



MEETING MINUTES
VENTURA COUNTY
PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION (PAC)
REGULAR MEETING

PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
800 South Victoria Avenue, L#5140
Ventura, California 93009-1030

Government Center
Hall of Administration, Atlantic Conference Room
800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA

July 21, 2025

4:00 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Proceedings called to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners: Carin Kally, Doug Nickles, Greg Barnes, Bruce Thomas, Harold Schneider

PAC Staff: Colter Chisum, Jeri Cooper, Chad Bowie

Kally introduced new commissioner, Doug Nickles. Nickles described his background and involvement with local government.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Kally presides as Chair. Minutes of the April 21, 2025, PAC meeting were approved by a motion made by Thomas, seconded by Barnes. All in favor.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **Ojai Valley Trail**

Working on final punch list. Positive feedback with elimination of center rail.

B. **Exploring RV Camping Expansion at Tapo Canyon**

Currently 16 spaces. Design to add approximately 21. Project may be delayed due to current single fire egress – secondary egress may be required.

C. **Park Month - July**

District 4 supported the proclamation this year. Possibility of video presentation next year.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **PAC Elections**

Elections for Chair and Vice-Chair are to be held annually in April per PAC bylaws. Elections were not held in April this year due to officer turnover. Thomas nominated Kally as Chair, second by Barnes. All in favor. Barnes nominated Thomas as Vice-Chair, second by Schneider. All in favor.

B. **Punta Gorda Lot RV Camping**

210 space parking lot on PCH currently minimally used. Proposed 48 RV sites and 30 day-use approved by CalTrans in delegated maintenance agreement. Target March 1, 2026, opening. Ordinance change required with Board Letter.

C. **Foster Park Reconstruction**

Final reconstruction design to be available within a few weeks.

D. **Saticoy Golf Course Clubhouse**

Funds originally committed to removing and reconstructing clubhouse for are no longer available. The current scope internally agreed upon is now a renovation of the current

clubhouse, adding food and beverages with a commercial kitchen, driving range improvements. Breaking ground approximately 18 months.

E. Strategy for FY 2026 Rate Setting

Presented in October, review of comparables and use trends and cost of business to come up with suggested rates. Peak/off peak for camping. Weekend/Week day for day use.

F. Ventura County Fair

Parks booth will be in the Agriculture Building. This year will be beach themed. July 30 – Aug 10. Rangers will be handing out give-aways on weekends.

7. STAFF COMMENTS

Cooper announced a new VC Parks website to be launched in the Fall.

9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Thomas asked about status of Oak Park redesign. Design planned to be shared with PAC at next meeting.

Thomas mentioned Oak Park sign is faded. Chisum explained that sign is property of CalTrans. Discussion will happen with Rancho Simi regarding new signage as redesign construction begins.

Nickles inquired about support materials for PAC meetings. Chisum suggested changing the seating arrangement for meetings to make use of computer screen for sharing of documents.

Nickles inquired about joint effort between VC Parks and other agencies, cities, districts, etc. regarding land use opportunities. Chisum explained discussions on an informal basis with CRPD, Rancho Simi, Pleasant Valley approximately twice per year regarding property acquisitions.

Nickles asked about ebikes and motorcycle opportunities and requests for them. Chisum explained that all of VC Parks have zoning for no off-highway vehicle use. He listed several BMX and similar opportunities within the county.

Kally mentioned RV's parking again on street near campground in Ojai area. Sheriff was called.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

Next meeting Monday, October 20, 2025