

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Park of American Samoa Advisory Board

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

National Park of American Samoa
Advisory Board

3b. GSA

Committee No.

560

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

07/29/1999

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency

Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Yes

10b.

Legislation Pending?

Pending

11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

P.L. 100-571 (Section 3)

13. Effective Date

10/31/1988

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Non Scientific Program Advisory
Board

16a. Total

Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a.

Open

0

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

Current Next

FY

FY

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

Meetings of the Board provide a forum for information exchange, open deliberation and public input into the formulation of the Board's advice and recommendations regarding park management. The Board provides a platform for public input on park issues. Unlike any other national park, NPS is a tenant to the land. The Board makes it possible for NPS to understand ongoing and sensitive private and village cultural land issues.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Membership is prescribed by the Board's enabling legislation, comprised of five members; three of

whom are appointed by the Secretary from among nominees of the Governor, and two at the discretion of the Secretary.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Board did not meet in FY 2023.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

This Board is currently inactive. The National Park of American Samoa Advisory Board was established by P. L. 100-571 to provide advice to the Secretary of the Interior regarding the management of the National Park of American Samoa. The park was established to preserve and protect the tropical forest and archaeological and cultural resources of American Samoa, and of associated reefs, to maintain the habitat of flying foxes, preserve the ecological balance of the Samoan tropical forest, and, consistent with the preservation of these resources, to provide for the enjoyment of the unique resources of the Samoan tropical forest by visitors from around the world. The Secretary and the Governor, or their designees, are to review the operation and management of the park at least every 10 years. The review is to include, but is not limited to, consideration of how the objectives of the park can better be achieved; the need for additional technical or other assistance; cooperative arrangements between the Government of American Samoa and the National Park Service in the interpretation and management of the park; and the desirability of extension of the lease arrangement.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings are open.

21. Remarks

There were no meetings in FY 2023. The National Park of American Samoa Advisory Board is currently inactive. (1) Re #6 (EXPECTED CHARTER RENEWAL DATE) -- The FACA Section 14(b) biennial rechartering requirement has been waived for the Board pursuant to P.L. 102-525, October 26, 1992. (2) Re #7/#8b (EXPECTED COMMITTEE TERMINATION DATE/SPECIFIC TERMINATION AUTHORITY) -- The Board's enabling legislation, P.L. 100-571, provides for continuation of the Board into the foreseeable future, without termination. (3) Re MEMBERSHIP -- In accordance with P.L. 102-525, and the Board's Charter, members may continue to serve after the expiration of their terms until successors are appointed.

Designated Federal Officer

Scott Burch Superintendent

Narrative Description

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What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety

☐

Trust in government

☒

Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

The Board did not meet in FY 2023.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

3

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Board did not meet in FY 2023.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

67%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

1) Sauma Ridge trail opened and completed in FY11 per recommendation.2) Waysides completed in FY11 per committee recommendation.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

33%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Fire management plan could not use categorical exclusion, so finalizing the plan has been delayed.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

NA

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO



Online Agency Web Site



Online Committee Web Site



Online GSA FACA Web Site



Publications



Other



Access Comments

N/A