



## **Prairie City Improvement Group (PCIG) Meeting**

**Wednesday, Jan 14, 2026**

**6 p.m. to 7 p.m. In Person and Online Through Teams**

### **Summary**

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

#### **Staffing Update:**

- Ryan Boeck was selected for and has accepted the Park Maintenance Supervisor position. Congratulations to Ryan. We will be back filling the now vacant Park Maintenance Worker II position that Ryan held.
- Benjamin (Jamin) Lai has been selected for and has accepted the State Park Peace Officer Supervisor position. Congratulations to Jamin. We will backfill the vacant State Park Peace Officer position that Jamin held.
- We are in the process of filling our vacant State Park Equipment Operator position. The position has been advertised and closes on January 23, 2026.
- We have a Park Aide Visitor Services vacancy which is currently being advertised and closes on January 19, 2026.
- We are hoping to advertise and fill a Park Aide vacancy in Interpretation. Keep an eye out for this advertisement on our PCSVRA social media outlets.

#### **Coyote Gulch Major Capital Outlay Project Update:**

- Currently in process of awarding the contract with plans to start construction Mar/April 2026
- Closures – Spectator Hill will remain open through Hangtown MX and access will be granted for vehicular traffic through the area, but not for parking. After Hangtown MX, the entire area will be closed until the project is finished.
- Parks will work with the public to design new trails. The new trails will be mostly MC single track with some ATV/MC combined trails.

#### **Coyote Creek Agrivoltaic Ranch Project (CCAR) Update:**

- The project developer (DESRI) is working with Barton Ranch to develop an industrial solar project mostly on private property. DESRI is working with Sacramento County who is the lead agency on the EIR.
- The project was unanimously approved by the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors in November. SMUD signed a PPA in 2021 to purchase the power produced by the CCAR project. On January 5, 2026, SMUD announced that it is pulling out of the PPA citing uncertainties including supply chain constraints, rising prices, tariffs, schedule delays, environmental impacts and pending litigation. If the project moves forward, Barton Ranch would quitclaim their existing easements in exchange for new easements granted.

- DESRI would make improvements to the kart track to accommodate the project, work with SMUD to move a problematic power pole at the park's entrance, build a new and improved access road into the Ehnsiz Property, and provide a 1-million-dollar dedication to Parks to be used at PCSVRA to facilitate park improvements as outlined in the RTMP.
- Parks continues to work with DESRI on these commitments.

#### Environmental Scientists; McKenzie Boring and Taylor Espenshade

- Natural Resource Program Updates:
- RX burn in vernal pool grassland area that was planned for last spring was canceled due to combination of weather and resources being pulled for a wildfire in El Dorado County. Another RX burn is being planned for this May.
- RTMP Updates:
  - MX Track Expansion funding approved and expected to start this spring
  - Pit ROV Track in progress
  - New ¼ mile MC/ATV trail segment in Zone 3 is awaiting installation of width limiters and will soon be open for riding
- Goose Pond Culvert Project Updates: May need additional work after the storms

#### Outreach & Education, Interpreter I, Joleen Ossello

- Promoter Event Outreach: NorCal Rock Racing Finals, Trail Blazer GP, MetalCloak Skillz Day, Lilliputian Hare Scramble
- Park Public Events: Visitor Appreciation Day, OHV Safety Week Ride to Ride Again Poker Chip Run, 4x4 Headlight Festival
- Outreach Projects: New Park Info Sheet completed and online, paper copies on order  
Park resources and information found using multi-link QR code found on park billboards

#### Facility Maintenance, Park Maintenance Supervisor, Ryan Boeck

- 4x4 Scoring Tower roof in Progress
- 4x4 Scoring Tower siding next to be replaced
- AQMA - Speedway Café floor at quarter midget track to be done with epoxy and retaining wall wood to be replaced with concrete
- State Park Equipment Operator at Hungry Valley SVRA helping with storm damage repairs
- Customer suggestion box located at the entrance station for suggestions/complaints.

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

- Now hiring seasonal park aide position. Posting closes 1/19
- Ranger position should be filled soon and bring us to full staff
- Winter has been wet and affected visitation.
- Permanent supervising Ranger assigned

#### Questions and Comments

- John Barnhart: "Thank you for the updates. Look forward to the new trails and especially the MX Track Expansion."

***Respectfully Submitted by Park Staff on 1/18/26***