



Prairie City Improvement Group (PCIG) Meeting Summary

Wednesday, July 15, 2026 - 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. In Person and Online Through Teams

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

Introduction and Park Updates by Peter Jones, Sector Manager

- Welcome and Staff Updates
 - Prairie City SVRA has hired a new State Park Equipment Operator, Park Maintenance Worker II, and a Park and Recreation Specialist who will serve as the special event coordinator as well as sector planner. We have also hired a Senior Park Aide who is working with State Park Interpreter Joleen Ossello on interpretation, education, and outreach.
 - We have a vacant Office Technician position as well as three seasonal Maintenance Aide positions which we will be advertising soon.
 - We have a Ranger vacancy which will be advertised and filled in the fall.
 - All other positions are currently filled.
- Coyote Creek Agrivoltaic Ranch Solar Project Update
 - There are no new updates to report.

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

- 4th Ranger anticipated in October. PC would be fully staffed with law enforcement to provide the best public safety.
- DMV issued tan sticker. Will be for 2022 and up non compliant vehicles. More to come, they are being issued now. DMV is required to provide identification and title. This would make the OHMVR "sanctioned event permit" redundant and not needed.
- E Moto/E Bike. Where to operate, what is required etc.
E Bikes are only allowed to operate within PC on public accessible roads and areas. They are not allowed on trail system and do not require helmets unless under the age of 16. Reminder that if an E Bike is over 750 watts, it is no longer classified as a bike regardless of pedals.
E Motos are intended for off road areas only. They also require DMV OHV ID stickers. They are classified as a motorcycle and only allowed in park areas that traditional MX dirt bikes are. As with current CA vehicle code, it is not illegal to operate one without a helmet or carry passengers.

Facility Maintenance Updates, Park Maintenance Supervisor, Ryan Boeck

- AQMA
 - speedway cafe floor resurfaced with epoxy, reinstalled cabinets and countertops, electrical outlets to be added for fire code compliance.
 - Wood retaining walls to be replaced with concrete.
- ATV and motorcycle tracks maintenance continues to add rice hulls weekly.
- 4x4 scoring tower siding to be replaced
- Vehicles/equipment two vehicles have been replaced

RTMP and Natural Resource Updates, Environmental Scientists, McKenzie Boring and Taylor Espenshade

- Prescribed burn
 - ~45 acres were burned in May in the eastern Vernal Pool Management Unit in efforts to control invasive plants that negatively impact the sensitive habitat. CA State Parks had the help of CalFIRE, Sac Metro, and FAST. The prescribed burn program will continue next year.
- RTMP Implementation Projects:
 - Coyote Gulch Erosion Control Project - in progress. We plan to have a workshop at either the next PCIG meeting or Jan 2027 on trail design for this area.
 - MX Track Expansion - will start when we have an approved budget.
 - Pit ROV Track - in progress with soft opening expected end of fall.

Outreach and Education, State Park Sr. Park Aid, Kyle Tibor

- Programming and Park Events
 - Come join a guided bird walk on Sept 10
 - Visitor Appreciation Day is Oct 9 -11
 - Our next PCIG meeting will be in October.
 - For more events, check out the event calendar on the website.

Questions and Comments

- Online comment: "Maintenance has been doing great adding sand and rice hulls to MX track and maintaining the track."
- In person attendee commented that prescribed fire and strategic closing of Zones/areas be used for passive restoration/revegetation.
- Online Question: "When should we expect to see the dirt import commence for the MX Track expansion?"
 - Response: We're working on getting quotes now, but we can't spend until we get an approved budget for the new fiscal year.
- There were multiple comments online and in-person on how the MX practice track should be maintained for safety or enjoyment. Some viewpoints differed. Peter suggested that we have a 'test and tune' day when the track expansion is nearly complete to give riders a chance to ride and provide input before it's complete.

Respectfully Submitted by Park Staff on 7/31/26