

MINUTES - DRAFT

City of Orange

Santiago Creek Commission

April 23, 2025

The Santiago Creek Commission of the City of Orange, California convened on April 23, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, 300 E Chapman Avenue, Orange, California.

1. OPENING/CALL TO ORDER

Chair Moeller called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Commissioner David Hillman

1.2 ROLL CALL

Present: Galera, Adams, Baca, Hillman, Knight, Tillou, and Moeller

Absent: None

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Speakers:

Theresa Sears offered information on current bills that address city and county open space plans and provided an update on receiving grant funding with the non-profit organization she works with.

Don Klop shared his experience riding his bicycle on Santiago Creek Trail and requested repairs to the trail.

Jensen Hanstrom shared his appreciation for the Commission.

Bill Sellin shared his thoughts on the City's regulation of electric bicycles.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. Approval of minutes of the Santiago Creek Commission Regular Meeting held on January 22, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tillou, seconded by Commissioner Knight, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Galera, Adams, Baca, Hillman, Knight, Tillou, and Moeller

Noes: None

Absent: None

4. COMMISSION BUSINESS

4.1. Review and discuss the Santiago Creek Strategic Plan - Segment Two vision statement.

Senior Assistant to the City Manager Jack Morgan presented the staff report.

Public Speakers:

Jensen Hanstrom suggested additional trees for shade cover landscaping.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tillou, seconded by Commissioner Knight, to approve the Segment Two vision statement. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Galera, Adams, Baca, Hillman, Knight, Tillou, and Moeller

Noes: None

Absent: None

4.2. Review and discuss the Santiago Creek Strategic Plan - Segment Two recommended projects.

Commissioner Hillman shared a presentation focusing on the Santiago Creek Segment Two. Commissioners Gallera, Hillman and Knight reviewed their proposed projects listed on the Second Segment Planning Sheet.

Public Speakers:

Adrienne Gladson submitted her project ideas for a community garden.

Consuelo Haysom shared the need of a community garden in east Orange.

Jeff Haysom proposed a community garden be placed around Grijalva Park and adjacent to the Santiago Creek.

Matthew Parks expressed his thoughts on the opportunity for marketing the Walnut and Collins portion of the trail.

Bill Sellin thanked the Commissioners for their consideration on separating a bike path from a walking path.

Jensen Hanstrom encouraged Commissioners to define native plants and source them responsibly.

Commissioners discussed the importance of public safety under the 55 freeway and Chapman Bridge, making projects more inclusive with regard to Class III E-Bikes and various ways the City can highlight historical features of the Santiago Creek.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tillou, seconded by Commissioner Knight, to include a Community Garden and the recommended projects in the Santiago Creek Strategic Plan - Segment Two. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Galera, Adams, Baca, Hillman, Knight, Tillou, and Moeller

Noes: None

Absent: None

4.3. Review the Santiago Creek Strategic Plan - Segment Three area and property ownership map as well as possible vision statement and project themes.

Senior Assistant to the City Manager Jack Morgan presented the staff report.

E Comment:

Lisa May expressed safety concerns along portions of the Creek behind her home.

Commissioners discussed the Segment Three themes and would like to focus on park development and safety. Overlap with Segment Two - suggested that Segment Two themes continue into Segment Three and also focus on historical and archeological markers.

A motion was made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Vice Chair Gallera, to approve the Santiago Creek Strategic Plan - Segment Three map and the established themes for a vision statement and project recommendations. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Galera, Adams, Baca, Hillman, Knight, Tillou, and Moeller

Noes: None

Absent: None

4.4. Selection of Santiago Creek Commission Officers.

E Comment:

Adrienne Gladson expressed support for current Chair and Vice Chair.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tillou, seconded by Commissioner Baca, to select Brendon Moeller as Chair and Pamela Galera as Vice Chair for a term ending January 28, 2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Galera, Adams, Baca, Hillman, Knight, Tillou, and Moeller

Noes: None

Absent: None

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

The next Regular Santiago Creek Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 23, 2025 at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber.

Jack Morgan
Sr. Assistant to the City Manager