



## **Prairie City Improvement Group (PCIG) Meeting**

**Tuesday, March 11, 2025**

**6 p.m. to 7 p.m. In Person and Online Through Teams**

### **Summary**

The purpose of this quarterly public meeting is to engage and solicit feedback with users and stakeholders on current and future park projects and developments.

Introduction by Peter Jones, Sector Manager

#### **Staff Updates**

- All Visitor Services Park Aide positions have been filled, and the Entrance Kiosk is fully staffed. You will see some new faces when entering the park. The Maintenance Aide position will soon be re-advertising, and the Park Maintenance Supervisor position remains vacant. We are awaiting Department approval to advertise and fill this vital role.
- Regular planning meetings are now scheduled for the 2025 Hangtown MX Classic which will increase in frequency as we draw nearer to the event dates.

#### **Prairie City SVRA Cooperating Association Opportunity**

- We are interested in building a cooperating association for PCSVRA similar to the Hollister Hills Off-Road Association (HHORA). Their Board of Directors is made up of volunteers that support and implement activities and events for the Association. In addition, they support the educational and interpretive activities within Hollister Hills SVRA and in a wider variety of ways ranging from sponsoring special projects and staff training, to holding special events for club members. HHORA offers free MSF (motorcycle) training for ages seven (7) and above.
- This group would help to support PCSVRA park outreach events as well the opportunity to host their own events in the park. This group would assist in building a sense of community at the park and provide increased services to our visitors. Email [Prairie.City@parks.ca.gov](mailto:Prairie.City@parks.ca.gov) with ideas and/or interest.

Environmental Scientists; McKenzie Boring and Taylor Espenshade

#### **Road and Trail Management Plan (RTMP) Updates**

- Finalized in January, and we have begun internal meetings to discuss implementing projects and recommendations from the plan.
- Priority projects include those that are “ready to go” with required permits, trail design, etc., offer new opportunities or open new areas to visitors, are attainable with current staff/equipment/budget, or are safety related. These include:
- Yost “Pit” Track which will include a ~1-mile ROV-only track. Work can be done in-house and can begin as early as this summer.
- Zone 3 Trail Project that cuts in a sustainably designed ATV/MX- only trail within the 2.6-acre footprint of the 2023 revegetation project. Work begins this spring.

- Coyote Gulch Major Capital Outlay Project in the easternmost portion of Zone 3 will include a mix of ATV and single-track trails. Should go out to bid early spring and construction to begin early summer.

### **Natural Resource Program Updates**

- 2024 Wildlife Habitat Protection Plan (WHPP) annual report on track with goals and submission to OHMVR Division.
- Wildfire Management Plan design wrapping up and will soon go through internal review
- Spring survey to include bird point counts & acoustics, bat acoustics, mammal camera monitoring, invasive plants, pre/post prescribed burn reviews

Outreach and Education, State Park Interpreter I, Joleen Ossello

### **Special Event Programming Report & Upcoming Events**

- Off site venues to assist OHMVR Division Interpretation Team included King of the Hammers at Johnson Valley BLM Area and International Sportsmen’s Expo in Sacramento.
- On site event Headlight Festival was canceled due to inclement weather in December. Hosted an interactive outreach booth at the Prairie City Grand Prix.
- Public vernal pool tour dates are March 8 & 22, April 5 & 19 co-led with Friends of Lakes Folsom & Natomas, [sign up here](#).
- OHV Safety Trainings are in high demand across county, state and federal agencies, eleven classes provided by Parks staff since the first of the year.

Facility Maintenance, Park Maintenance Worker II, Ryan Boeck

### **Projects Update**

- Dust-off scheduled for May 13.
- Northern Communications new break area is near completion.
- Quarter Midget Track Shed has new siding and paint.
- Environmental Training Center trail system bladed with the assistance of the Gold Fields District Trails Crew. Ongoing staff workdays to maintain upkeep on landscape and irrigation.
- OHV Safety Training Fleet updated with a 2024 Polaris General.

Visitor Services, OOC Supervising State Park Peace Officer, Jamin Lai

- Continuing with out of class supervising ranger role while Ranger Guzman transitions to full retirement.
- summer season, to be determined how visitation will pan out. With no more red sticker season there is the potential for increased visitation during historically slower months.
- Park hours. Reminder that the park is not a “sunrise to sunset” open and close, but hourly which is posted at the entrance, kiosk and main staging (including 4x4 and intermediate track)
- will you see PC rangers working at Folsom Lake in busy summer months? Off site Ranger coverage at Ocotillo Wells SVRA for staff, also assisted at ISE for peace officer recruitment.

Meeting minutes are available by email request to [prairie.city@parks.ca.gov](mailto:prairie.city@parks.ca.gov).

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