

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

(Action Items Displayed in Italics)

Thursday, February 5, 2026 — 6:00 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Gabbard.

II. ROLL CALL

Chair Warren and Commissioners Bui, Diaz, and Gabbard were present. Vice Chair Jones and Commissioners Hanson and Shawver were absent.

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.

No comments were received from the public.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A–B)

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 NOVEMBER 6, 2025 MEETING

B. APPROVE COMMISSION MINUTES FOR THE DECEMBER 5, 2025 FIELD TRIP

Motion: Commissioner Gabbard

2nd: Commissioner Bui

Approved 4–0

V. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A–C)

A. CRAWFORD CANYON PARK PRESENTATION

Staff will present an overview of OC Parks' newest facility, Crawford Canyon Park.

Pam Passow, OC Parks Director, introduced staff presenting the item and answered the Commissioners' questions.

Tuan Richardson, OC Parks Senior Landscape Architect, presented the item and answered a Commissioner's question.

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Receive and file.

Motion: Commissioner Diaz

2nd: Commissioner Bui

Approved 4-0

B. COUNTY OF ORANGE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE PRESENTATION

Staff from Orange County Public Works will provide a presentation on their efforts to update the County of Orange's General Plan.

Pam Passow, OC Parks Director, introduced staff presenting the item and answered the Commissioners' questions.

Cindy Salazar, OC Public Works Planning Division Manager, presented the item and answered the Commissioners' questions.

Ashley Brodtkin, De Novo Planning Group Senior Planner, answered the Commissioners' questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file.

Motion: Commissioner Diaz

2nd: Commissioner Gabbard

Approved 4-0

C. OC PARKS TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE

Staff will provide an update to the Commission regarding the January 8, 2026 OC Parks Trails Subcommittee meeting.

Jim Foley, Orange County Mountain Biking Facebook Group, commented on the trail commissioning guidelines and his desire to have some unauthorized trails be brought into the official trail network to improve connectivity.

Pam Passow, OC Parks Director, introduced staff providing the update and answered the Commissioners' questions.

Jeaniene Casiello, OC Parks Planning and Design Manager, provided the update.

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2nd: Commissioner Diaz

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VI. OC PARKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT (ITEM(S) A-B)

A. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Pam Passow, OC Parks Director, provided updates and answered the Commissioners' questions.

B. UPCOMING OC PARKS EVENTS

Fishing Clinic – Mile Square Regional Park – Saturday, February 7, 8:00 – 10:30 a.m.

- Join OC Parks for a fun morning of fishing at Mile Square Regional Park! This clinic is designed to teach families how to fish responsibly with a chance to catch a few fish. This fun and hands-on educational program will have instructors available to demonstrate, assist, and answer any questions.

Starr Party – Caspers Wilderness Park – Saturday, February 14, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

- Join us outdoors for the Starr Party, where telescopes and expert guidance will help you explore the night sky until approximately 8:30 p.m. The program features interactive activities, perfect for families and space enthusiasts of all ages. Equipment will be provided but feel free to bring binoculars, telescopes, or cameras.

VII. 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.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT *6:46 p.m.*

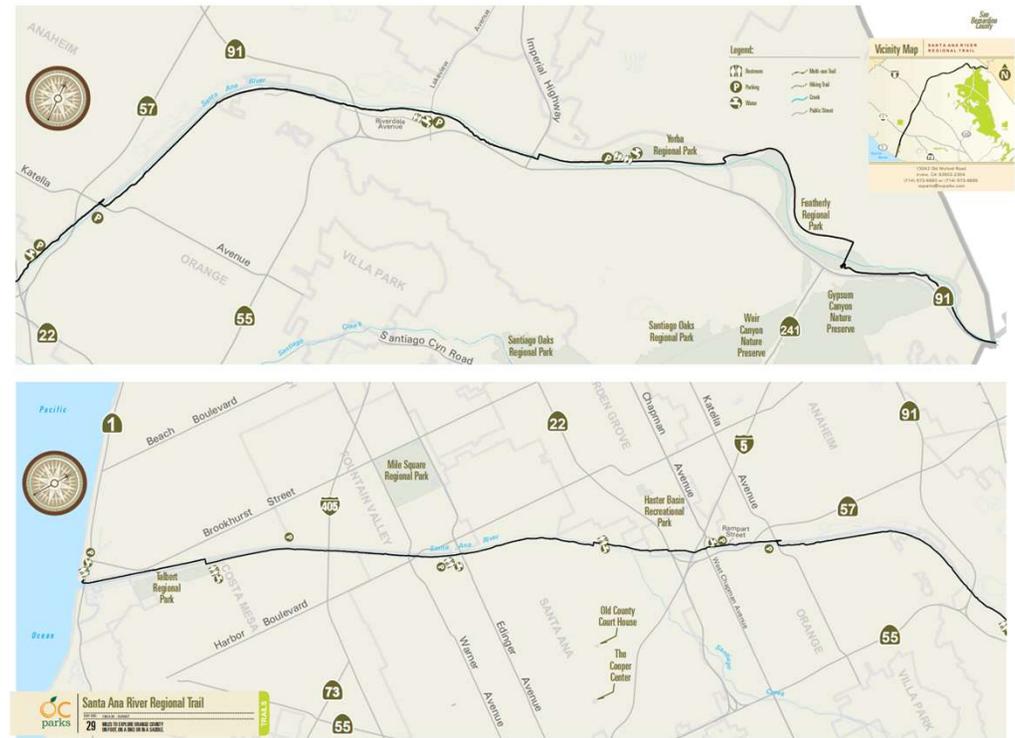


Santa Ana River Trail Enhancements

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Santa Ana River Trail (SART)

