

AGENDA

**Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission
County Administrative Center - 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 1st Floor
Board of Supervisors Chambers
Bakersfield, CA 93301**

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 17, 2024
6:30 P.M.

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Commissioners: Ryan Abler, District I;
William Chapman, District II;
Carol Lair, District III;
Lorena Cervantes, District IV; and
Ucedrah Osby, District V

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Salute to the Flag

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS, COMMENTS, AND REQUESTS

1. This portion of the agenda is reserved for persons wishing to address the Commission on any matter not on this agenda and over which the Commission has jurisdiction. No response is required from the Commission or staff, and no action can be taken on items not on the agenda; however, Commissioners may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed. Commissioners may ask a question for clarification, make a referral to staff for factual information, or request staff to report back to the Commission at a later meeting. **SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.**
 - I. Presentation by Daniel Rodela, Faith in the Valley regarding Ford City Park: **HEAR PRESENTATION**
 - II. Public Comments and Requests

CONSENT AGENDA

2. All items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by staff. Consent items will be considered first and may be approved by one motion if no member of the Commission or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If discussion is desired, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence.
 - I. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting on February 21, 2024; **APPROVE**
 - II. Approval of Minutes: Cancelled meeting on March 20, 2024; **APPROVE**
 - III. Miscellaneous Correspondence; **RECEIVE AND FILE**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

3. This portion of the meeting is reserved for General Services staff to provide a report regarding new and ongoing projects, programs, and plans relating to Kern County Parks
 - I. General Services Division; **INFORMATIONAL**
 - II. Park Ranger – Status Update; **INFORMATIONAL**

AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

4. This portion of the meeting is reserved for the Ad Hoc Subcommittee appointed by the Commission for the purpose of supporting, identifying priorities and projects regarding the Parks Master Plan update to provide a report; **INFORMATIONAL**

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

5. Referral by Commissioner Lair to provide an update on reported sink holes at Hart Park; **DISCUSS**
6. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); **SET MAY 2024 MEETING LOCATION**

COMMISSION MEMBER PRESENTATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. On their own initiative, Commission members may make a brief announcement or a brief report on their own activities. Commissioners may request that an item be agendaized at a future meeting, make a referral to staff for factual information, or request that staff report back to the Commission at a later meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

8. Adjourn to next regular meeting, scheduled for May 15, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., to be conducted at the County Administrative Center - 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 1st Floor, Board of Supervisors Chambers, Bakersfield, CA 93301, unless otherwise indicated, changed, and/or cancelled by the Commission.

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Consent Agenda

MINUTES

Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission
1115 Truxtun Ave, 1st Floor
Bakersfield, CA. 93301
Board of Supervisors Chambers

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 21, 2024
6:30 P.M.

The Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, February 21, 2024. Commissioner presided and called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Present: Commissioner(s): Ryan Abler, District I; William Chapman, District II; and Carol Lair, District III; and Lorena Cervantes, District IV

Absent: Lorena Cervantes, District IV; and Ucedrah Osby, District V

Staff: Brian Van Wyk, Deputy County Counsel; Isaac Preston, General Services Manager; and David Kessler, Chief Deputy, Kern County Sheriff

Others: There were 52 others present

Note: Ab, Ch, La, Ce, and Os are abbreviations for Commissioners Abler, Chapman, Lair, Cervantes, and Osby. As an example, Ab-La denotes Commissioner Abler made a motion and Commissioner Lair seconded the motion.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: LEAD BY COMMISSIONER ABLER

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS, COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

- I. **KATIE WESTMORLEN**, HART PARK COUNTRY CLUB, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE AND VIDEO ON THE DISC GOLF AT AW NOON
- II. **MR. GONZALEZ-GARCIA**, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION REPRESENTING THE COMMUNITY OF TAFT TO EXPRESS CONCERN REGARDING IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED AT FORD CITY PARK

- III. **NESTOR ALVARADO**, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO EXPRESS THE NEED FOR WORKOUT EQUIPMENT AT COUNTY PARKS
- IV. **MARGIE BELL**, THE HART PARK WORKING GROUP, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE REGARDING A SCHEDULED PARK CLEAN UP HOSTED BY THE KERN RIVER PARKWAY NATURE CENTER
- V. **JEFF GOINES**, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO INTRODUCE A PRESENTATION REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF THE CREATION OF A KERN RIVER BIKE PATROL
- VI. **SHAWN BIGLARI**, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION, NATIONAL SKI PATROL-NATIONAL BIKE PATROL, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE A PRESENTATION ON THE POSSIBILITY OF CREATING A KERN RIVER BIKE PATROL
- VII. **DANIEL RODELA**, FAITH IN THE VALLEY, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO EXPRESS COMMUNITY CONCERNS REGARDING FUNDING FOR VALLEY ACRES PARK AND FORD CITY PARK

