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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD

Notice is hereby given to Members of the Arizona State Parks Board (Board) and the general public that there will be a General Parks Board meeting, to begin on **Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 10:00 AM** pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02 and A.R.S. § 41-511 *et. seq.* at the Arizona State Parks Offices located at 1300 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

The Board may elect to hold an Executive Session for any agenda item at any time during the meeting to discuss or consult with its legal counsel for legal advice on matters listed on this agenda pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3). Items on the Agenda may be discussed out of order, unless they have been specifically noted to be set for a time certain. Public comment will be taken.

The Board will discuss and may take action on the following matters:

AGENDA

(Agenda items may be taken in any order unless set for a time certain)

A. CALL TO ORDER – Roll Call

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. INTRODUCTIONS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND AGENCY STAFF – Board Statement - “As Board members we are gathered today to be the stewards and voice of Arizona State Parks and its Mission Statement to manage and conserve Arizona’s natural, cultural and recreational resources for the benefit of the people, both in our parks and through our partners.”

D. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – The Arizona State Parks Executive Director will update the Arizona State Parks Board on events and activities in Arizona State Parks. Discussion items will include recent park events, upcoming events, meetings, legislative tours and future Parks Board Agendas.

E. CALL TO THE PUBLIC – Those wishing to address the Board must register at the door and be recognized by the Chair. Presentation time may be limited to three minutes at the discretion of the Chair; the Chair may limit a presentation to one

person per organization. The Board may direct staff to study or reschedule any matter for a future meeting.

F. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve Minutes of February 18, 2015 Arizona State Parks Board Meeting.
2. Consider Request for Proposal for Arizona State Parks Concessions – Staff recommends the Arizona State Parks Board authorize the Executive Director to finalize and proceed with the announcement of a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) for concession operations in ASP.

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Presentation by Sharma Hammond Torrens, Land & Water Program Manager, Arizona Land and Water Trust
2. Presentation by Anne Justice-Allen, DVM, MS, Wildlife Health Program Supervisor, Arizona Game and Fish Department – Pack Goats on Non-Motorized Trails and the Risk of Disease Transmission to Bighorn Sheep

H. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Revenue Forecast by Major Fund and Park Visitation Update
3. State Parks Operations Status Update
4. Legislative Update
5. Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Update

I. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING AND CALL FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. The next Arizona State Parks Board Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 10:00 AM**. Location to be determined.

Future Meeting Dates:

May 20, 2015	September 16, 2015
July 15, 2015	October 21, 2015
August 19, 2015	November 18, 2015

2. Board members may wish to discuss issues of interest to Arizona State Parks and request staff to place specific items on future Board meeting agendas.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Arizona State Parks does not discriminate on the basis of a disability regarding admission to public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting the acting ADA Coordinator, Nicole Armstrong-Best, (602) 542-7152; or TTY (602) 542-4174. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

 for 3/12/15
Sue Black, Executive Director

3/12/15 3:59 PM

Arizona State Parks Board Action Report
Agenda Item #: F-2



Title: Consider Request for Proposal for Arizona State Parks Concessions
Staff Lead: Kent Ennis, Deputy Director
Date: March 18, 2015

Recommended Motion:

I move the Arizona State Parks Board authorize the Executive Director to proceed with finalizing the competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) for Concession Service operations in Arizona State Parks (ASP) and submitting it to the Arizona State Procurement Office for final approval before being issued.

Status to Date:

To date, Arizona State Parks and CHM have gathered operational, financial and legal information regarding state park and third party concession operations. Evaluation of development and concession rights on ASP parcels that lie under federal leases or patents has been performed.

Arizona State Parks and CHM Government Services are in the process of completing the development of an RFP for Concession Service Operations at the following Arizona State Parks: Fool Hollow, Kartchner Caverns, Lake Havasu, Patagonia Lake, Slide Rock and Sandpoint.

Time Frame:

Working in conjunction with the Arizona State Procurement Office, Arizona State Parks will announce the RFP for Third-Party Concessions. Timeline currently being developed.

Staff and Financial Resources:

The RFP process and transition planning has and will continue to require substantial ASP staff time. This allocation of time will continue to be considerable for the foreseeable future. Staff time 200+ person hours per week.

Relation to Strategic Plan:

To provide sustainable management of our natural, cultural, recreational, economic and human resources.

Relevant Past Board Actions:

N/A

Attachments:

N/A

Arizona State Parks Board Information Report
Agenda Item #: H-3



Title: State Parks Operations Status Update
Staff Lead: Jay Ream, Deputy Director, Parks
Date: March 18, 2015

Status to Date:

The Arizona State Parks Board continues to keep parks open and operating by both leveraging existing public and private partnerships and building new relationships. Twenty-seven State Parks are currently open and operating. Picacho Peak State Park is open seasonally. San Rafael State Natural Area has never been open to the public.

