

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 — 3:00 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Chair Fegraus and Members Conners (arrived during Item IV.C), Clark, Osborne, and Felder were present. Vice Chair McCary and Members Lee, Orgill, Jones, Foley, and Norton were absent.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Jim Foley, Orange County Mountain Biking Facebook Group, shared information his group and their volunteer activities at Crystal Cove State Park.

This item was reopened after Item IV to hear the following public comment.

Gayle Waite, Laguna Canyon Conservancy President, shared the Laguna Canyon Conservancy's approval of appointing Penelope Milne as the second alternate for the Authority's Environmental Groups/CANDO seat. She also noted that Laguna Canyon Conservancy is sponsoring a Laguna Beach City Council Candidate Forum on September 28th.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A)

The following item on the consent calendar will be approved by one motion unless an Authority Member requests to pull a specific item.

A. APPROVE AUTHORITY MINUTES FOR THE JULY 8, 2026 MEETING.

Motion: Member Felder

2nd: Member Osborne

Unanimous vote to approve the minutes for the July 8, 2026 Meeting.

IV. AUTHORITY MEMBERS AND PARTNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES (ITEM(S) A–H)

A. LAGUNA CANYON FOUNDATION (LCF) UPDATE

Scott Thomas, LCF Executive Director, shared the following: currently hiring field educator for the new school year; starting with 3rd grade students; partnering with the Coast Film Festival to take school groups seeing the films on a short field trip into the park land; there is field work at Car Wreck trail on 10/10, Corporate Sponsor Revelyst work day on Meadows Trail on 11/2, and Lenny Vincent with Spider Talk at the Susi Q on 10/19; field Ambassador program at Alta Laguna Park coming to an end; restoration of Old Emerald Trail with major drainage correction; Laguna Beach City Council appointed LCF to prepare a report on enrolling the city's open space lands in the NROC; working on two restoration projects: 3-acre

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Coastal Cactus Wren Connectivity (Coastal cactus scrub restoration) with Crystal Cove State Park and Crystal Cove Conservancy, and the 5-acre Pacific Pocket Mouse project at Water Tank Trail; Wildlife Conservation Board grant pending for the 71-acre Parcel 5 habitat restoration project, need the County Supervisors support letter (Member Osborne will share with 5th District Supervisor Foley); LCF has a MOU with Laguna College of Art & Design for continuing the wildlife camera study adjacent to the construction site and engaging Laguna College of Art and Design in stewardship events.

Member Felder asked about Southern California Edison's responsibility to repair the damage done in the Top of the World area. LCF will check with the city.

B. LAGUNA BEACH OPEN SPACE UPDATE

Representative not available to provide an update at this time.

C. NATURAL COMMUNITIES COALITION (NCC) UPDATE

Darin Loughrey, NCC Outreach and Engagement Coordinator, shared the following: review of the NROC Purpose Statement and NROC 30th Celebration event; working with LCF and others on the first-year study on Trail Monitoring at Crystal Cove State Park, Laguna Coast Wilderness Park and Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park. The study includes Trail Use and Visitation, Unauthorized Trail Assessments, Surveys of Vegetation, Gnatcatcher and other Endangered Species and Habitats for Threatened Species like bees, Trail Conditions, Qualitative Survey by talking to visitors.

Member Osborne asked about unauthorized trails and how they have increased over the years.

D. IRVINE OPEN SPACE PRESERVE UPDATE

Representative not available to provide an update at this time.

E. NEWPORT BEACH OPEN SPACE UPDATE

Representative not available to provide an update at this time.

F. ALISO VIEJO OPEN SPACE UPDATE

Representative not available to provide an update at this time.

G. LAGUNA NIGUEL OPEN SPACE UPDATE

Representative not available to provide an update at this time.

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H. CRYSTAL COVE CONSERVANCY UPDATE

Representative not available to provide an update at this time.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and File Agenda Items IV.A–H.

Motion: Member Conners

2nd: Member Osborne

Unanimous vote to receive and file Agenda Items IV.A–H.

V. OC PARKS STAFF UPDATES (ITEM(S) A–B)

A. PARK OPERATIONS — ALL DEPARTMENTS UPDATE

Ev Mena, OC Parks Parks Division Manager, shared the following: sad to report that an OC Parks staff member passed in a vehicle accident at O'Neill Regional Park; recent fire at Caspers Wilderness Park, 222 acres, no structures, park is temporarily closed; halfway through Park Ranger Academy with the original 12 attendees OC Parks staff still reviewing the LCWP Historical Update; change of web and email addresses for OC Park from ocparks.com to parks.oc.gov.