CONSENT AGENDA

- I. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting on January 21, 2024; Ab;Ch TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 21, 2024 MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. MOTION CARRIED. **3 AYES – 2 ABSENT – Cervantes; Osby**
- II. Miscellaneous Correspondence: RECEIVE AND FILE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED JANUARY 26, 2024, SUBMITTED BY CAROL LAIR; WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED FEBRUARY 08, 2024, SUBMITTED BY CAROL LAIR; WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED FEBRUARY 08, 2024, SUBMITTED BY CAROL LAIR; DOCUMENTS TITLED “FORD CITY PARK IMPROVEMENT SURVEY RESULTS” SUBMITTED ON JANUARY 21, 2024. MOTION CARRIED. **3 AYES – 2 ABSENT – Cervantes; Osby**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

General Services – Status Update

- I. **WHITE WOLF WELLNESS FOUNDATION** – KATHERINE WINTERS AND STEVEN WINTERS, WHITE WOLF WELLNESS FOUNDATION WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE A YEAR END REPORT REGARDING CAMP OKIHI

Park Ranger – Status Update

- I. DAVID KESSLER, CHIEF DEPUTY, KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE UPDATE ON RANGER ACTIVITIES

AH HOC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- I. NO REPORT FROM THE AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING, IDENTIFYING PRIORITIES AND PROJECTS REGARDING THE PARKS MASTER PLAN UPDATE; CONTINUED TO A FUTURE MEETING.

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

- I. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO HOLD THE MARCH 2024 MEETING AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER LOCATED AT 1115 TRUXTUN AVE., 1ST FLOOR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301

COMMISSION MEMBER PRESENTATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- I. COMMISSIONER CHAPMAN PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON AW NOON & REQUESTED KIOSK SET UP AT AW NOON
- II. COMMISSIONER LAIR REQUESTED AN UPDATE ON SINK HOLES AT HART PARK

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn at 7:29 P.M. to the next regular meeting, scheduled for March 20, 2024, at 6:30 P.M., at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 1115 Truxtun Ave. 1st Floor, Bakersfield, CA. 93301 unless otherwise indicated, changed, and/or cancelled by the Commission.

MINUTES

**Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission
1115 Truxtun Ave, 1st Floor
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Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 20, 2024
6:30 P.M.

MEETING CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM

The Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was cancelled due to no quorum for March 20, 2024; therefore, no meeting minutes are available.

From: [Carol Lair](#)
To: [Parks and Recreation Commission Correspondence](#)
Subject: REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES & KCAS FOR FEBRUARY 2024
Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 9:20:30 PM

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2-2-24 Two gray tabby cats were trapped. neutered and returned to the park. (TNR)

2-7-24 One long haired black cat was trapped, neutered and returned to the park.
(TNR)

2-9-24 A black cat picked up and taken to KCAS.

2-12-24 A long haired gray tabby disappeared and presumed dead,

2-14-24 Two young dogs were abandoned--a tan and black German Shepard and a brown Boxer. KCAS was called.

2-15-24 A long haired orange/white cat and a bob tailed gray/white cat were picked up and taken to KCAS.

2-16-24 A gray/white cat taken to KCAS. had to be euthanized.

2-20-24 A young brown/white dog abandoned and KCAS called.

2-20-24 Two orange/white tabbies picked up one about a year old the other about 3 months. They were taken to KCAS.

2-21-24 A young, very thin black/white cat picked up and taken to KCAS.

2-22-24 A skunk was apparently hit by a car on River Road.

2-24-24 A brown/black dog abandoned and KCAS called.

2-26-24 Two orange/white tabby cats picked up and taken to KCAS. They had microchips and were returned to owner.

2-26-24 Four Guinea hens abandoned.

2-28-24 A young white dog with tan spots abandoned. Unknown what happen to it.