- Lyman Lake is open year round; services are limited during the winter months.
- Oracle is open during the week for school groups by reservation only and to the general public on Saturdays and Sundays year round.
- Homolovi agreement has been sent to the Hopi tribe for signature.

Upcoming Activities:

Staff continues to work with communities willing to create partnerships that support Park operations.

Staff is developing Memorandums of Understanding with Friends Groups that will establish stronger partnerships between Friends and the Agency.

Time Frame/Target Date for Completion:

Staff will continue to update the Arizona State Parks Board at each regularly scheduled meeting.

Relevant Past Board Actions:

No recent actions.

Attachments:

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Title: Operations Status Update Attachment
 Staff Lead: Jay Ream Deputy Director, Parks
 Date: March 18, 2015

Status to Date:

A. Parks open without Financial Partnerships FY 2015:

1. Alamo Lake SP	
2. Buckskin Mountain SP	
3. Catalina SP	
4. Cattail Cove SP	
5. Dead Horse SP/Verde River Greenway State Natural Area	
6. Fool Hollow Lake Recreation Area	
7. Jerome SHP	
8. Kartchner Caverns SP	
9. Lake Havasu SP	
10. Lost Dutchman SP	
11. Lyman Lake SP*	Park open year round
12. Patagonia Lake SP	
13. Picacho Peak SP*	Park will close for the summer months due to extreme heat.
14. Slide Rock SP	
15. Tonto Natural Bridge SP	

B. Parks Operated by Arizona State Parks staff through Partnership Support:

1. Fort Verde SHP	No current agreement
2. Homolovi SP	Hopi Tribe - \$50K agreement Pending, Winslow water to Oct. 31, 2015
3. Oracle SP*	Friends of Oracle State Park provide volunteers.
4. Red Rock SP	Benefactors providing funding for education program to June 30, 2015
5. Roper Lake SP	Graham County – agreement to June 30, 2015

*PARKS WITH SEASONAL OPERATING SCHEDULES

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C. Parks Operated by Partners with no State Parks Staff:

1. Boyce Thompson Arboretum SP	University of Arizona & Boyce Thompson Foundation
2. McFarland SHP	Town of Florence/Florence Chamber of Commerce Agreement to June 30, 2016
3. Riordan Mansion SHP	Arizona Historical Society agreement to June 30, 2016
4. Spur Cross Conservation Area	Maricopa County Parks
5. Tombstone SHP	City of Tombstone agreement through March 31, 2017
6. Tubac Presidio SHP	Santa Cruz County & Friends of the Tubac Presidio agreement to March 31, 2016
7. Yuma Territorial Prison SHP	City of Yuma & Yuma Crossing Heritage Area agreement to March 31, 2016
8. Yuma Quartermaster Depot SHP	City of Yuma & Yuma Crossing Heritage Area agreement to June 30, 2016

D. Parks that are closed to the Public:

1. Contact Point	Unit of Lake Havasu State Park. Currently used as Public Safety Dock and Law Enforcement Training Academy. MOU with BLM for accessible fishing dock.
2. San Rafael Natural Area	Staff is developing an RFP for grazing at the Ranch.

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Title: Partnership Agreement Status Attachment
 Staff Lead: Jay Ream Deputy Director, Parks
 Date: March 18, 2015

Status to Date:

<u>Park</u>	<u>IGA No.</u>	<u>Partner</u>	<u>Date Ending</u>	<u>Renewal Term</u>
Current Agreements:				
Homolovi	11-0036	Hopi Tribe	Pending	1 Year
Homolovi	11-009	Winslow	10/31/2015	1 Year
Tubac Presidio	10-037	Santa Cruz Co.	3/31/2016	3 Years (2)
San Rafael	SUP	Grazing	2/3/2015	Limited
Red Rock Connection	13-117	Benefactors	6/30/2015	1 Year
Yuma QMD	11-062	Yuma	6/30/2015	3 Year (1)
Lyman Lake	10-038A2	Apache County	12/13/2012	No Agreement
Roper Lake	10-044	Graham County	6/30/2015	2 year (1)
Riordan Mansion	10-039	AHS	6/30/2016	3 Years (2)
Tombstone	10-035	Tombstone	3/31/2017	2 Year
Yuma Terr. Prison	10-031	Yuma	3/31/2016	3 Years (2)
McFarland	11-027	Florence	6/30/2016	3 Years (2)

**Arizona State Parks Board Information Report
Agenda Item #: H-4**



Title: Legislative Update
Staff Lead: Jay Ream Deputy Director, Parks
Date: March 18, 2015

Status to Date:

The Arizona State Legislature expects to be in session through March and into April.