There was a question regarding Nestall/Alpine area for illegal access into Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park.

B. LAGUNA COAST WILDERNESS PARK (LCWP) AND ALISO AND WOOD CANYONS WILDERNESS PARK (AWCWP) SPOTLIGHT

1. AWCWP Update

Nikki Chambers, Supervising Park Ranger I, shared the following: construction of watershed interpretive exhibit project; no new encampments as of 7/18; scheduled creek clean-up with the local Latter Day Saints Church; OCFA and LCF working on fuel modification documentation.

2. LCWP Update

Brad Barker, OC Parks Supervising Ranger II, shared the following:

- *Fuel Mod at Nix Nature Center: Starting Wednesday, September 16th, a contractor will be thinning out vegetation around the Nix Nature Center buildings to reduce fire risk.*
- *Storm Prep: With strong El Niño conditions predicted, preparing in case we have heavy rains this fall and winter. Cleaning out v-ditches and purchasing extra geologs which will be used to divert water where needed.*

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- *Educational and Stewardship: Programs led by our Resource Specialist, Shelbi Richardson (Shelbi and the LCF staff work together closely to coordinate education and stewardship programs):*
 - *For the first seven months of 2026 (January 1st – July 31st), Shelbi led 53 programs at LCWP. Of those, 42 were public programs that had an attendance of over 500. The other 11 programs were for private events, such as Fullerton College students and the Huntington Beach Senior Center. (Also, programs were cancelled due to adverse weather.)*
 - *Shelbi's monthly programs always include: Little Explorers (ages 3-7), Junior Rangers (ages 7-12), Nature Creativity (ages 12 and up), Keep it Wild, and Keep it Wild at the Nursery.*
 - *Every other month, Shelbi adds a Little Explorers Hike and an Adaptation Spotlight.*
 - *In Spring: adds a couple of wildflower hiking programs.*
 - *Stanbridge University: every two week to do volunteer restoration at Nix Nature Center.*
 - *Volunteer training: Shelbi and LCF's Emma van der Veen collaborate.*
 - *Outside LCWP: In addition to the 53 programs, Shelbi has led at LCWP, she has led programs at Mason Regional Park, and assisted at programs at other parks.*
 - *Parks with Purpose program: for Title I schools at other parks – Shelbi helps with that (goal: what's the benefit of parks). Helps with approximately 8 of these per year.*
 - *General info: Week of Sept. 13 – Sept. 26: between Shelbi & volunteer-led programs, we'll have 6 programs. Shelbi will lead: Little Explorers ("amphibians & reptiles"), Jr. Rangers ("wildlife corridors"), Keep it Wild-Native Plant Nursery at Willow; LCF volunteers will lead: Fitness Hike, Explorers Hike, Nature Meditation.*
 - *Note additional information about these activities at the Nix Nature Center.*

Member Conners shared her granddaughter's positive experience at the Nix Nature Center. She also shared how her city of Laguna Woods is working with CALFIRE.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and File Agenda Items V.A–B.

Motion: Member Osborne

2nd: Member Conners

Unanimous vote to receive and file Agenda Items V.A–B.

VI. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A–F)

A. IRVINE-LAGUNA WILDLIFE CORRIDOR UPDATE

Laguna Greenbelt Inc. representatives will present information they recently shared with the California Wildlife Conservation Board.

Norm Grossman, Laguna Greenbelt Inc. President, shared a PowerPoint presentation of the history and current status of the Irvine – Laguna Wildlife Corridor Project.

Chair Fegraus noted that the Authority is willing to write grant support letters.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file and continue the item.

Motion: Member Conners

2nd: Member Osborne

Unanimous vote to receive and file and continue the item.

B. LETTERS TO CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH AND LAGUNA BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING UNAUTHORIZED TRAILS AT NESTALL ROAD AND ALPINE WAY

The Authority will consider the need to issue letters to the City of Laguna Beach and Laguna Beach Unified School District regarding unauthorized trail entrances at Nestall Road and Alpine Way.

Jim Foley, Orange County Mountain Biking Facebook Group, expressed opposition to hard closure of trails but amenable to work out agreements regarding use.

