

**TUOLUMNE RIVER REGIONAL PARK JPA COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING**

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 12:00 p.m.
Held via Teleconference

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Tuolumne River Regional Park Joint Powers Association Commission (TRRP JPA Commission), conducted via teleconference, was called to order at 12:08 p.m. by TRRP JPA Commission Chair, Mani Grewal.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

- Chair Mani Grewal
- Commissioner Nick Bavaro
- Commissioner Eric Alvarez

Absent:

- Vice Chair Chanche Condit

Staff:

City of Modesto:

- Nathan Houx, Julia Maniscalco, Laurie Smith, Joel Bueno, Stacey Pratt, Kacey Culbertson, Calogero Maniscalco, David Gomez, Scotty Douglass

Stanislaus County:

- Vinal Chand, Tera Chumley

Guests:

- Edgar Garibay, Chris Guptill

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: (Bavaro/Grewal) 3/0 approving the minutes of the August 10, 2022, meeting.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. TRRP Project Update

Nathan Houx provided an update on the attached TRRP Project list.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. American Legion Hall Update

Nathan Houx updated the Commission on the state of American Legion Hall and stated that demolition of the building began on January 3, 2023.

ACTION: (Bavaro/Alvarez) 3/0 accepting the update on the American Legion Hall operating expenses and approving that the building not be rebuilt.

- B. Changing TRRP Park Hours of Operation
Nathan Houx present the Commission with the new City Ordinance that allows the Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhoods the authority to set hours of operation for all parks. Staff are requesting that the hours of operation for TRRP be changed from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., to dawn to dusk.

ACTION: (Bavaro/Alvarez) 3/0 allowing the Director of Parks, Recreations and Neighborhoods to change the park hours of operation for the Tuolumne River Regional Park (TRRP) to dawn to dusk.

- C. TRRP Operating Budget - Mid-Year Adjustment
Nathan Houx presented the suggested mid-year adjustment to the TRRP operating budget. Items to note are the decreases to ISF for buildings services, utilities costs, and revenue to both picnic area rental, ballfield rentals and building/room rentals, due to the fire at American Legion Hall.

ACTION: (Bavaro/Alvarez) 3/0 approving a budget adjustment for the Tuolumne River Regional Park (TRRP) operating budget for fiscal year 2022-2023.

- D. TRRP Legion Park Area Temporary Vehicle Closure
Nathan Houx presented the update on the vehicle closure to TRRP Legion Park Area and TRRP A & B parking lots from November 28, 2022 until approximately March 31, 2023.

ACTION: (Alvarez/Bavaro) 3/0 accepting the update on the vehicular closure of TRRP Legion Park Area and TRRP A & B parking lots from November 28, 2022 until approximately March 31, 2023.

- E. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2023

ACTION: (Bavaro/Grewal) 3/0 appointing Commissioner Alvarez as the Chair of the TRRP JPA Commission for 2023.

ACTION: (Grewal/Bavaro) 3/0 appointing Commissioner Condit as the Vice Chair of the TRRP JPA Commission for 2023.

VII. REPORTS & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Tuolumne River Trust Report
Edgar Garibay reported on Trust's work with community partners on the park focused youth committee. He also informed the Commission on RecFest, which will be happening from 10:00am to 3:00pm on March 18th.
- B. 9-2-99 Clean-Ups Update
Chris Guptill reported that the group completed their 87th clean up last year. The clean ups are posted due to the rain, but the next scheduled clean up will be on February 11th, where they will continue their focus on the south side of the river.
- C. Hispanic Youth Leadership Update
With the issues of funding being resolved, the group had a successful clean up in October 2022. CAC Member Jimenez is working with the group.

D. Dry Creek / River Trails Update

With the recent rains, there hasn't been any catastrophic losses at this time, but many trails are underwater.

VIII. MATTERS TOO LATE FOR THE AGENDA

None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at 12:00p.m.



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A. TRRP Project Updates – January 2023

1. **Airport Tree Trimming Update** – Years 1-4 are completed. Year 5 will start in October 2023.
2. **Legion Hall Demolition** – Due to the fire at American Legion Hall the American Legion Hall started demolition on January 3, 2023.
3. **TRRP River Pavilion and Learning Theater** – Project is in design. Construction documents are 70% complete. We are starting the environmental document process and permitting process. Target construction start is summer 2023.
4. **TRRP Riverwalk – Gateway to Legion** – Working obtaining property from Gallo, anticipated in early 2023. Design will begin winter 2022/23. Construction funding is needed. Target construction start is summer 2025.
5. **TRRP River Overlook** – Project is in design & permitting. Received 100% construction documents. Target construction start is summer 2023.
6. **TRRP Riverwalk – Gateway to Neece** – Design will begin February 2023. Grant funded construction. Target construction start summer 2024.
7. **TRRP Neece Drive Boat Launch** – Project is in design. Construction documents are 100% complete. All permit applications are submitted and 1 is still pending. Target construction start is summer 2023.
8. **Carpenter Road Area (Bellenita) Soccer Fields** – Project is currently being prepared for a February bid opening. Target construction start is spring 2023.
9. **TRRP Master Plan Update** – Design contract approved Sept 27. Design has begun and is anticipated to be completed in early 2024.
10. **Carpenter Road Habitat Restoration-** In coordination with the Tuolumne River Trust, The TRRP Carpenter Road project will increase salmonid rearing habitat around river mile 13. Project is currently on hold due to some issues related to the landfill closure. Target construction start for this project is summer 2024.
11. **TRRP Legion Park Area Disc Golf Course** – In coordination with the Modesto Area Disc Golf Club this project is proposed to develop a 9-hole beginners' course and an 18-hole advanced course in the TRRP Legion Park Area. We are currently working on finalizing an MOU with the organization. Target construction start is summer 2023.
12. **Security Cameras at TRRP** – This project is funded by City of Modesto ARPA funds. We have begun discussions with MPD about camera locations. Target construction start is spring 2023.
13. **Vegetation Management at TRRP** – This project is funded by City of Modesto ARPA Funds. Contractor has completed vegetation management in the Legion Park Area of TRRP. COMPLETE

14. **Legion Hall Parking Lot and Landscape Improvements** – This project is funded by City of Modesto ARPA funds. We will be re-evaluating this project and returning at a future meeting with potential alternate recommendations.
15. **Pending Grant Applications** – No currently pending grant applications.