

MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 1, 2025, 6:30 p.m.
Palo Corona Regional Park, Discovery Center,
4860 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, California

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 6:30.
- 2) **ROLL CALL** – Present: Shane Anderson, Jeffrey Markham, Monta Potter and Kevin Raskoff; Absent: Kathleen Lee (arrived at 6:34)
- 3) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Upon motion by Director Markham, seconded by Director Anderson, the agenda was unanimously approved with the amendment to pull Item 5-E. Vote: 4-0.
- 4) **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Jill Johnson spoke in support of having exercise and resistance equipment at Laguna Grande Regional Park (Laguna Grande).
 - Esther Malkin, president of the neighborhood association of the Laguna Grande neighborhood also spoke in support of having senior workout equipment at Laguna Grande.
 - Scott Hanson inquired about funding for the trail maintenance project at Laguna Grande.
 - Diane Nielsen also spoke in support of senior and ADA compliant fitness equipment at Laguna Grande.
- 5) **CONSENT ITEMS** – Upon motion by Director Potter, seconded by Director Anderson, Items A-D and G were unanimously approved. Vote: 5-0. After discussion as noted below, and upon motion by Director Lee, seconded by Director Anderson, Item F was unanimously approved. Vote: 5-0.
 - A. **Approval of September 3, 2025 Regular Meeting Action Minutes** (*S. Parker*)
 - B. **Approval of September 22, 2025 Personnel Committee Meeting Action Minutes** (*S. Parker*)
 - C. **Approval of September 22, 2025 Real Property/Land Use Management Committee Meeting Action Minutes** (*S. Parker*)
 - D. **Approval of Summary of Payments** (*S. Parker*)
 - E. **Approval of Revised Strategic Plan** (*E. Morgan*) – **ITEM TABLED**
 - F. **Approval of 2026 Board Meeting Schedule** (*S. Parker*)
 - The Board discussed the idea of holding some Board meetings at other locations besides District headquarters, but no decision was made on this non-agendized item.
 - Esther Malkin spoke in support of holding Board meetings at other locations.

G. Approval of Amendment #2 to Agreement with Kasavan Architects (S. Parker)

6) DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Review and Approval of Revised Rules of Procedure (S. Parker)

- Administrative Services Manager Shuran Parker introduced the item and solicited Board member feedback.
- After discussion and upon motion by Director Lee, seconded by Director Anderson, Item 6-A was unanimously approved. Vote: 5-0.

B. Review and Approval of Resolution #2025-07, Fixing the Employer Contribution at an Amount for Employees and Annuitants Under the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act (S. Parker)

- Ms. Parker introduced the item and solicited Board member feedback.
- Environmental Education Supervisor Savannah Peña spoke in support of the staff recommendation.
- After discussion and upon motion by Director Potter, seconded by Director Anderson, Item 6-B was unanimously approved. Vote: 5-0.

7) 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)

- Mary Dainton congratulated Savannah Peña on her recent promotion to Environmental Education Supervisor.

C. Rancho Cañada Floodplain Restoration Phase 1 Construction Progress Report (J. Smith)

8) IDENTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS – President Raskoff introduced the Closed Session items and solicited public comments.

A. Instruction to Regarding A.P.N. 015-162-009, 015-162-048; Commonly known as Rancho Canada ventures, LLC (District Negotiators: Morgan and Wisdom-Stack) (Under negotiation: terms and conditions)

B. Instruction to Real Property Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 A.P.N. 033-121-004, 033-132-005, 033-132-006 and others; Commonly known as Locke-Paddon Wetland Community Park (District Negotiators: Morgan and Wisdom-Stack) (Under negotiation: terms and conditions)

C. Conference with Legal Counsel – Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(4)(d). One potential case.

D. Conference with Legal Counsel – Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2). Four potential cases.

9) PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION – (Item 8-B) Tessie Malate, a member of Asian Communities of Marina (ACOM) spoke in support of an Asian American Garden at Locke-Paddon Wetland Community Park (Locke-Paddon).

- (Item 8-B) Young Seon Myong, another member of ACOM spoke in support of an Asian American Garden at Locke-Paddon.
- (Item 8-B) Steve Lee, a Marina resident and representative of Citizens for Sustainable Marina (C4SM) spoke in support of an Asian American Garden at Locke-Paddon.
- (Item 8-B) Kathy Biala, a member of ACOM spoke in support of an Asian American Garden at Locke-Paddon.

10)ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION – Closed Session began at 7:43 and ended at 10:51.

11)REPORT ON RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION – President Raskoff announced that for Item 8-B the MPRPD Board requested that staff bring back to the Board information on the:

- a. Status of the draft lease agreement that has been given to the City of Marina,
- b. Status of the encroachment permit that was given to the City of Marina for their previously budgeted cypress tree trimming plan on the park properties, and
- c. Details on the nature of all city-approved projects on Lot 43 within the Locke-Paddon property.

12)ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 10:52.



Shuran Parker, Recording Secretary