- Part of the planned 110-mile Crest to Coast Trail (Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties)
- 30-mile trail section in Orange County from Huntington Beach to Riverside County Line, just east of Yorba Linda
- Multiple access points
- Multi-use trail allowing for walking and biking and has equestrian access at Yorba Regional Park
- National Recreation Trail



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Location

- Improvements are located along the SART near E Riverdale Ave and N Orange Olive Rd
- Site is within OC Flood Control property
- Nearby access and neighborhood context is within the City of Orange
- Five rest areas were installed to serve this segment



Enhancements

- Five rest areas adjacent to the trail:
 - 2 larger rest areas (16' x 16', 256 SF)
 - 3 smaller rest areas (8' x 16', 128 SF each)
- Consistent design includes:
 - Decomposed granite (DG) surface
 - Bench seating
 - Trash receptacle
 - Lodgepole fencing on three sides
- Leverages natural shade from existing tree canopy



One of the **smaller rest areas**

Enhancements

- In parallel, the trail received resurfacing, striping, and vegetation clearance



Bike path **before** resurfacing



Bike path **after** resurfacing and striping

Process

- The project was sparked by community interest
- Built by OC Parks staff
- Completed in two phases:
 - Phase 1 – Three rest areas west of railroad crossing (December 2024)
 - Phase 2 – Two rest areas east of railroad crossing (January 2026)



THANK YOU

Santa Ana River Trail Enhancements

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ORANGE COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION

STAFF REPORT

FROM: Pam Passow, Executive Officer, OC Parks

DATE: March 5, 2026

SUBJECT: OC Parks Trails Subcommittee Term Extension and Membership Renewal

OC Parks Trails Subcommittee Term Expiration

OC Parks manages 60,000 acres of County parkland comprised of a variety of open space, park, and coastal facilities, 150 miles of paved bikeways, and 350 miles of unpaved riding and hiking trails. To establish a body that would serve as a working group to deliberate matters related to County trails and bikeways; engage in planning an appropriately designed, operated, and maintained regional trail system aligned with OC Parks' Strategic Plan; and provide a public forum in which to discuss these matters, the Commission approved the establishment of the OC Parks Trails Subcommittee (Subcommittee) on April 7, 2016. The Subcommittee serves as an advisory body to the Commission and the OC Parks Director and is comprised of two Commissioners and five at-large members of the community representing various trail user groups.

The Subcommittee Guidelines, approved by the Commission on April 7, 2016 and amended on July 7, 2022, establishes the purpose, membership composition, governance, and other rules and procedures under which the Subcommittee operates. Section X.D of the Guidelines specifies that the Subcommittee shall automatically terminate five years from formation of its full membership, which was established by the Commission on October 6, 2016, unless otherwise extended by a majority of the Commission for another five-year term. The Subcommittee was last extended by the Commission during its March 4, 2021 meeting with an expiration date of October 5, 2026 and is now before the Commission for consideration of its extension of term or dissolution.

Since its establishment, the Subcommittee has engaged in a number of trail discussions and actions, including:

- Recommending and approving the concept for the OC Parks Trail Ambassador program, which places docents at key County trail locations to supplement OC Parks resources and provide educational opportunities to the public.
- Recommending and approving a draft outline for an update to the County of Orange Trail Design Guidelines.
- Providing feedback to OC Parks regarding the Trail Use Designation Pilot Project.
- Recommending names for new trails at new OC Parks facilities for Commission approval.

With the term of the Subcommittee expiring soon, OC Parks staff bring this item to seek the Commission's direction on whether to dissolve the Subcommittee or extend its term for an additional five-year term.

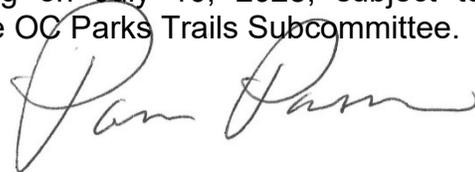
OC Parks Trails Subcommittee Membership Renewal

On July 7, 2022, the Commission appointed Deborah Ball to serve as a member of the OC Parks Trails Subcommittee (Subcommittee) for a two-year term, consistent with the Commission-approved Subcommittee Guidelines. On July 10, 2024, The Commission renewed the membership of Member Ball for an additional two-year term ending on July 10, 2026. Member Ball’s second term on the Subcommittee is about to expire and she has expressed interest in continuing her service on the Subcommittee for a final two-year term.

Member Ball is a hiker, cyclist, and equestrian. She also has experience as an Irvine Ranch Conservancy trail guide and docent, OC Zoo volunteer, and Wildlife ACT Conservation volunteer. Renewal of Member Ball’s membership on the Subcommittee would support a balanced representation of the various trail user groups and benefit from Members with Subcommittee experience.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. OC Parks Commission to select and recommend one of the following actions:
 - A. Approve extension of the OC Parks Trails Subcommittee term for an additional five years to October 5, 2031.
 - B. Dissolve the OC Parks Trails Subcommittee effective October 5, 2026.
2. Renew the membership of OC Parks Trails Subcommittee Member Deborah Ball for an additional two-year term, expiring on July 10, 2028, subject to the Commission’s renewal or dissolution of the OC Parks Trails Subcommittee.



Pam Passow