

Prairie City Improvement Group
Hybrid Meeting, In-Person: ETC
Tuesday, December 12, 2023
5:00pm to 6:00pm



Attendees: 13 attendees including Parks staff, public and non-profit stakeholders

Prairie City Staff: P. Jones, J. Ossello, M. Boring, T. Espenshade, R. Boeck, T. Guzman, J. Stayner

Gold Fields District or other CSP Staff: M. Sullivan

Stakeholders: A. Granat (CORVA), T. Yager (SVIA), J. Custer (DDNMC), S. Miller & Eagle Scout, A. Smetona

Meeting Hosts: T. Espenshade, J. Ossello, M. Boring

Next Meeting Date: March 12th, 2024

Pre-register to the event here, <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/8a722618-a865-4f29-958a-fc5cee862290@06fd3d24-6564-4801-8226-b407c4d26b68> and to receive a Microsoft Teams email with a link to join the event.

Or join from your Microsoft Teams App using Meeting ID: **259 801 842 031**, Password: **wRS3eg**.

- 5:00 - 5:05** Introduction by State Park Interpreter I, Joleen Ossello
- Welcome and Review of Teams Webinar Features
- 5:05 - 5:10** Project updates from Prairie City Sector Manager, Peter Jones
- Staff Update
- 5:10 – 5:25** Project updates from Environmental Scientists; McKenzie Boring, Taylor Espenshade
- Road and Trail Management Plan (RTMP) Updates
 - Soil Conservation Plan Update
 - Zone 3 Restoration Project Update
- 5:25 – 5:35** Outreach and Education from State Park Interpreter I, Joleen Ossello
- 2023 Programming Report
 - Headlight Festival and First Day Hike
- 5:35 – 5:40** Updates from Facility Maintenance, Park Maintenance OOC, Ryan Boeck
- Sediment Basin Cleanout, Roadside Vegetation Management, Projects with Sac Regional Conservation Corp
- 5:40 – 5:45** Visitor Services Update
- Staff Update
 - Non-emission compliant 2022 & newer motorcycles
- 5:45 – 6:00** Public Question & Comment Period

Join us on social media!



Summary

Welcome and Introduction

The purpose of this quarterly public meeting is to engage and solicit feedback with users and stakeholders on current and future park projects and developments.

- Microsoft Teams Application used for off-site attendees.

Park Updates by Peter Jones, Prairie City Sector Manager

Staff Updates

- Park Maintenance Worker I position has been filled.
- Interviews were recently conducted for 3 vacant Park Maintenance Aide positions.
- With these positions filled we will be able to accomplish more and continue to provide a high-quality experience for our visitors.

Natural Resource Updates by T. Espenshade & M. Boring, Environmental Scientists

Road and Trail Management Plan Update- Taylor Espenshade

- Pop-up event at Visitor Appreciation Day
- Administrative draft complete
- Currently reviewing screen check for the Public Draft
- Public Draft release and public comment period in January
- Workshop #2 January 24th
- Sign up for the RTMP mailing list on the [Prairie City RTMP website](#) to receive updates and check our social media accounts on Facebook and Instagram @prairiecivSVRA.

Soil Conservation Plan Update – McKenzie Boring

- 5-year management plan for the park to show how we plan to be compliant with the OHMVR 2020 Soil Standards and Senate Bill 249.
- Finishing up Legal review
- The 30-day Public Comment Period will be after RTMP Public Review.

Zone 3 Restoration Project – McKenzie Boring

- Targeted bare dirt area next to Oak Hill – 2.23 acres.
- Help from Sac Regional Conservation Corp
- All signed routes in the area are open.
- Temporary fencing and does not eliminate designing new routes through the RTMP process.

Outreach and Education Updates by Joleen Ossello, State Park Interpreter I

2024 Report Summary

Interpretive Senior Park Aide position increased the number of events and projects. Highlights include participation in the first California State Parks Week and a focus on the Road & Trail Management Plan public outreach.

- Attended 15 in park promoter sponsored special events reaching 1778 visitors.
- Hosted 7 State Parks events reaching 843 visitors.
- Attended 5 off-site outreach events reaching 1266 visitors.
- Posted to social media at least four times per week. An all-time high Facebook reach of 32,886 occurred in November with 8,233 followers. In contrast, Instagrams 3,182 November reach with 4,509 followers.

- California State Parks Week in June "Explore and Discover Urban OHV Culture" event provided free off-highway vehicle safety lessons and tours of Prairie City SVRA in recreational off-highway vehicles (ROVs) and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs).
- Notable projects included, Eagle Scout RC Course, New Hangtown Banners, Micro-Dyce RC Competition, OHV Safety Week Art Installation

Upcoming Events

- 4x4 Headlight Festival, Saturday, December 16th from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- First Day Hike, Monday, January 1st, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Facility Maintenance Updates by Ryan Boeck, Acting Park Maintenance Supervisor

Staff Update

- Hired three new maintenance aides.

Park Maintenance Work

- Sediment basin cleanout, Zone 3 project fill
- Roadside vegetation management, weather permitting.
- Projects with Sacramento Regional Conservation Corp

OHV Safety Updates by Tony Guzman, Supervising State Park Peace Officer

Staff Update

- New Park Aide at entrance kiosk.
- OHV Registration for 2022 & Newer competition motorcycles.

Respectfully Submitted on 12/31/23

By Park Staff