

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, October 15, 2025
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. 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 September 17, 2025; **APPROVE**
 - II. Miscellaneous Correspondence; **RECEIVE AND FILE**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

3. General Services – 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 UPDATE**
 - II. Kern County Sheriff's Office; **PARK RANGER INFORMATIONAL UPDATE**

NEW, UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS

4. Referral by Commissioner Chapman requesting a report from County staff regarding the total revenue secured by the County of Kern as a result of the Lightening in a Bottle event held at Buena Vista Recreation Area; **RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT FROM GENERAL SERVICES**
5. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); **SET NOVEMBER 2025 MEETING LOCATION**

COMMISSION MEMBER PRESENTATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. 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 agendized 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

7. Adjourn to next regular meeting, scheduled for November 19, 2025, 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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MINUTES

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County Administrative Center - 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 1st Floor
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Bakersfield, CA 93301**

Regular Meeting

*Wednesday, September 17, 2025
6:30 P.M.*

The Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, July 16, 2025. Commissioner Abler presided and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Commissioner(s): Lorena Cervantes, District IV; and Ucedrah Osby, District V

Staff: Joshua Rudnick, Deputy County Counsel; Isaac Preston, Deputy Chief General Services Officer

Others: There were 5 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. **ELIZABETH CHAVEZ** – WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO RECOGNIZE PARKS STAFF FOR THEIR EFFICIENCY AND RESPONSIVENESS. IN ADDITION, SHE EXPRESSED CONCERNS REGARDING ONGOING ISSUES AT HART PARK, INCLUDING TRASH ACCUMULATION AND FISHING WIRE REFUSE, VEHICLES DRIVING AT HIGH SPEEDS, DEAD TREES POSING FIRE HAZARDS, AND UNAUTHORIZED OVERNIGHT CAMPING. SHE ALSO SUGGESTED THE INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL SIGNAGE AND EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUED PARK ADVOCACY
- II. **CARLA RIVAS** – WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION REPRESENTING THE KERN RIVER PARKWAY NATURE CENTER TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE STANDPIPE PROJECT. ALL NECESSARY PAPERWORK AND AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. THE PROJECT IS SET TO BEGIN SOON AND WILL INVOLVE FIVE STANDPIPES, EACH FEATURING WORK BY A DIFFERENT ARTIST

- III. **RICH O'NEIL** – WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION REPRESENTING THE KERN RIVER PARKWAY FOUNDATION TO EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT ENSURING SAFE AND FAMILY-FRIENDLY USE OF THE PLANNED SPRAY PARK AT HART PARK AND EMPHASIZED PRIORITIZING SAFETY AND ASKED FOR AN UPDATE ON THE COUNTY'S PLANNED TRAFFIC STUDY RELATED TO HART PARK, SECTION 7 AND THE NATURE CENTER

CONSENT AGENDA

- I. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting on July 16, 2025; **Ab:La TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN; MOTION CARRIED. 3 AYES; 2 ABSENT-CERVANTES; OSBY**
- II. Miscellaneous Correspondence: Written Correspondence dated August 20, 2025, submitted by Carol Lair; Written Correspondence dated August 27, 2025, submitted by Carol Lair; Written Correspondence dated August 15, 2025, submitted by Sierra Club Kern-Kaweah; Written Correspondence dated August 30, 2025, submitted by Sierra Club Kern-Kaweah; Written Correspondence dated September 17, 2025, submitted by the General Services Division; **Ab:La TO APPROVE THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE; MOTION CARRIED. 3 AYES; 2 ABSENT- CHAPMAN; OSBY**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

General Services – Status Update

- IV. **VIRGINA PARK:** ISAAC PRESTON, DEPUTY CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE UPDATE ON THE RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY HELD ON AUGUST 1, 2025
- V. **FULLER ACRES PARK:** ISAAC PRESTON, DEPUTY CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE UPDATE ON UPCOMING RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 3, 2025 AT 2:00 PM
- VI. **TOUCH-A-TRUCK EVENT:** ISAAC PRESTON, DEPUTY CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE UPCOMING EVENT TO BE HELD AT BEALE LIBRARY ON NOVEMBER 8, 2025, AT 10:00 AM
- VII. **OHV LAND ACQUISITION:** ISAAC PRESTON, DEPUTY CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT THERE IS NO PROGRESS TO REPORT ON THE OHV LAND ACQUISITION AT THIS TIME

