

MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 6, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 6:37.
- 2) **ROLL CALL** – Present: James Covel, Kathleen Lee, Jeffrey Markham, Kevin Raskoff and Monta Potter.
- 3) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Upon motion by Director Raskoff, seconded by Director Covel, the agenda was unanimously approved the agenda with the revision to table Item 5 topics.
- 4) **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Lorna Moffat spoke to the Board about the benefits of eucalyptus and other non-natives and urged the District to not cut down trees at Garland Ranch Regional Park.
- 5) **PRESENTATIONS – ITEMS TABLED**
 - A. Overview of California Conservation Corps (CCC) Programs (*J. Smith*)
 - B. Update and Overview of District Wildfire Preparedness Efforts (*J. Smith*)
- 6) **CONSENT ITEMS** – Upon motion by Director Lee, seconded by Director Markham, Items 6-A, B, C, E, and F were unanimously approved. After discussion and upon motion by Director Lee, seconded by Director Raskoff, Item 6-D was also unanimously approved.
 - A. Approval of April 1, 2026 Regular Meeting Action Minutes (*S. Parker*)
 - B. Approval of Summary of Payments (*S. Parker*)
 - C. Approval of Agreement with US Metro Group Inc. for Janitorial Services (*D. Bye*)
 - D. Approval of Resolution #2026-06, Approving First Amendment to the Comprehensive Real Estate and Soil Sharing Agreement Between District and Carmel Grand Avenue Partners 54, LLC; Easement Agreement Between District and Carmel Area Wastewater District; and Tree Planting Easement Agreement Between District and Carmel Grand Avenue Partners 54, LLC (*J. Smith*)
 - Cody Phillips spoke in support of the staff agreement.
 - E. Approval of Resolution #2026-04, Ordering Levy of Special Taxes for Fiscal Year 2026-27 for Community Facilities District No. 2016-01 (Parks, Open Space and Coastal Preservation), and Resolution #2026-05, Certifying Compliance with State Law with Respect to the Levying of General and Special Taxes, Assessments, and Property-Related Fees and Charges (*S. Parker*)
 - F. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with MEarth (*S. Peña*)

7) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Authorization to Award Palo Corona Regional Park Conservation Grazing Lease to Renz Livestock (*J. Brenton*)

- Resource Conservation Specialist Jacqueline Brenton and Planning and Conservation Program Manager Jake Smith introduced the item and answered questions.
- Peter Gardeau announced his opposition to the staff recommendation.
- Kathy Vindman announced her opposition to the staff recommendation.
- Bob Eaton announced his opposition to the staff recommendation.
- John Dowd announced his opposition to the staff recommendation.
- Chris Moon announced his opposition to the staff recommendation.
- Anker Fanoie announced his opposition to the staff recommendation.
- Luke Gardner announced his opposition to the staff recommendation.
- Hannah Moon announced her opposition to the staff recommendation.
- Lorna Moffat announced her opposition to the staff recommendation.
- Shuran Parker spoke in support of the staff recommendation.
- After discussion and upon motion by Director Lee, seconded by Director Covell, the Board instructed staff to respond to public records requests of proposers who requested them, and bring back the item to June 1 meeting and include all responsive proposals for Board review and consideration. Staff were also instructed to work with the current grazing lessee to discuss the possible relocation of their herd. Vote: 4-1, Ayes: Directors Covell, Lee, Markham, and Raskoff; Noes: Director Potter

B. Review and Approval of New Employee Classification and Approval to Begin Recruitment (*E. Morgan*)

- General Manager Eric Morgan introduced the item and answered Board member questions.
- After discussion and upon motion by Director Raskoff, seconded by Director Covell, the Board unanimously approved the item.

C. Locke-Paddon Wetland Community Park, Planning and Permitting - Two Scopes of Work (*E. Morgan*)

- General Manager Morgan introduced the item and answered questions.
- Young Seon Myong spoke in support of an Asian American Garden at Locke-Paddon park.
- Steve Lee spoke in support of an Asian American Garden at Locke-Paddon park.
- David Brown spoke in support of an Asian American Garden at Locke-Paddon park.
- Elpidio Solis spoke in support of an Asian American Garden at Locke-Paddon park.
- May Dungo spoke in support of an Asian American Garden at Locke-Paddon park.
- Tuyen Nguyen spoke in support of an Asian American Garden at Locke-Paddon park.
- Madonna P. spoke in support of an Asian American Garden at Locke-Paddon park.
- Joie Pasadilla spoke in support of an Asian American Garden at Locke-Paddon park.
- Andrew M spoke in support of an Asian American Garden at Locke-Paddon park.
- Chris Perry spoke in support of an Asian American Garden at Locke-Paddon park.
- Lydia Chaporros spoke in support of an Asian American Garden at Locke-Paddon park.
- Michael Ipsen spoke in support of an Asian American Garden at Locke-Paddon park.

- Iris
- Kathy Biala spoke in support of an Asian American Garden at Locke-Paddon park.
- Yong Soo Oh
- Su Pak spoke in support of an Asian American Garden at Locke-Paddon park.
- Elias Rodriguez for Kyle Millen spoke in support of an Asian American Garden at Locke-Paddon park.
- Kelly Sorenson spoke in support of an Asian American Garden at Locke-Paddon park.
- Cristina Media Dirksen spoke in support of an Asian American Garden at Locke-Paddon park.
- Sophia Rome spoke in support of an Asian American Garden at Locke-Paddon park.
- Margaret Davis spoke in support of an Asian American Garden at Locke-Paddon park.
- Lorna Moffat spoke in support of an Asian American Garden at Locke-Paddon park.
- speaker Choi spoke in support of an Asian American Garden at Locke-Paddon park.

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 Phase 2 Construction Progress Report (*J. Smith*)

9) IDENTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS – President Potter introduced the Closed Session items and solicited public comment.

A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9. Two potential cases.

B. Instructions to Labor Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 (District Representatives: Morgan and Johnson)

C. Instructions to Real Property Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 A.P.N. 015-162-009, 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 9:58 and ended at 10:43.

12)REPORT ON RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION – Nothing to report.

13)ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 10:44.



Shuran Parker, Recording Secretary