



# AGENDA

ORANGE COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025, 6:00 p.m.



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

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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. PRESENTATION(S)**

**A. CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION AND GRATITUDE FOR DON BENEFIEL**

Don Benefiel has served as an OC Parks Volunteer for over four decades and has over 17,000 service hours on record. The Commission and OC Parks would like to present Mr. Benefiel with a certificate of recognition and gratitude for his generous service.

**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 DECEMBER 5, 2024 MEETING**

**VI. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A–B)**

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

Staff will provide an update to the Commission regarding the January 9, 2025 OC Parks Trails Subcommittee meeting.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

Receive and file.

**B. RED ROCK WILDERNESS OVERVIEW AND SELECTION OF TRAIL NAMES PRESENTATION**

Staff will present an overview of Red Rock Wilderness, an OC Parks facility that recently opened to managed public access and will present information on the proposed names for five trails and one overlook that were selected by the OC Parks Trails Subcommittee for the Commission's approval.

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

Approve the names for five trails and one overlook at Red Rock Wilderness, as recommended by the OC Parks Trails Subcommittee.

**VII. OC PARKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT (ITEM(S) A–B)**

**A. DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

**B. UPCOMING OC PARKS EVENTS**

Paws on the Trail – Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve – Wednesday, February 12, 9 – 10:30 a.m.

- Enjoy an easy, 3-mile hike over uneven and unpaved terrain with approximately 75 feet of elevation gain. We'll stop along the way to learn about the bay and discuss ways to keep you, your dog and wildlife safe while out on the trails.

Explore! Fossils of the Ancient Sea Floor – Clark Regional Park – Saturday, February 15, 8 – 10 a.m.

- Join us for a guided tour of the Clark Regional Park hillside fossil bed, followed by a trip to the Interpretive Center. The tour will meet next to parking lot A for a brief introduction. We will then walk north across Rosecrans Avenue to visit the fossil bed. After the hillside exploration we will return to the south side of Rosecrans Avenue and visit the Interpretive Center.

Winter Bird Walk – Santiago Oaks Regional Park – Wednesday, February 19, 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.

- Join an experienced OC Parks volunteer and stroll through Santiago Oaks Regional Park searching high in the trees for fluttering friends and low in the scrubs for bouncing birds.

**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**