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Minutes For November 1, 2007

SOLANO COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

THURSDAY., NOVEMBER 1, 2007

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER - FIRST FLOOR HEARING ROOM,
675 TEXAS STREET FAIRFIELD, CALIFORNIA

Commission Members Present: Riddle, Alvarez, Hermsmeyer, & Leong

Commissioner Members Excused: Laevastu

Staff Present: Sykes, Tanner-Linné

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Hermsmeyer called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Tanner-Linne called roll. A quorum was confirmed.

2. Approval of Minutes for September 13, 2007 Meeting:

No changes made. Riddle moved to approve the minutes and Alvarez seconded. The minutes from the September meeting were approved unanimously.

3. Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda as is by Leong; second by Riddle. Agenda approved unanimously.

4. Chair Announcements and Commissioner Comments (Informational Only):

Hermsmeyer commented he was impressed with the level of detail and information on the Parks and Recreation v. Tanner-Linne's efforts on it.

Hermsmeyer asked Staff to bring an update for the January 2008 meeting on the Master Plans progress for Lake Solano and noted that he had a resource for donated lumber and construction items to respond to the "wish list" on the v. Tanner-Linne's efforts on it.

Alvarez asked what is happening to replace two commissioners, whose terms are expiring. He is concerned about that there is a lot of good work going on with staff, and commission and he wants to keep the momentum. Staff Sykes moved this item on to the Board of Supervisors and asked the Clerk of the Board and was told each month she updates the Board on which commissioner's terms were expiring. They would be in contact with the commissioners.

Riddle stated he had not been notified by the supervisor, and Laevastu was leaving the County. Staff Sykes said that the Board of Supervisors again of the need to fill these vacancies.

5. Parks and Recreation Division Staff Report

Staff Sykes: The 50th Anniversary Celebration for the Monticello Dam was held at Lake Solano Park on October 1, 2007. Agencies and cities that benefit from the water coming from Lake Berryessa, including the main organizers, Solano County, Solano Irrigation District and Bureau of Reclamation. There was live music, a slide show of dam history, horse-drawn carriage ride, and a slide show of dam history, horse-drawn carriage ride.

shuttle bus rides up to the Dam. There were 20 booths and 600-700 people attended

Lynch Canyon Open Space: There have been about 75-100 people per week attending Lynch Canyon since it open park's use is different from the other parks. The use is almost exclusively trail users, including hikers, mountain b There are special birdwatching events, nature walks and volunteer work days being scheduled regularly, and the Advisory Group is looking at organizing a 10K Run and Community Hike next summer. The Lynch Canyon Working to measure the success of the open space. The County Parks and Recreation Division is developing a Geocaching

The Rio Vista Bass Derby took place on October 13, 2007: Sandy Beach Park enjoyed a 50% increase in camping event. The Parks and Rec. Division has joined the Rio Vista Chamber of Commerce, and will have information reg: Rio Vista map. Also working on an ADA pathway and campsite improvement project there. At Belden's Landing, th helping us with some dock repairs there.

Leong asked a question regarding the attendance at Lynch Canyon Open Space. He said some of the people said would be closed. He had heard if the parking envelopes were not used or if people parked on the street and did n counted.

Staff Sykes stated the Board of Supervisors has passed a resolution supporting funding of Lynch Canyon Open Sp The way we determine the attendance is by way of the parking revenue received divided by \$5 parking fee. We a 2.5 persons per car, based on my previous experience with open spaces. However, if people are parking on McGa walking/biking in, we cannot count them this way.

Leong: if that is the case we should get the publicity out to the Sierra Club and the hiking groups. Staff Sykes sta there but not everyone wishes to have their name and information recorded. Leong also mentioned about having Lynch Canyon for fire danger. Flags could be flown so the public would know when a red flag day is happening an

Alvarez asked whether use is going to be measureable criteria to keep this park funded. We should take a more s determining the amount of users (turnstile gate or something similar was suggested). Make this a future agenda Having a sign that says sign up to be counted. If there is a problem situation with future funding the Land Trust a determine how to resolve it.

Hermesmeyer mentioned some of the more remote hiking trails in the Folsom area have motion activated cameras trails.

6. Recommendation for Commission Action: Approval of staff recommendation of Fish & Wildlife Propagation 2007/08 to be forwarded to the County Board of Supervisors.

Staff Sykes presented the recommended awards for five of the eight applicants, totaling \$15,790 (see top row of to be excused from voting on the Solano Resource Conservation District due to conflict of interest. Leong said he Suisun Marsh Natural History Association.

