



AGENDA

ORANGE COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2024, 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 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. PRESENTATION(S)

A. THE IRVINE MUSEUM CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION AND GRATITUDE

The Irvine Museum recently donated a collection of artwork to OC Parks that showcases examples of the picturesque landscapes of the County's past and promotes appreciation of California's artistic heritage. The Commission and OC Parks would like to present The Irvine Museum with a certificate of recognition and gratitude for this generous donation.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM(S) 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 AUGUST 1, 2024 MEETING

VI. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A–B)

A. TED CRAIG REGIONAL PARK LEASE

The County of Orange (County) leases approximately 91 acres of land behind Fullerton Dam from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) for use as Ted Craig Regional Park. The current lease expires on October 31, 2028 and the County has approached the ACOE to enter into a new lease to supersede the current one. Staff will present information on the lease and how it will benefit OC Parks and the County.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Recommend that County staff persist in pursuing a 25-year lease with the United States Army Corps of Engineers to continue operation of Ted Craig Regional Park.

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B. SANTIAGO EQUESTRIAN CENTER LEASE EXTENSION

Southern Sierra Land & Cattle Company dba Santiago Equestrian Center currently leases property owned by the County near Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park. A 15-year lease extension is proposed to allow for further improvements to the Leased Premises. Staff will present information on the proposed lease extension and improvements.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Recommend that County staff persist in pursuing a lease extension with Southern Sierra Land & Cattle Company to continue operations of the Santiago Equestrian Center.

C. OC PARKS TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER REAPPOINTMENT

The OC Parks Trails Subcommittee (Subcommittee) has one member whose term of membership has expired and she desires to continue her service on the Subcommittee. Staff therefore propose to have Virginia Webber reappointed to the Subcommittee for a third and final two-year term.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Reappoint Virginia Webber to serve as a member of the OC Parks Trails Subcommittee for a third and final two-year term, expiring on October 3, 2026.

VII. OC PARKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

B. UPCOMING OC PARKS EVENTS

Prehistoric OC at Clark Park – Clark Regional Park – Saturday, October 12 – 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- Enjoy fun and educational activities presented by OC Parks archaeologists and paleontologists along with exhibitors from local cultural, paleontological and geological organizations. Families can enjoy free educational entertainment through hands-on activities, programs and demonstrations. Event and parking are free.

Fall-O-Ween – Heritage Hill Historic Park – Friday, Saturday, Sunday, October 11 – 13 & 18 – 20 – 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

- OC Parks' Fall-O-Ween at Heritage Hill Historical Park returns for its fourth year this fall! Tour the decorated historical grounds and take your pictures at a variety of Halloween and fall-themed photo

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opportunities during special park hours. Try to find your way through the straw maze and complete a scavenger hunt for ghoulish goodies at this family-friendly event.

Boo at the Oaks – Santiago Oaks Regional Park – Friday, October 18 – 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.

- Visit Santiago Oaks Regional Park after dark to discover which critters call this canyon home. The night will include fun activities like nature stations, creative crafts, a scavenger hunt for prizes and guided night hikes throughout the evening!

Wilderness Access Day: Red Rock Wilderness – Irvine Ranch Open Space – Saturday, October 19 – 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

- Red Rock Wilderness features more than eight miles of new trails for hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding along with a scenic overlook that offers 360-degree views of the nearby iconic red rocks, Black Star Canyon Wilderness, Irvine Lake, Santiago Canyon and beyond. three miles of multi-use trails within Loma Ridge Nature Preserve, part of OC Parks' Irvine Ranch Open Space, will also be accessible for hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding.

Halloween Zoo-Tacular at the OC Zoo – OC Zoo – Saturday, October 26 – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

- Join us for Halloween fun at the OC Zoo! Activities include a scavenger hunt, trick-or-treating, and spooky crafts for kids! Come see the zoo animals receive treat-filled pumpkins throughout the day!

Boo at the Bay: Family Halloween Party – Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve – Saturday, October 26 – 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- Join us at the Peter and Mary Muth Interpretive Center for a fun family Halloween party! We will read spooky stories, make creepy crafts, conduct weird science experiments, meet bizarre animals and play hair-raising games. All children who attend in costume will receive ghoulish door prizes. The event will also feature booths and exhibits from nature-minded community partners.

VIII. 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.

IX. ADJOURNMENT