Budget Bills:

HB2671 PASSED March 6, 2015

Sec. 76. ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD 2015-16

FTE positions 163.0

Operating lump sum appropriation \$10,610,100

Kartchner Caverns State Park \$2,232,000

Total appropriation – Arizona state parks board \$ 12,842,100

Fund sources: State parks revenue fund \$ 12,842,100

All other operating expenditures include \$26,000 from the state parks revenue fund for Fool Hollow State Park revenue sharing. If receipts to Fool Hollow exceed \$260,000 in fiscal year 2015-2016, an additional ten percent of this increase of Fool Hollow receipts is appropriated from the state parks revenue fund established by section 41-511.21, Arizona Revised Statutes, to meet the revenue sharing agreement with the city of Show Low and the United States forest service.

Sec. 133. Fund balance transfers; fiscal year 2015-2016

Notwithstanding any other law, on or before June 30, 2016, the following amounts from the following sources are transferred to the state general fund for the purposes of providing adequate support and maintenance for agencies of this state:

- 10. Arizona state parks board:
 - Off-highway vehicle recreation fund - \$4,000,000

HB2672 PASSED March 6, 2015

Sec. 2. Appropriation; Arizona state parks board; capital improvements

- A. The sum of \$1,500,000 is appropriated from the state parks revenue fund established by section 41-511.21, Arizona Revised Statutes, in fiscal year 2015-2016 to the Arizona state parks board for capital improvements.
- B. The Arizona state parks board shall submit the scope, purpose and estimated cost of the capital improvements to the joint committee on capital review for its review pursuant to section 41-1252, Arizona Revised Statutes.

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HB2676 PASSED March 6, 2015

41-519.02. Yarnell Hill memorial fund; exemption

- A. The Yarnell Hill memorial fund is established consisting of legislative appropriations and donations to the fund. The Yarnell Hill memorial site board shall administer the fund. On notice from the Yarnell Hill memorial site board, the state treasurer shall invest and divest monies in the fund as provided by section 35-313, and monies earned from investment shall be credited to the fund. The monies in the fund are exempt from section 35-190 relating to lapsing of appropriations. The monies in the fund and any additional donations to the fund must be used for:
1. the purpose of Purchasing land for the Yarnell Hill memorial.
 2. Purchasing, designing and constructing the Yarnell Hill memorial.
 3. Maintaining and preserving the Yarnell Hill memorial and access road.
 4. and Reimbursement of the Yarnell Hill memorial site board members' travel expenses.
- B. Beginning on January 1, 2017, the Arizona state parks board shall administer the fund.

Sec. 5. Off-highway vehicle recreation fund; use

Notwithstanding section 28-1176, Arizona Revised Statutes, the Arizona state parks board may spend up to \$692,100 from the Arizona state parks board portion of the off-highway vehicle recreation fund established by section 28-1176, Arizona Revised Statutes, in fiscal year 2015-2016 for parks board operating expenses.

House Bills:

HB2272 Law Enforcement Officers Firearm Purchase allows members of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System, subject to employer approval, are permitted to purchase the handgun, rifle or shotgun issued by the employer to the officer at less than fair market value.

We already do this. The bill was amended in House Military Affairs and Public Safety to strike "handgun rifle or shotgun" and insert "Firearms" strike "LESS THAN FAIR MARKET VALUE" insert "A PRICE DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE AGENCY EMPLOYING THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER" Passed House 52-2 E
Senate Government Committee Do Pass on 3/4.

HB2314 The purpose of this article is to: Secure for the people of and visitors to this state, both present and future generations, the benefits of an enduring resource of wilderness on designated lands owned by this state. Sponsor: Barton, Bowers, Thorp Assigned to House Agriculture and Water. **DEAD**

HB2320 Guns in Public Buildings and Events Assigned to House Military Affairs and

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Public Safety It's has implications for ASP events that have historic weapons, including the Civil War Event and Gathering of the Gunfighters. **Approved by House COW on March 2, 2015.**

HB2337 Historic Preservation Tax Credit, Sponsor Fann. SHPO is working with the authors on this one. Assigned to House Ways and Means. **DEAD**

HM2001 Urges the Parks Board to designate the Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and Blind in Tucson as a Historic Place. Sponsor: various Assigned to House Government and Higher Education. Do pass recommendation. **Passed House 59-0, Sent to Secretary of State for communication to Parks Board.**

Senate Bills:

SB1300 Body Cameras – just watching this bill as Body Cameras for Law Enforcement are a hot topic right now. Amended to dictate which situations to record when practicable and when an officer can turn them off. It does not require the use of body cameras only their use when issued. **Approved Rules on March 4, 2015.**