AGENDA

ORANGE COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

IRVINE RANCH HISTORIC PARK
OC Parks Headquarters
13042 Old Myford Road
Irvine, CA 92602

JOHN WARREN
Chair
Fourth District

HALLIE JONES
Vice Chair
Fifth District

DAVID HANSON
Third District

TED BUI
First District

DAVID SHAWVER
Inland Cities

RAY DIAZ
Second District

JOHN GABBARD
Coastal Cities

Executive Officer
Pam Passow

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).

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, those requiring accommodations for this meeting should notify OC Parks 72 hours prior to the meeting at admin.ocpc@parks.oc.gov or (949) 585-6431.

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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 OCTOBER 1, 2026 REGULAR MEETING

B. APPROVE COMMISSION MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 1, 2026 SPECIAL MEETING

V. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A–G)

A. RANGER ACADEMY 11 PRESENTATION

Staff will provide a presentation that details the recruitment of and introduces OC Parks newest park rangers.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file.

B. EL NIÑO PREPARATIONS PRESENTATION

Staff will present on how OC Parks is preparing for the anticipated El Nino events facing southern California.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file.

C. OC PARKS TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE

Staff will provide an update to the Commission regarding the October 8, 2026 OC Parks Trails Subcommittee meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file.

D. COMMISSION'S PROPOSED 2027 MEETING AND FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

The Commission's 2027 meeting and field trip schedule is provided for review and approval.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve the Commission's 2027 meeting and field trip schedule.

E. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2027

The bylaws of the Commission require that the Commission elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the calendar year on an annual basis.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Nominate and select Commissioners to serve in the following positions for the term of January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027:

1. Orange County Parks Commission Chair

2. Orange County Parks Commission Vice Chair

F. APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ORANGE COUNTY PARKS FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Orange County Parks Foundation's Board of Directors has a seat which is designated for an OC Parks Commissioner. Pursuant to the Commission's bylaws, the Chair has the authority to nominate and select a Commissioner to serve as a representative of the Commission on the boards or committees of another entity. This item is brought for the Chair to nominate and select a Commissioner to serve as the Commission's representative on the Orange County Parks Foundation's Board of Directors, with a concurring vote by the Commission.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Chair to nominate and select a Commissioner to serve as the Commission's representative on the Orange County Parks Foundation's Board of Directors for the term of January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027.

2. Concur with the Chair's selection of the Commission's representative on the Orange County Parks Foundation's Board of Directors.

G. OC PARKS TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR AND ALTERNATE CHAIR APPOINTMENT

The OC Parks Trails Subcommittee (Subcommittee) is a seven-member body that includes two Commissioners, who serve as the Subcommittee's Chair and Alternate Chair. Pursuant to the Subcommittee Guidelines, the Commission has the authority to appoint Commissioners to serve on the Subcommittee as its Chair and Alternate Chair.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Nominate and select Commissioners to serve on the OC Parks Trails Subcommittee in the following positions for the term of January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027:

1. OC Parks Trails Subcommittee Chair

2. OC Parks Trails Subcommittee Alternate Chair

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

A. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

B. UPCOMING OC PARKS EVENTS

Candlelight Walk – December 4 – 6, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

- The 40th annual Candlelight Walk will take place over three festive evenings Dec. 4, 5 and 6 from 5 to 9 p.m..
- Enjoy an evening stroll through the decorated grounds as well as live musical performances, holiday crafts for kids and a visit with Santa Claus! This year also features enhanced photo opportunities, perfect for capturing lasting holiday memories. Light refreshments will be available for cash purchase.

Holiday Lights – December 11 – 13, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

- The merriment continues with Holiday Lights happening Dec. 11, 12 and 13 from 5 to 9 p.m.
- Wander through twinkling light displays during special park hours. Light refreshments will be available for purchase. Pets are welcome outdoors only on leashes no longer than 6 feet.
- Please note that no additional entertainment will be provided at Holiday Lights.
- Make sure to bring a camera and take your picture at a variety of holiday-themed photo opportunities!

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