

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES
(Action Items Displayed in Italics)
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025 — 10:00 a.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Chair Skorpanich and Commissioners Chinn, Gossett, Harrell, Johannes, Moodian, Richonne, Thoms, and Yauger were present. Vice-Chair Sarkis and Commissioners Brown and Senft were absent.

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 today's agenda.

No comments were received from the public.

III. 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 OCTOBER 7, 2025 MEETING

*Motion: Commissioner Harrell
2nd: Commissioner Moodian
Approved 9–0*

IV. STAFF UPDATE (ITEM(S) A)

A. CULTURAL RESOURCES OPERATIONS FACILITY UPDATE

Staff will give an update on the recent happenings within the Cultural Resources Operations at historical facilities.

Dennis Shaffer, OC Parks Operations Manager, provided an update on current projects at the historical facilities and answered the Commissioners' questions.

V. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A)

A. SELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR COMMISSION OFFICERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026

Discussion and selection of Commissioners to serve on a committee to nominate candidates for Chair and Vice Chair positions for Calendar Year 2026. Selection of officers will take place during the Commission's December 2, 2025 meeting.

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Chair Skorpanich led a discussion about the roles in the nominating committee and asked for volunteers.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Select three (3) Commissioners to serve on a Nominating Committee to nominate Commission officers for Calendar Year 2026 for consideration and election at the Commission's December 2, 2025 meeting.

Commissioners Moodian, Richonne, and Yauger volunteered to be the Nominating Committee. Chair Skorpanich directed them to have nominees at the December meeting.

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.

VII. RAMON PERALTA ADOBE AND HISTORIC YORBA CEMETERY TOUR

The Ramon Peralta Adobe is located on land that once was part of the Rancho Santiago de Santa Ana. Currently, the Adobe contains a small museum featuring the history of the Santa Ana Canyon from the first Spanish explorers to the area in 1769 to the present. Located in the neighborhood Woodgate Park, the Yorba Cemetery is one of the oldest cemeteries in Orange County. Established on land originally part of Bernardo Yorba's 13,000-acre Rancho Cañon de Santa Ana, many of the descendants of pioneering rancho-era families were buried at this cemetery from 1860 until the cemetery's closure in 1939.

Both sites are currently undergoing minor improvements, such as additions of unique pieces at the Peralta Adobe and the fixing of the lambs' heads on some grave markers at the Cemetery.

- **10:00 a.m.:** Ramon Peralta Adobe
Address: 6398 E. Santa Ana Canyon Road, Anaheim, CA 92807
 - o Parking is recommended in the nearby parking spaces to the Adobe.
 - o Tour the facility and learn about site's history, see current exhibits, and learn what is being done to connect with the public.

- **10:45 a.m.:** Historic Yorba Cemetery
Address: Woodgate Park, 6749 Parkwood Ct, Yorba Linda, CA 92886
 - o The Historic Yorba Cemetery does not have a direct address, but the best address would be 6749 Parkwood Court, Yorba Linda, CA 92886. Additional navigating directions will be provided from the docent at the end of the Adobe tour.

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- Parking is limited in this area. Carpooling is highly recommended, if possible.
- Tour the site and learn about ongoing care at the cemetery.

Bradley Flynt, OC Parks Historic Curator, led the tour of the facilities and answered the Commissioners' questions.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT 11:50 a.m.

**ORANGE COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT**

FROM: Dennis Shaffer, Executive Officer

DATE: December 2, 2025

SUBJECT: OC Historical Commission's Proposed 2026 Meeting and Field Trip Schedule

A proposed schedule of 2026 meeting and field trip dates is provided below for the Commission's review. The Commission meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m., unless otherwise indicated.

Seasonal field trips provide the Commission with valuable onsite experiences at various historical sites within the County. The locations and dates of these field trips have been tentatively scheduled for 2026, as noted below.

Please note that meetings may be cancelled, rescheduled, or moved at the Chair's discretion.

January 6	Irvine Ranch Historic Park (Regular Meeting)
February 3	Heritage Museum, Santa Ana (Field Trip)
March 3	Irvine Ranch Historic Park (Regular Meeting)
April 7	Irvine Ranch Historic Park (Regular Meeting)
May 5	Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park (Field Trip)
June 2	Irvine Ranch Historic Park (Regular Meeting)
July 7	No Meeting
August 4	Irvine Ranch Historic Park (Regular Meeting)
September 1	The Village of Putuidem (San Juan Capistrano) (Field Trip)
October 6	Irvine Ranch Historic Park (Regular Meeting)
November 3	The Mission San Juan Capistrano (Field Trip)
December 1	Irvine Ranch Historic Park (Regular Meeting)
January 7, 2027	Irvine Ranch Historic Park (Regular Meeting)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the Commission's 2026 meeting and field trip schedule.


Dennis Shaffer