After discussion it was agreed that Authority to prepare a letter of concern about illegal access through private property to access Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Authorize the Chair to prepare and issue a letter to the City of Laguna Beach regarding the unauthorized trail at Nestall Road.
2. Authorize the Chair to prepare and issue a letter to the Laguna Beach Unified School District regarding the unauthorized trail at Alpine Way.

Motion: Member Felder

2nd: Member Osborne

Unanimous vote to prepare the letters at the appropriate time, receive and file and continue the item.

C. LAGUNA CANYON ROAD WIDENING AND SAFETY PROJECT LETTER

Authority will discuss the potential need to issue a letter to Caltrans regarding final items that need to be addressed to finalize Caltrans' Laguna Canyon Road Widening and Safety Project

No representative from Caltrans was available to provide an update on this item but OC Parks staff provided some information about current status.

Concern by Authority members about the reasoning for the remaining fencing.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Authorize the Chair to prepare and issue a letter to Caltrans regarding items left to finalize the Laguna Canyon Road Widening and Safety Project.

Motion: Member Conners

2nd: Member Osborne

Unanimous vote to authorize the Chair to prepare and issue a letter to CALTRANS regarding items left to finalize the Laguna Canyon Road Widening and Safety Project.

D. CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION REGARDING IRVINE BOWL DECIBEL OUTPUT ADJUSTMENTS

The City of Laguna Beach is considering an item regarding a potential regulation of the Irvine Bowl's decibel output at concerts and events outside of the festival period. If available, the Authority will receive any new information and the potential impacts to LCWP.

No representative from the City of Laguna Beach was present to give an update.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file.

Motion: Chair Fegraus

2nd: Member Conners

Unanimous vote to receive and file and continue the item.

E. CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH OPEN SPACE ENROLLMENT IN NATURE RESERVE OF ORANGE COUNTY UPDATE

City of Laguna Beach staff, if available, will provide an update on the enrollment status of its open space lands not managed by OC Parks in the Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan.

Chair Fegraus shared that the City of Laguna Beach authorized Laguna Canyon Foundation to prepare a report summarizing the pros and cons of enrolling the City of Laguna Beach's open space lands in the Nature Reserve of Orange County. The City of Laguna Beach will review the report tentatively at their December 8, 2026 meeting.

Jim Foley, Orange County Mountain Biking Facebook Group, expressed concern about what opportunities would be lost if the open space is enrolled.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file and continue the item.

Motion: Chair Fegraus

2nd: Member Conners

Unanimous vote to continue to support the enrollment and receive and file and continue the item.

F. REVIEW OF THE 1998 LCWP GENERAL DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANS

Authority Members reviewing the LCWP General Development and Resource Management Plans will present the schedule for completing an update for the Nix Nature Center and the final document of the References.

Discussion about the presentation of this historical documents and format for the Reference documents. The Authority team has not started on the Interpretative Exhibits update. It was noted that Authority members could tour the exhibits and hear about ideas for updating at the November meeting which will be held at the Nix Nature Center.

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Receive and file and continue the item.

Motion: Member Conners

2nd: Member Felder

Unanimous vote to receive and file and continue the item.

VII. AUTHORITY COMMENTS AND REPORT

At this time Authority Members may comment on agenda or non-agenda matters, provided that no action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law. Members may also suggest items for the November 4, 2026 meeting agenda.

Review of meeting sites available for the November 2026 and January 2027 meetings.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT TO NOVEMBER 4, 2026 MEETING 4:47 p.m.

Motion: Member Felder

2nd: Member Osborne

Unanimous vote to adjourn to the November 4, 2026 Meeting at the Nix Nature Center.

COASTAL GREENBELT AUTHORITY

STAFF REPORT

FROM: Ev Mena, Executive Officer

DATE: November 4, 2026

SUBJECT: Coastal Greenbelt Authority's Proposed 2027 Meeting Schedule

A proposed schedule of 2027 meeting dates is provided below for the Authority's review. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every other month at the City of Laguna Woods Council Chambers at 3:00 p.m., but confirmed meeting locations and field trips will be noted on the agenda prior to the meeting.

Wednesday, January 13, 2027

Wednesday, March 10, 2027

Wednesday, May 12, 2027

Wednesday, July 14, 2027

Wednesday, September 8, 2027

Wednesday, November 10, 2027

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve the Coastal Greenbelt Authority's 2027 Meeting Schedule.


Ev Mena