



Prairie City Improvement Group (PCIG) Meeting

Tuesday, June 10, 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

- We conducted Maintenance Aide interviews last week to fill 2 vacancies and hope to make contingent job offers by next week. The Park Maintenance Supervisor position remains vacant. The position has been submitted and we are waiting on Department approval for it to be advertised. We hope to fill this critical position ASAP.

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: the Pit ROV track and Zone 3 Revegetation Project trail cut-in.
- Coyote Gulch Major Capital Outlay Project - Started the bidding process and construction to begin next spring.

Natural Resource Program Updates

- Joint CalFire and Parks Prescribed Burn within the vernal pool areas of the park set for June 18th/19th. Scott Rd will be closed during burning operations with signage posted a head of time. A press release will be going out Monday from CalFire. Updates can be found on CalFire Amador-El Dorado Unit (AEU) and Prairie City SVRA social media and websites.

Facility Maintenance, Park Maintenance Worker II, Ryan Boeck

Projects Update

- Dust-off Completed on May 13th, please tread lightly on these areas.
- Road Base has been added where needed and Cat Box Sand has been replaced.

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

- Hangtown was very busy, but we don't have attendance numbers yet.
- We are currently down a ranger, but day attendance is expected to be lower as it gets warmer. This will be the first summer with the red sticker policy no longer in place which may impact attendance.

- Rangers now have body cameras and will soon be installing vehicle cameras to be more transparent when making contacts.

Questions and Comments

1. Amy Granat (CORVA/CORF) asked for clarification on the Coyote Gulch construction process.
 - Since Coyote Gulch is a Major Capital Outlay project, it is managed by the Northern Service Center (NSC) of State Parks. There was a job walk on 6/2 and at least 30 contractors attended. We're still figuring out details of the construction bid package with NSC such as water source availability and possible access for day use and special events. Talking with the NSC construction manager, completing construction in a phased approach to leave access to the public may be cost prohibitive. We have until mid-July to finalize details then the contractors will submit their bids.
2. Ole Stortroen asked about an update on the solar farm (Coyote Creek Agrivoltaic Ranch Project).
 - The public comment period has ended and now Sac County will be responding to comments and making any necessary updates to the EIR. We think this process will take the summer.
3. Rose Winn (Cal4Wheel) appreciated the effort Parks put in to completing the RTMP process and asked what engagement staff had with the solar project development. Water availability and possible dust generated by the park were of particular interest.
 - Park and Goldfields District staff participated in project development on portions of the project within the park including the Gen-tie line, kart track impacts, and SMUD switchyard. However, the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) had components that we had never discussed. We provided a comment letter and have since worked with the project design team to address our concerns. The project team has never brought up that possible dust generated from the park might be an issue. Before the project drills new wells for construction or washing of solar panels once the project is completed, they must analyze whether they will be impacting production of our well.
4. Ole asked about what OHMVR Division is doing about one wheels and things like electric unicycles. Ole noted that the GP Track at HHSVRA was closed for a one-wheel event which isn't OHV or an appropriate use of an OHV facility.
 - We haven't heard anything specific from OHMVRD on direction other than e-bikes.
 - The only one-wheel event here was proposed on the kart track which is concessionaire run. Ultimately this did not happen due to the overall cost of renting the facility.
 - PCSVRA has not been approached for a one-wheel event within the OHV areas of the SVRA.

Respectfully Submitted by Park Staff on 6/20/25

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