

MINUTES

**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.

The Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, October 15, 2025. Commissioner Abler presided and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Staff: Brian Van Wyk, Deputy County Counsel; Isaac Preston, Deputy Chief General Services Officer

Others: There were 12 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. The Public Presentations, Comments and Requests portion of the meeting was opened and closed with no input from the public

CONSENT AGENDA

- I. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting on September 17, 2025; **Ch:La TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN; MOTION CARRIED. 3 AYES; 2 ABSENT-CERVANTES; OSBY**
- II. Miscellaneous Correspondence: Written Correspondence dated October 7, 2025, submitted by Carol Lair; **Ch:La TO APPROVE THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE; MOTION CARRIED. 3 AYES; 2 ABSENT- CHAPMAN; OSBY**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

General Services – Status Update

- I. **CORRESPONDENCE FROM SIERRA CLUB RESPONSE FROM GENERAL SERVICES:** ISAAC PRESTON, DEPUTY CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO READ A LETTER FROM THE GENERAL SERVICES DIVISION IN RESPONSE TO CORRESPONDENCE DATED OCTOBER 3, 2025, RECEIVED FROM THE SIERRA CLUB. THE LETTER ADDRESSED THE CONCERNS RAISED AND OUTLINED THE DIVISION'S POSITION AND PLANNED ACTIONS REGARDING THE MATTERS DISCUSSED
- II. **LIGHTNING IN A BOTTLE EVENT – RESPONSE TO REFERRAL FROM COMMISSIONER CHAPMAN:** ISAAC PRESTON, DEPUTY CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE A RESPONSE TO A REFERRAL FROM COMMISSIONER CHAPMAN REGARDING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE LIGHTNING IN A BOTTLE EVENT

Park Ranger – Status Update

- I. **JASON NELSON,** SHERIFF'S LIEUTENANT, KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

- I. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); **THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO HOLD THE NOVEMBER 19, 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: COMMISSIONER LAIR PROVIDED COMMENTS REGARDING A TRAFFIC STUDY CONDUCTED BY THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL
- II. COMMISSIONER LAIR PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON THE ISSUE OF FISHING LINE REFUSE AND NOTED THAT A FLYER IS BEING DISTRIBUTED TO ADDRESS THE ONGOING ISSUE AND PROPOSED SOLUTIONS.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn at 6:54 P.M. to the next regular meeting, scheduled for November 19, 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.