9 Cats taken to KCAS, 2 cats returned to owner, 1 cat euthanized

1 cat died at park

3 Cats Trapped, neutered and return to park. (TNR)

5 dogs abandoned

4 Guinea Hens abandoned

1 skunk killed by a car on River Road

TOTAL CATS REMOVED FROM THE PARK: 10

Carol Lair



Kern River Bike Patrol

*Trail ambassadors for users & partners of the
Kern River Parkway*



Bike Patrol history:

- Parent organization: National Ski and Bike Patrol, federally chartered, a leader in outdoor first-aid and CPR services since 1938.
- A similar patrol, the American River Bike Patrol (ARBP) began in June, 2020, in Sacramento.
- More recently, another similar patrol started up in Half Moon Bay, CA on the San Mateo County Coastal Trail system.
- The American River Patrol has offered inspiration and advice for a Kern River Bike Patrol formation.
- Such a patrol would be a part of the Southern CA Region, with a dozen ski and bike patrols nearby.

Bike Patrol history:

- The ARBP has grown to 108 members. Of our membership, about 20 percent are current or former ski patrol members, the balance are volunteers from communities surrounding the trail.
- Candidate patrollers are recruited throughout the year, and offered Outdoor First Care first-aid course and CPR training two times a year.
- ARBP asks patrollers to commit to 48 hours or more of annual trail service (for members of other National Ski Patrol units, we ask for 30 hours).

Statistical snapshot, 2023, American River Patrol

- **Number of Patrols: 1,929; Miles: 31,166**
- **Assists: 1,673** (3/4s are advising on walking on wrong side; others include directions, speeding, trail rules, minors w/o helmets, etc.)
- **Repairs: 198** (led by flat tires, chain repairs & other repairs)
- **Medical Assists: several hundred** (from bee stings, cuts, dehydration, hypothermia, broken bones and unconsciousness with several hospitalizations)
- **911, 311 and Ranger Calls: 46;** (plus scores of 311 reports - illegal camps, fires & graffiti)

On-going training:

Trail readiness: Includes Parkway rules, regs, Ranger and EMS interaction, bike mechanics, an on-line course and a check-off ride

Outdoor First Care and CPR, both on-line and hands-on; take CPR through local provider like American Heart/American Red Cross



Bike maintenance, trail-assists

Members will be trained in overall bike maintenance and bike tuning. In past four years they have helped repair hundreds of flat-tires, malfunctioning derailleurs, kid's bikes where the seat is too low and a host of on-trail bike challenges.



Joining NSP and enrolling in Outdoor First Care course

- Bike patrol members join the National Ski and Bike Patrol (NSP/NBP) and enroll in Outdoor First Care/CPR course
- NSP membership counts over 31,000 members in 640 bike and ski patrols across the USA (a dozen units in So. California)



Bike Patrol services to the public:



- **Patrollers are friendly Trail Ambassadors, offering, informed trail presence, trailside information, bike safety advice**
- **Flat tire assistance and simple bike repair**
- **Reduced misc. calls, freeing up Parkway Rangers and EMS**
- **First-aid skills & care**
- **Eyes and ears for Rangers**

Safe walking, cycling programs; thousands of trail interactions!



Trail Safety Courtesies

- Walk/run left, ride/roller-blade right
- Walk/run on left shoulder, when available
- Wheelchairs/strollers on left pavement
- Dogs on 6' leash to left side of handler
- 15 mph max



Parkway Rangers and the Kern River Bike Patrol

- Patrollers assist in protecting park property
- Promote good public relations
- Speed up EMS and Ranger response times by providing additional eyes, ears for Rangers
- Assist in park cleanliness and facility upkeep
- NOTE: Patrollers are NOT law enforcement, but can accelerate response to challenges

Uniforms standout in crowd!

- High visibility, coming and going, announces their presence and focus on safety and first-aid service
- As trail ambassadors, friendly, customer service is our focus
- Patrollers are hard to miss!



KRBP Legal

- 501.C.3 Charitable Clubs & Organizations
- Liability covered by:
 - California Good Samaritan Laws
 - National Ski Patrol Training & Certification
 - American Heart Association Training & Certification
 - American Red Cross Training & Certification

Future Directions:

- Focusing on **Diversity**, seeking bike patrollers similar to mix of citizens who use the Kern River Parkway
- Building **stronger connections** to our land managers and their staff
- Expanding a **Junior Patroller program** for teens 15-18



Junior Bike Patrol

The **Junior Patroller** teaching kids:

“Hard Work + Perseverance = Success”.

