

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026 — 3:00 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Chair Fegraus dedicated the meeting to the memory of Ken Frank, former city manager for the City of Laguna Beach, who was a strong advocate for open space preservation within the City of Laguna Beach and for the creation of Laguna Coast Wilderness Park.

Chair Fegraus, Vice Chair McCary, and Members Clark, Osborne, Norton, and Felder were present. Members Lee, Conners, Orgill, Jones, and Foley 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.

Jim Foley, Orange County Mountain Biking Facebook Group, shared efforts by his mountain biking club with restoration and stewardship events at Crystal Cove State Park.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM(S) 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 MARCH 11, 2026 MEETING.

*Motion: Vice Chair McCary
2nd: Member Norton
Unanimous vote to approve*

IV. AUTHORITY MEMBERS AND PARTNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES (ITEM(S) A–H)

A. LAGUNA CANYON FOUNDATION (LCF) UPDATE

Scott Thomas, LCF Executive Director, shared the following: 2025–2026 School Year Field trips for Title I schools – 132 classes, over 3,500 students, Rotary grant for next school year for Laguna Beach High School and Middle school student field trips; Outreach Programs: Wildland Invasive Weed Pull, May 16th at Aliso Beach inland estuary; Living with Wildfire in Orange County, May 26 at the Susi Q, presented by Alan Kaufmann, LCF's Senior Director of Conservation; LCF Board of Directors recent tour to Aliso & Wood Canyons Wilderness Park to visit the Nature Center, Pectin Reef and Aliso Creek Restoration Projects (approximately 5 acres); Earth Week April 26 successful fundraiser at LCWP, Volunteer Appreciation Event, June 26; Trail Activities – June 6 National Trails – will focus on 2 trails, continue to work with NCC on trail user surveys, Nick Miron, LCF Trails Coordinator has left and is now in the OC Park Ranger Academy; Conservation: Invasive removal at various LCWP site, received permit to start cactus wren project

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in the joint project with Crystal Cove State Park and Crystal Cove Conservancy. Move information later on the Parcel 5 project.

B. LAGUNA BEACH OPEN SPACE UPDATE

Representative not available to provide an update at this time.

C. NATURAL COMMUNITIES COALITION (NCC) UPDATE

Darin Loughrey, NCC Outreach and Engagement Coordinator, shared the following: 2026 is the 30th Anniversary of the Nature Reserve of Orange County. Celebration on August 19 from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Quail Hill Community Park with Wade Crowfoot, Secretary, California Natural Resources as the keynote speaker.

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

Jeff Kirby, City of Laguna Niguel Recreation Superintendent, shared the following: City of Laguna Niguel is continuing their What's in the Park program and in September "Walking with Staff" program.

H. CRYSTAL COVE CONSERVANCY UPDATE

Representative not available to provide an update at this time.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and File Agenda Items IV.A–H.

Motion: Vice Chair McCary

2nd: Member Norton

Unanimous vote to receive and file Agenda Items IV.A–H.

V. OC PARKS STAFF UPDATES (ITEM(S) A–B)

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A. PARK OPERATIONS — ALL DEPARTMENTS UPDATE

Derrick Ankerstar, OC Parks Operations Manager, noted Ev Mena is Interim Deputy Director, Orange County CEO Michelle Aquirre is retiring, Park Ranger Academy #11 started May 1st, and Aliso & Wood Canyons Wilderness Park staff will help with training.

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

1. AWCWP Update

Nikki Chambers, Supervising Park Ranger I, shared the following: As part of the Preventative Search and rescue program partnering with OC Sheriff and Laguna Beach Police Departments for education, support with minor medical emergencies and clean-outs of homeless encampments.

2. LCWP Update

Brad Barker, OC Parks Supervising Ranger II, shared the following: Lots of rattlesnake sightings in both parks; thank you to City of Laguna Woods for renovation of the Woods End entrance; night patrols at both parks to educate visitors that the parks are closed at night; OC Parks Commission tour April 10th at Nix Nature Center with tours of Barbara's Lake and view site trails; filled both maintenance positions; rain fall since July 2025 a record 18.8 inches

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and File Agenda Items V.A–B.

Motion: Vice Chair McCary

2nd: Member Osborne

Unanimous vote to receive and file Agenda Items V.A–B.

VI. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A–F)

A. LAGUNA COAST WILDERNESS PARK WOODS END ENTRANCE RENOVATION PRESENTATION

City of Laguna Woods staff, if available, will present an update on the recent renovation work done to the Woods End entrance to Laguna Coast Wilderness Park.

Chris Macon, City of Laguna Woods City Manager, presented the item and answered the Members' questions. Key project points included a photo presentation of the May 5th Woods End Dedication Ceremony. Congratulations by Members and Park Staff to the City of Laguna Woods for the excellent project.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file.

Motion: Member Osborne

2nd: Member Norton

Unanimous vote to receive and file the item.

