

MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 1, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 6:33.
- 2) **ROLL CALL** – All present: Directors Covell, Lee, Markham, Raskoff and Potter
- 3) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Upon motion by Director Lee, seconded by Director Raskoff, the agenda was unanimously approved.
- 4) **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Bruce Delgado announced that Earth Day Celebration in Marina will be held on April 18 and invited all to attend.
 - Margaret Davis asked the District to keep its focus on Marina parks.
- 5) **PRESENTATION – Locke-Paddon Wetland: Ecological History, Predictions, and Management Alternatives for the Future** (*Dr. Fred Watson, CSUMB ENV 660 students*)
 - Isaac Collibee and Danielle Hankins reviewed highlights of the CSUMB study and answered questions, along with Professor Fred Watson.
 - City of Marina Mayor Bruce Delgado thanked the students for their study.
 - An unidentified speaker inquired about the oxygen level in the pond and was advised that they were low but if restoration efforts were undertaken, the hope was that levels would improve.
- 6) **CONSENT ITEMS** – Upon motion by Director Lee, seconded by Director Markham, Items A-G and I-L were unanimously approved. After discussion and direction noted below and upon motion by Director Lee, seconded by Director Covell, Item H was unanimously approved.
 - A. **Approval of March 4, 2026 Regular Meeting Action Minutes** (*S. Parker*)
 - B. **Approval of Summary of Payments** (*S. Parker*)
 - C. **Approval to Amend Contract with Denise Duffy and Associates for On-Call Environmental Planning and Management Services** (*J. Smith*)
 - D. **Approval to Amend Contract with Denise Duffy and Associates for Native Plant Propagation Services** (*J. Smith*)
 - E. **Approval to Amend Contract with Jodi McGraw Consulting for On-Call Environmental Planning and Management Services** (*J. Smith*)
 - F. **Award of Contract for Rancho Cañada Floodplain Restoration Construction Management Services** (*J. Smith*)
 - G. **Authorization to Develop and Release a Request for Bids (RFB) for Invasive Plant Management Services** (*J. Smith*)

H. Letter of Support AB 1548, the Monterey Bay Area Stewardship Authority Legislation (E. Morgan)

- Bill Lipe supported staff's recommendation and encouraged the District to ask for edits to legislation to ensure protection of taxpayer funds and park district representation.
- Director Lee asked the General Manager to edit the draft letter to note that the District approves with amendments to request that open space and recreation districts have a seat on the board and also find out more about who can issue debt instruments under the legislation.

I. Approval to Enter Agreement with RDO for the Purchase of Mowing Tractor w/ Sickle Bar (C. Camarillo)

J. Approval to Reject Bids for Kahn Ranch Cabin Repairs Project (C. Camarillo)

- Environmental Education Coordinator Debbie Wyatt did not support the staff recommendation and asked the Board to make simple fixes to the properties so that they could be rented to staff.

K. Approval of Agreement with Rayne Technology Solutions for Information Technology Services (S. Parker)

L. Approval of Resolution No. 2026-03, Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Laguna Grande Regional Park Joint Powers Agency (J. Smith)

7) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Discussion of Candidates for Alternate Independent Special District (ISD) Member (E. Morgan)

- General Manager Eric Morgan introduced the item and announced that the two candidates were in attendance and invited them to address the Board.
- Bill Lipe introduced himself, explained his candidacy and asked the Board for its support.
- David Kong also introduced himself, explained his candidacy and asked the Board for its support.
- After discussion and upon motion by Director Lee, seconded by Director Raskoff, the Board unanimously voted to cast its vote for Mr. Lipe.

B. Wetland Area Planning at Locke-Paddon Wetland Community Park (E. Morgan)

- Mr. Morgan introduced the item, announced hearing from the City of Marina's City Manager Layne Long that the City's position as presented was misunderstood and that they want to combine planning efforts for the upland and wetland portions of the park.
- Yong Soo Oh announced her support for an Asian American botanical garden at Locke-Paddon.
- May Holland Dungo also announced her support for an Asian American botanical garden at Locke-Paddon.
- Grace Silva-Santella announced her support for the staff recommendation.
- Mike Moeller announced his support for additional planning of Locke-Paddon.
- Mike Ipson announced his support for creation of an Asian American garden.
- Young Soon Myong also announced their support for an Asian American garden.