Alvarez and Leong commended staff on their work. The Commission stated they did not appreciate receiving a lat from the California Waterfowl Association and Alvarez stated there should be a cut-off date to receive documents

Alvarez asked why the Solano Resource Conservation District did not receive more of their requested amount. Dir Sykes explained that more money would provide more plants, but the application lacked some detail on the exper some concern the project may be too ambitious, especially given that the project is still relatively new (in its 2nd came up with the \$5,500 amount based on a cost estimate for 1 pond, with the thinking that if the project was sc more manageable, the project might be more successful.

Hermesmeyer stated the commission supports the Solano RCD project, and whether we give them more money or of success. We should provide instructions in the recipient's letter to indicate that our intent is to provide money f

Each of the commissioners stated their recommended changes to the staff proposal as shown in the table below. discussed and considered an award for each applicant separately. Following discussion of each applicant award, a

Commissioner Riddle abstained from the vote for Solano RCD; Commissioner Leong abstained from the vote for S awards were approved unanimously among those Commissioners present for voting, except for the California Water Delta Protection Commission, for which 3 Commissioners voted yes and Alvarez voted no.

The approved award amounts are shown on the bottom line of the table, and will be presented as the Commission awards for FY 2007/08 to the Board of Supervisors.

Commissioner	Solano Resource Conservation District	Arnold Ranch	Arnold Duck Club	Pacific Hunter Education	California Waterfowl Association	Suisun Resource Conservation District	Suisun Marsh Nat History Association
Staff Proposal	5,500	0	340	0	1,500	5,450	3,000
Alvarez	5,500	0	340	2,327	0	5,450	3,000
Riddle	Abstained/Left Room	0	340	0	1,000	5,450	3,000
Leong	6,500	0	340	0	1,000	5,450	Abstained/Left Room
Hermesmeyer	9,160	0	340	0	1,000	5,450	3,000
Commission Approved	\$6,500	\$0	\$340	\$0	\$1,000	\$5,450	\$3,000

7. Receive Report from Kinder Morgan Funds Committee and Discuss Commission Recommendation to Board of

Hermesmeyer recognized Commissioner Laevastu and the tremendous benefit of her involvement, along with Commissioner Leong and other individuals who served on the Kinder Morgan Funds ad hoc committee (Steve Chappell, Linda Fiack, and Jerry E. Leong). The committee is attached.

Staff Sykes provided a summary of the committee's recommended strategy to disburse \$1,025,087 collected by Solano County from the Kinder Morgan Settlement. This 2005 settlement addresses fines and mitigation funds that were paid to the County by Kinder Morgan after diesel fuel spilled into the Suisun Marsh from one of the company's pipelines in April 2004. This Commission began in July 2007, resulting in the formation of a 6-member ad hoc committee consisting of County Staff, two Commissioners, and the public. The committee was requested to research and recommend what types of projects should be eligible, the application evaluation criteria. The disbursement strategy calls for merit-based grants to be used to disburse the funds over a three-year period to applicants. The funds reside in two separate accounts, the "Countywide Fish and Wildlife Fund" and the "Suisun Marsh

Staff Sykes presented the Kinder Morgan Committee's recommendation that the Countywide Fish and Wildlife Fund be made available over the next three years in the Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund Grant Program, and disbursed during that cycle. During the first year of grants, only \$100,000 would be granted, and the remainder of the fund would be granted over the next two years. The specific guidelines that should guide the grant application process, evaluation of the applicants and disbursement are in the attached report from the Kinder Morgan ad hoc Committee.

In addition Staff Sykes presented the Kinder Morgan Committee's recommendation that the Suisun Marsh Specific Fur grant cycle offset by 6 months from the Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund Grant Program. During the first year of grant granted, and the remainder of the fund would be granted out during the next two years. It is recommended these funds only within the Suisun Marsh. The specific guidelines that should guide the grant application process, evaluation of the of these funds is shown in the attached report from the Kinder Morgan ad hoc Committee.

Upon approval by this Commission, County Staff will review the disbursement strategy with the County Administrator Counsel to finalize a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors, tentatively scheduled for late January. Staff will also be developing the specifics of the process for administering the grants.

Hermesmeyer stated this is a wonderful document and very proud of the committee. There was a tremendous effort and Hermesmeyer asked if there were any modification from the Commission? There was none.

Riddle made a motion to accept the proposal and Leong seconded the motion. After a vote the motion passes unanimously.

Chair Hermesmeyer dissolved the Kinder Morgan ad hoc Committee.

Hermesmeyer asked when would staff submit the proposal to the Board of Supervisors. Staff stated it would be after the like to keep this separate from the Fish & Wildlife Propagation Fund Grant awards.

8. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

9. The next regular meeting was confirmed for January 10, 2008 at 5:30 pm, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:32

Attachment:

Report of the Kinder Morgan Ad Hoc Committee, Consisting of:

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