B. LAGUNA CANYON FOUNDATION CAMERA STUDY PRESENTATION

Laguna Canyon Foundation will present their findings from a recent camera study of wildlife activity adjacent to the Laguna College of Art and Design, Big Bend Campus.

Scott Thomas, LCF Executive Director, presented up to date information about the four active cameras at the Big Bend wildlife corridor site and answered the Members' questions.

Dulce Cortez, LCF Restoration Project Manager, presented the item and answered the Members' questions.

Penelope Milne inquired how much funding is needed for the study.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Receive and file.
2. If appropriate, authorize the Chair to prepare and issue a letter to the Laguna Canyon Foundation in support of further camera studies to measure wildlife activity.

Motion to receive and file: Vice Chair McCary

2nd: Member Norton

Unanimous vote to receive and file the item.

C. CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH BIKE PUMP TRACK

The City of Laguna Beach is considering the construction of a bike pump track at a location adjacent to Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park. Authority Members will discuss any potential impacts to Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park and any needed response to the proposal.

Chair Fegraus that the City of Laguna Beach is no longer considering this option at Moulton Meadows.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file and continue the item, if appropriate.

Motion: Chair Fegraus

2nd: Member Osborne

Unanimous vote to receive and file and not continue the item.

D. CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION REGARDING IRVINE BOWL DECIBEL OUTPUT ADJUSTMENTS

The City of Laguna Beach is considering an item regarding a potential regulation of the Irvine Bowl's decibel output at concerts and events outside of the festival period. If available, the Authority will receive any new information and the potential impacts to LCWP.

No representative from the City of Laguna Beach was present to give an update.

Penelope Milne expressed concern about the proposed decibel increase and number of outside concert proposals for the Irvine Bowl.

After considerable discussion by the Members, a letter of concern was prepared to distribute to the City of Laguna Beach staff, City Council, and Festival of Arts Irvine Bowl Policy Committee. It was also noted that the City of Laguna Beach has a scheduled Administrative Review meeting on June 3, 2026 that will include the decibel output regulations for the Irvine Bowl concerts. After discussion and conferring with staff it was noted that one Member could attend any public meetings and report back to the Authority.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file and continue the item, if appropriate.

Motion to authorize the Chair to prepare and issue a letter with the discussed changes to the City of Laguna Beach regarding concerns about changes in sound regulations at the Irvine Bowl: Member Osborne

2nd: Vice Chair McCary

Unanimous vote to approve.

Motion to authorize and select Authority members to attend City of Laguna Beach meetings relating to the issue of sound regulations at the Irvine Bowl and report back to the Authority: Chair Fegraus

2nd: Vice Chair McCary

Unanimous vote to approve.

Motion to select Chair Fegraus and Member Norton to attend City of Laguna Beach meetings relating to the issue of sound regulations at the Irvine Bowl, with only one

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person to attend any meeting, and report back to the Authority: Chair

Fegraus

2nd: Vice Chair McCary

Unanimous vote to approve.

E. CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH OPEN SPACE ENROLLMENT IN NATURE RESERVE OF ORANGE COUNTY UPDATE

City of Laguna Beach staff, if available, will provide an update on the enrollment status of its open space lands not managed by OC Parks in the Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan.

Jim Foley commented on how the enrollment discussion should be a matter for the City of Laguna Beach and was wary of how enrollment would place limitations on recreation.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Authorize the Chair to prepare and issue a letter to the City of Laguna Beach supporting the enrollment of the City of Laguna Beach's open space lands not already managed by OC Parks in the Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan program under the Nature Reserve of Orange County.

Motion: Member Osborne

2nd: Member Norton

Approved 3–0–1 (Vice Chair McCary was absent for the vote)

F. LAGUNA CANYON ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

City of Laguna Beach Staff, if available, will share an update on its Laguna Canyon Road Improvement Project and its potential impacts on LCWP following a report presented at the November 15, 2022 City Council Meeting and further planning.

Representative not available to provide an update at this time.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file and continue the item, if appropriate.

Motion: Member Osborne

2nd: Member Norton

Unanimous vote to receive and file and not continue the item.

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G. IRVINE WILDLIFE CORRIDOR UPDATE

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

Representative not available to provide an update at this time.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file and continue the item.

Motion to continue the item to the next meeting: Member Osborne

2nd: Vice Chair McCary

Unanimous vote to continue the item.

H. REVIEW OF THE 1998 LCWP GENERAL DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANS

Authority Members reviewing the LCWP General Development and Resource Management Plans will present the schedule for completing an update for the Nix Nature Center and the final document of the References.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file and continue the item.

Motion: Chair Fegraus

2nd: Vice Chair McCary

Unanimous vote to receive and file and continue the item.

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. Members may also suggest items for the July 8, 2026 meeting agenda.

Member Osborne asked for more information on the Nestall/Alpine Way issue including trail monitoring camera results.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT TO JULY 8, 2026 MEETING 5:10 p.m.

Motion: Chair Fegraus

2nd: Member Osborne

Unanimous vote to adjourn to the July 8, 2026 Meeting.