

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MICKE GROVE REGIONAL PARK MEMORIAL BUILDING
11793 NORTH MICKE GROVE ROAD, LODI CALIFORNIA
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the San Joaquin County Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Clark at 5:30 PM.

Commissioners Present: *Germaine Clark, Snow Dake, Mary Fuhs and Robert Mooney*
Absent: *Upkar Randhawa and William Fry*

Ex-Officio and Staff Present: *Ashika Lal, Avanti Mallapur and Daniel Ramirez*

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

April 28, 2026 Agenda

(Fuhs/Mooney) Passed

Ayes: Germaine Clark, Snow Dake, Mary Fuhs and Robert Mooney

Noes: None

Absent: Upkar Randhawa and William Fry

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 24, 2026 Minutes

(Mooney/Dake) Passed

Ayes: Germaine Clark, Snow Dake, Mary Fuhs and Robert Mooney

Noes: None

Absent: Upkar Randhawa and William Fry

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

V. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

A. Parks and Recreation Master Plan Process Update

i. Stakeholder Meetings Completed

ii. Public Outreach Initiated – Survey Open April 24 – May 31

Parks Administrator, Ashika Lal provided an update on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan process.

B. Landscape & Maintenance Contract Awarded – Start Date April 27, 2026

Parks Administrator, Ashika Lal, provided an update on the status of the Contract Award and start date.

C. Park and Facility User Survey – Summary Results

Parks Administrator, Ashika Lal, provided a summary of results from the survey.

VI. ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

None

VII. STAFF REPORTS

A. Parks Report

Parks Administrator Ashika Lal provided a presentation. Commissioner Fuhs asked questions regarding a recent newspaper article. Chair Clark asked questions regarding the paddleboat program at Shumway Oak Grove Regional Park. Staff responded to questions from the Commission.

B. Zoo Report

Zoo Curator, Avanti Mallapur, gave a presentation.

VIII. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Chair Clark commented that she attended the Micke Grove Easter Egg Hunt and later utilized display boards provided by AIM at an Earth Day event in Tracy, where she observed significant public engagement. Chair Clark stated that the primary feedback received from attendees was a desire for additional shade at parks. Chair Clark also noted an upcoming cleanup day scheduled at Larch Clover Park.

Commissioner Mooney asked questions regarding park maintenance follow-up and auditing efforts. Staff responded.

Commissioner Dake complimented staff on cleanup efforts at Woodbridge Wilderness Area prior to the Love Lodi event despite storm impacts earlier that week. Commissioner Dake stated the site looked great and noted that members of the public expressed interest in having the park open more frequently.

Commissioner Fuhs also commented on the Woodbridge Wilderness Area cleanup efforts for the Love Lodi event and noted that volunteers were able to complete cleanup of both trails at the site.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m. The next regular meeting of the San Joaquin County Parks and Recreation Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Memorial Building at Micke Grove Regional Park, 11793 North Micke Grove Road, Lodi, California 95240.