regarding Coastal fire — seeing some plants sprouting — poison oak and toyon; new bioswale interpretive exhibit; noted volunteer efforts of Joelle Miller with Aliso Creek clearing; OC Parks Resource Specialist Rick Shaffer led an Alpine sponsored trash cleanup; LCF has done restoration on the Five Oaks Trail. Questions about the motorized hang gliders — would like more information on rules from the cities and are all the interpretive exhibits complete in the Visitor Center — Yes. Also noted schools are aware of the Visitor Center exhibits through the outreach efforts of OC Parks Resource Specialist Rick Shaffer.*

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

Receive and File Agenda Items V.A–B.

*Motion: Chair Fegraus*

*2<sup>nd</sup>: Vice Chair Connors*

*Unanimous vote to Receive and File Agenda Items V.A–B.*

## **VI. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (ITEMS A–E)**

### **A. TRAIL USE DESIGNATIONS PILOT PROJECT IN LCWP AND AWCWP UPDATE**

Staff will provide an update on the Trail Use Designations Pilot Project occurring within LCWP and AWCWP.

*Mike Wilson, OC Parks Business Manager, shared the following: a technical report on the Trail Use Designations is being prepared now and will be shared on the OC Parks website; the Trails Subcommittee will meet September 29th; the Subcommittee will review and consider recommendations of the report at their late November meeting; the report*

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*will be presented to the Coastal Greenbelt Authority at their November 9th meeting; at that time the Authority can authorize a letter to the Trails Subcommittee.*

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

Receive and File.

*Motion: Vice Chair Conners*

*2<sup>nd</sup>: Member Maloney*

*Unanimous vote to Receive and File.*

**B. STATUS UPDATE ON THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AUTHORITY BYLAWS**

Staff will provide an update on the approval of the amendments to the Authority's bylaws.

*Mike Wilson, OC Parks Business Manager, shared the following: the amendments for the Coastal Greenbelt Authority Bylaws have been approved by the County of Orange and the City of Laguna Beach; the amended Bylaws have been distributed to the members and interested parties, also they have been posted on the OC Parks website. CGA members thanked the OC Parks staff for their assistance with this project.*

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

Receive and File.

*Motion: Vice Chair Conners*

*2<sup>nd</sup>: Member Maloney*

*Unanimous vote to Receive and File.*

**C. HABITAT SUSTAINABILITY AND LCWP TRAIL MAP REVIEW**

Compare Figures 6 and 8 from the LCWP General Development Plan (GDP) to the current LCWP Trail Map. Discussion of current conditions, change of trail use, and addition or deletion of trails. The full LCWP GDP may be found on the LCWP's webpage at [www.OCParks.com](http://www.OCParks.com).

*Barbara Norton, OC Parks Operations Manager, shared the following: information about trail adjustments since the 1998 LCWP General Development Plan; a key addition to trails was in 2011 when the Wood's End parcel was purchased by the City of Laguna Woods and added to LCWP — trail linkage with this additional parcel included Ridgetop Trail, Black Jack Trail, Edison Trail, Wood's End Trail; Lizards Trail, 2015, was added and involved closing and restoring the area of the two trails —*

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*Drunken Sailor and 9–5 Trail; added Bommer Ridge Trail in early 2000 for access to the new entry at Ridge Park Road; eliminated the Laurel Canyon Staging Area Access and relocated to become the Willow Canyon Staging Area. Visual presentations of the current trail map and GDP trail map were provided by OC Parks staff.*

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

Receive and File.

*Motion: Chair Fegraus*

*2nd: Member Maloney*

*Unanimous vote to Receive and File.*

### **D. IRVINE WILDLIFE CORRIDOR UPDATE**

Receive information about the Science Advisors series, Partner Charter, and other activities.

*Member Clark shared the following: there was a pause in activity during August and that a number of activities are planned for the Fall including the Science Advisors Series.*

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

Receive and File.

*Motion: Member Maloney*

*2nd: Chair Fegraus*

*Unanimous vote to Receive and File.*

### **E. NCC OUTDOOR RECREATION PRESENTATION UPDATE**

If available, NCC Staff will present a summary and update on the Recreation Research Project, a 5-year project involving scientists from Utah State and Oregon State Universities.

*Darin Loughrey, NCC Outreach and Engagement Coordinator, shared the following information about the 2017 – 2022 Recreation Research Project: the Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan (NCCP/HCP) was established in 1996; this current study looks at the 38,000 acres with 39 native species in the light of what is recreation ecology with understanding of visitor perceptions, assessment of natural resources, use intensities, park planning and management; the next project step is to meet with park landowners to review the study and its effect on their operations; future funding will be important for the recommendations.*

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*Motion: Chair Fegraus*

*2<sup>nd</sup>: Vice Chair Conners*

*Unanimous vote to Receive and File.*

**VII. AUTHORITY COMMENTS AND REPORT**

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

*Member Prince asked if drones are used in wilderness parks — Pam Passow, OC Parks Deputy Director, answered that drones are used by certified OC Parks staff for evaluation of park resources such as trails and coastline issues. Member Prince also noted that each County supervisor has discretionary funding for park projects and that the Authority could request such funding; the 5th District supervisor is a funding partner for LCF's Gala and also sponsored a Wildfire Education program. Member Felder noted that the Laguna Beach Police Department and City of Laguna Beach park ranger work together with OC Parks on any closure of the park entrance at Top of the World.*

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT TO NOVEMBER 9, 2022**

*Motion: Vice Chair Conners*

*2<sup>nd</sup>: Member Maloney*

*Unanimous vote to adjourn.*