- VIII. **BUENA VISTA LAKE:** ISAAC PRESTON, DEPUTY CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO STATE THAT TWO NEW RESTROOMS AND SHOWERS ARE NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. SUPERIOR CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN AWARDED THE \$2,989,313 STATEWIDE PARKS PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE PARK PROJECT, WHICH INCLUDES MULTIPLE PARK ENHANCEMENTS WITH COMPLETION EXPECTED BY DECEMBER 2026. ONGOING ISSUES WITH THE SEPARATE BOAT LAUNCH PROJECT WERE ALSO NOTED , AS DELAYS AND CONTRACTOR ERRORS HAVE REQUIRED COUNTY COUNSEL’S INVOLVEMENT TO RESOLVE CLAIMS AND ENSURE COMPLETION

Park Ranger – Status Update

- I. **JASON NELSON,** SHERIFF’S LIEUTENANT, KERN COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE; 40 AUTHORIZED PARK RANGER POSITIONS, WITH 28 CURRENTLY HIRED. TWELVE RECRUITS ARE IN THE ACADEMY, GRADUATING IN NOVEMBER, AND TWO ARE COMPLETING FIELD TRAINING. OF 25 NEW TRUCKS ORDERED, 17 HAVE BEEN DELIVERED, WITH EIGHT PENDING FINAL EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION. SINCE APRIL, RANGERS HAVE COMPLETED 181 REPORTS, INITIATED OVER 1,800 INCIDENT AND ISSUED 244 ARRESTS/CITATIONS

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

- I. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); **THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO HOLD THE OCTOBER 15, 2025, MEETING AT THE KERN COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER AT 1115 TRUXTUN AVE. 1ST FLOOR, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301**

COMMISSION MEMBER PRESENTATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- I. COMMISSIONER LAIR PROVIDED INFORMATION REGARDING SICK, INJURED AND EMACIATED BOBCATS AND BOBCAT KITTENS AND STATED THAT THE MONOFILAMENT RECYCLING BINS ARE CURRENTLY IN USE

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn at 7:30 P.M. to the next regular meeting, scheduled for August 20, 2025, 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 canceled by the Commission.

From: [Carol Lair](#)
To: [Parks and Recreation Commission Correspondence](#)
Subject: REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES & KCAS FOR AUGUST 2025
Date: Tuesday, October 07, 2025 9:08:57 AM

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REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES & KCAS FOR AUGUST 2025

During this month 4 cats went out of county to the barn cat program.

8-3-25 A raccoon killed by a car on River Road.

8-5-25 A black kitten taken to KCAS.

8-5-25 A gray tabby kitten taken to KCAS but not friendly enough for adoption and was returned to foster care.

8-12-25 A possum killed by a car on AHH.

8-13-25 A black kitten taken to KCAS,

8-15-25 An orange tabby and a gray tabby taken to KCAS.

8-16-25 A possum killed by a car on AHH.

8-17-25 A dead possum found at the west entrance likely predator attack.

8-18-25 A ground squirrel killed by a car on AHH.

8-18-25 Three gray tabbies taken to KCAS.

8-18-25 A Siamese cat found dead attacked by a predator. e

8-18-25 One small dog abandoned and KCAS called.

8-19-25 One gray/white cat taken to KCAS.

8-19-25 A baby raccoon killed by a car on River Road.

8-19-25 Three dead cats found near the trough near the Nature Center. Causes of death likely predator attacks. .

8-20-25 Two dogs abandoned and KCAS called.

8-21-25 One gray kitten with white feet and one gray tabby taken to KCAS.

8-22-25 One brown tabby and one calico taken to KCAS.

8-24-25 A skunk killed by a car on AHH.

8-27-25 A dog killed by a car on River Road.

SUMMARY

13 Cats taken to KCAS

4 Cats to barn cat program

4 Cats killed by predators

TOTAL CATS REMOVED FROM THE PARK: 21

1 Cat TNR

3 Dogs abandoned

5 Animals killed on AHH--2 possums, 1 ground squirrel, 1 skunk, 1 dog

2 Animals killed on River Road—2 raccoons

Another deadly month for animals killed by cars.

Carol Lair



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