- Jan Shriner, a Board member on the Marina Coast Water District, spoke as a citizen in support of the staff recommendation and also encouraged the District to reach out to the General Manager of the Water District to discuss water quality improvement support.
- Nancy Amadeo announced support for making improvements to Locke-Paddon.
- Mayor Bruce Delgado encouraged the District to continue working with the City of Marina on park planning and improvements.
- David Brown encouraged the District to plan the upland and wetland portions of the park together.
- Lydia Charfauros encouraged the District to continue planning of improvements at Locke-Paddon.
- Elpidio Estolas announced his support for the Asian American garden at Locke-Paddon.
- Amanda Preece chair of the Conservation Committee for the Monterey Audubon Society announced support for restoration at Locke-Paddon.
- Brian McCarthy, a Marina City Council member spoke as a resident about the importance of collaboration between the two agencies in park planning.
- Owen Lee spoke in support of an Asian American garden at Locke-Paddon.
- Josie Choi encouraged the District to continue planning of Locke-Paddon.
- Sherry Adler encouraged the District to move forward with restoration of the wetlands at Locke-Paddon.
- Steve Zmak announced his support for the five City proposed projects, noting that with the exception of the oak woodland restoration, they're inappropriate for coastal zone native habitat, and urged the District to move forward with park planning and evict City project that are inconsistent with the land.
- Greg Furey announced his support for an Asian American garden but noted that Locke-Paddon wetlands are not an appropriate site for the project.
- Margaret Davis announced that the planning for Locke-Paddon should include the whole community.
- Elias Rodriguez did not support the staff recommendation of separating the upland and wetland projects.
- After discussion and upon motion by Director Lee, seconded by Director Markham, the Board unanimously directed the General Manager to bring back to the Board, a scope of work for what the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) processes would look like to separate the upland and wetland projects, and continue to meet with City staff on Locke-Paddon Wetland Community Park planning.

C. Committee Assignments with New Board Member (*E. Morgan*)

- After discussion and upon motion by Director Lee, seconded by Director Raskoff, the Board unanimously made the following committee assignments:
 - Community Outreach: Jeffrey Markham and Monta Potter
 - Finance: James Covell and Kevin Raskoff
 - Monuments, Art & Exhibits: James Covell and Kevin Raskoff
 - Personnel: Kathleen Lee and Monta Potter
 - Real Property/Land Use & Management: Kathleen Lee and Jeffrey Markham

- 8) **DIVISION REPORTS** – Division reports are informational only and may be written or oral.
- A. **Monthly Financial Report** (*S. Parker*)
 - B. **Mid-Month Staff Report** (*E. Morgan*)
 - C. **Rancho Cañada Floodplain Restoration Construction Update** (*J. Smith*)
- 9) **IDENTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS** – President Potter introduced the Closed Session items and invited public comment.
- A. **Instructions to Real Property Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 A.P.N. 033-121-010, 033-121-004, 033-132-005, 033-132-002, 033-132-003, 033-121-002, 033-121-006 and others; Commonly known as Locke-Paddon Wetland Community Park (District Negotiators: Morgan and Wisdom-Stack) (Under negotiation: terms and conditions)**
 - B. **Conference with Legal Counsel – Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9. Two potential cases.**
 - C. **Instructions to Real Property Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 A.P.N 015-162-009 and 015-162-048; Commonly known as Rancho Cañada Ventures, LLC (District Negotiators: Morgan and Wisdom-Stack) (Under negotiation: terms and conditions)**
- 10) **PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION** – None
- 11) **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION** – Closed Session began at 9:55 and ended at 11:30.
- 12) **REPORT ON RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION** – Nothing to report.
- 13) **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 11:31.



Shuran Parker, Recording Secretary