“The Joy” of helping others and their communities.



ARBP Newsletter offers good snapshot:



Welcome to the American River Bike Patrol (ARBP) newsletter. I am honored to be the first to serve as your ARBP Patrol Representative. Amid these troubling times of the COVID 19 Pandemic, cycling can be a positive way to stay in shape and immerse yourself in a great outdoor activity. On top of that we are blessed to have the American River Bike Trail at our disposal.

The American River Bike Trail (or Jedediah Smith Memorial Trail) is one of the longest paved bicycle trails in the U.S. The trail is 32 miles long and serves both commuter and recreational cyclists alike. It runs roughly from Discovery Park to just north of Folsom Lake. This newly formed American River Bike Patrol will work closely with the County of Sacramento and the State of California to increase safety and provide aid along this Trail.

Tim Viall, along with NSP veteran Dr. Jim Margolis and cyclist Rich Fowler, have worked over the past 10 months to establish the patrol and to set lofty yet achievable goals for the ARBP. American River Bike Patrollers will work as trail



ambassadors, providing trail directional advice, equipment assistance, safety insights and bike safety programs. Once we clear the COVID 19 hurdle, we plan to hold special events, first-aid training for members and serve as eyes and ears of the Parkway Rangers and other stakeholders. Most importantly, we are here to have fun, enjoy the outdoors doing what we love and helping others.

From my forty-seven years of service with the National Ski Patrol I can say this type of activity and service can be very fulfilling. The service you provide is needed and the sense of comradery and community you develop is unparalleled. I am greatly impressed and in awe of the people I have met, and I hope you will be among them.

For those of you who have joined, I look forward to working with you. For those of you still considering, I hope you become a member and join us on the trail. You can learn more at americanriverbikepatrol.org.

I look forward to meeting you and being of service. Keep Riding!
- Jim Cheng, Patrol Rep. AR Bike Patrol



Welcome, American River Bike Patrol members, to the Far West Division and Mother Lode Region of the National Ski Patrol! We're excited to be part of your start up as one of the first urban NSP Bike Patrols in the west, and, throughout the United States. We look forward to assisting in training, education and offering NSP expertise.

You will find many benefits with your membership in the national ski patrol, highest among them will be a growing sense of camaraderie among many of the members in the regional and division.

I first rode the bike trail Summer of 1983. Having grown up in the Modesto / Oakdale area I was accustomed to valley summers. I recall getting near Folsom and enjoying the "downhill" ride back to our starting point near Cal Expo; my memory is that day was indeed hot, but the river was oh so cool. I look forward to getting out on my Lemond and riding along the river as a visiting patroller. Once again, congratulations and we look forward to your ongoing evolution! - Lance Vaughan, Far West Division Director, NSP



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- Quarterly newsletter offers safe walking, riding insight, more...
- Please share with friends and outdoor enthusiasts
- Can be found on patrol website, or, join our mail list
- Details on joining!

Join the Team!



**for the Kern River
Parkway trail system**



Bike Patrol = Public Service

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From: [Carol Lair](#)
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Date: Friday, April 05, 2024 7:43:05 PM

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1-2-24 A dilute tortie and a gray tabby were picked up. They were in foster care briefly and then taken to KCAS.

1-3-24 A black/white cat and a black cat adopted by a park volunteer.

1-4-24 A black/white cat picked up and was in foster care briefly then taken to KCAS.

1-5-24 A gray tabby was taken to KCAS.

1-6-24 Two dogs were abandoned-- one black and one black with white markings. They were acting aggressively and KCAS was called.

1-10-24 A black cat with white markings was found dead at the Nature Center. It appeared to have been attacked by something.

1-11-24 A long haired gray cat with an injured paw and ear was taken to KCAS.

1-12-24 An orange/white cat with an injured back leg taken to KCAS.

1-12-24 A black cat was taken to KCAS.

1-13-24 An orange/white cat taken to KCAS.

1-14-24 A gray tabby/white cat was found to have ringworm. She is in foster care being treated.

1-29-24 A black/white cat was found to have a microchip but owners did not respond. She had ringworm and is in foster care being treated.

8 Cats taken to KCAS

2 Cats adopted

2 Cats in foster care

1 Cat died at the park

2 Dogs abandoned

TOTAL NUMBER OF CATS REMOVED FROM THE PARK: 13

Carol Lair



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