



AGENDA

ORANGE COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2026, 6:00 p.m.



IRVINE RANCH HISTORIC PARK

OC Parks Headquarters

13042 Old Myford Road

Irvine, CA 92602

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The Orange County Parks Commission welcomes you to this meeting. This agenda contains a brief general description of each item to be considered. The Commission shall not hold a meeting unless the number of members participating constitutes a quorum of the Commission. The Commission encourages your participation and welcomes public comments on items under the purview of the Commission. If you wish to speak on a matter that does not appear on the agenda, you may do so during the Public Participation period at the beginning of the meeting. Except as otherwise provided by law, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda. When addressing the Commission, please state your name for the record prior to providing your comments. Speakers may be limited to three (3) minutes. Public speaker request forms will be available onsite.

The OC Parks Commission meeting will be an in-person meeting held at the Mess Hall at OC Parks' Headquarters (13042 Old Myford Road, Irvine, CA 92602).

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OC COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Orange County Parks Commission Duties and Responsibilities

(O.C. Codified Ordinances Sec. 2-2-19: Paraphrased)

Except as otherwise provided, the Orange County Parks Commission shall be advisory to the Board of Supervisors and to the Director of OC Parks, and shall have the power and duty:

1. To recommend to the Board of Supervisors plans and policies for the acquisition, development, maintenance and operation of the harbors, beaches and regional parks of the County;
2. On request of the Board of Supervisors, to advise the Board and make recommendations on any matter pertaining to harbors, beaches and regional parks, and any other matters referred by the Board;
3. On request of the Director, to advise on any question of administrative policy and regarding any matter to be decided by the Director under this division;
4. On appeal from an administrative decision by the Director, to act as a board of administrative review;
5. To make such investigations as it may deem necessary in the exercise of its powers;
6. To perform the duties and functions of the County Fish and Game Commission assigned by either statute or this code, and consider methods for the propagation and protection of fish and game in the State of California and County of Orange. The Commission shall be advisory body to the Board of Supervisors.

OC Parks Commission Regular Meeting Schedule: First Thursday, Monthly, 6:00 p.m.

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I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

At this time, members of the public may address the Commission on items of public interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission and are not contained in tonight's agenda.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A-B)

The following item(s) on the consent calendar will be approved by one motion unless a Commissioner requests to pull a specific item.

A. APPROVE COMMISSION MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST 6, 2026 MEETING

B. APPROVE COMMISSION MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2026 FIELD TRIP

V. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A–B)

A. OC PARKS TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER APPOINTMENT

The OC Parks Trails Subcommittee (Subcommittee) has one member whose term of membership will shortly expire and has reached her term limit. A new person will need to be appointed as a Subcommittee member to fill this vacancy. Staff therefore propose the appointment of Mr. David Wilson to serve a two-year term on the Subcommittee.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Appoint David Wilson to serve as a member of the OC Parks Trails Subcommittee for a two-year term, expiring on September 30, 2028.

B. FALL AND WINTER EVENTS PREVIEW PRESENTATION

Staff will present a preview of upcoming OC Parks fall and winter events.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file.

VI. OC PARKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT (ITEM(S) A–B)

A. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

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B. UPCOMING OC PARKS EVENTS

Starr Party – Saturday, October 10, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

- Embark on a journey through the stars at our Starr Party! For more than 25 years, Caspers Wilderness Park has been a hub for stargazing, earning California's first "Star Park" designation in 2013.
- Join us outdoors for the Starr Party, where telescopes and expert guidance will help you explore the night sky until approximately 9:30 p.m. The program features interactive activities, perfect for families and space enthusiasts of all ages. Equipment will be provided but feel free to bring binoculars, telescopes or cameras.
- Minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. All activities will take place at the nature center.

Escape the Oaks! – Friday, October 30, 4:30 – 9:30 p.m.

- For the past month, sightings of a large, hairy creature lurking in Santiago Oaks have sparked rumors of the legendary Bigfoot and now, lead investigating ranger Bryan Link has gone missing!
- Join OC Parks on an adventure through Santiago Oaks after dark for a new escape room style program! Participants will help track down our missing ranger and uncover the true culprit behind these mysterious sightings.
- This program is designed for teens to adults, but all are welcome. Minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian during the program.
- Advance registration is required via email. Minimum of three participants, maximum of six participants per one-hour time slot. Time slots are available from 4:30 - 8:30 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis.

Run Wild 5K – Saturday, November 7, 7:15 – 11:00 a.m.

- On Saturday, November 7, Irvine Regional Park will host Orange County Parks Foundation's Run Wild 5K.
- The race route will be within the park paths and trails around the OC Zoo.
- A 1K running/walking route will also be offered for children, making the event fun for people of all ages.
- Opening ceremony begins at 7:15 a.m. with the event concluding at 11 a.m.

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VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORT

At this time Commissioners may comment on agenda or non-agenda matters, provided that no action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT