

MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kelly Sorenson - Marina, Northern Fort Ord (**Ward 1**)
Shane Anderson - Seaside, Northern Sand City, Southern Ft. Ord (**Ward 2**)
Kevin Raskoff - Monterey, Del Rey Oaks, Southwest Seaside, Southern Sand City (**Ward 3**)
Kathleen Lee - Pacific Grove, New Monterey, Northern Pebble Beach (**Ward 4**)
Monta Potter - Carmel, Carmel Valley, Big Sur, Southern Pebble Beach (**Ward 5**)

Palo Corona Regional Park, Discovery Center
4860 Carmel Valley Road
Carmel, California

March 4, 2020
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

- 1) **6:30 p.m. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:33
- 2) **Roll Call** – Roll call was taken.
PRESENT: Directors Anderson; Lee; Potter; Raskoff and Sorenson
ABSENT: None
- 3) **Approval of Agenda** – Upon motion by Director Raskoff, seconded by Director Lee, the agenda was unanimously approved
- 4) **Presentations** (*Presentations are informational only, and no formal Board action will be taken. Public speakers are limited to three minutes.*)
 - A. Development of Palo Corona Regional Park Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Plan, Tom Gandesbery, California State Coastal Conservancy
 - Tom Gandesbery reviewed ideas for the proposed partnership and answered Board member questions.
 - Christy Fisher, representing the Santa Lucia Conservancy spoke in support of the proposed partnership between the District and the State Coastal Conservancy.
 - B. California Society for Ecological Restoration (SERCAL) 2020 Event, Thor Anderson, Burleson Consulting
 - Thor Anderson gave highlights of the upcoming SERCAL event and sessions to be held at the Rancho Cañada unit of Palo Corona.
- 5) **Public Comments** – Nicole Jakaby encouraged the Board to consider making the trail at Palo Corona multi-use.
 - Rachel Saunders of the Big Sur Land Trust (BSLT) reported that BSLT staff recently went to the California Wildlife Conservation Board meeting in Sacramento, where that Board approved the grant application for the Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement (CR FREE) project, and thanked the District Board for its support of the project.

- Margaret Keith spoke in support of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) Fort Ord Regional Trail & Greenway (FORTAG) project and encouraged those designing it to consider use by those with disabilities. District staff will pass along this feedback to TAMC staff.

6) Consent Items – Upon motion by Director Potter, seconded by Director Lee, the entire Consent Calendar was unanimously approved.

- A. Approval of February 5, 2020 Minutes (*S. Parker*)
- B. Approval of Summary of Payments (*K. McCullough*)
- C. Approval of Contract with Salinas Valley Ford to Purchase 4x4 Dump Truck (*J. Narvaez*)

7) Discussion/Action Items

- A. Review and Approval of Grant Agreement with California State Coastal Conservancy for Palo Corona Regional Park Habitat Restoration Plan Development Services (*R. Payan*)
 - General Manager Rafael Payan spoke about the draft agreement and answered Board member questions.
 - Nikki Nedeff of the BSLT encouraged the Board to move forward with projects at Palo Corona and to utilize the services and resources of the State Coastal Conservancy.
 - After discussion and upon motion by Director Sorenson, seconded by Director Potter, Item 7-A was unanimously approved.
- B. Review and Approval of Lease Agreement with Carmel Unified School District (*R. Payan*)
 - Rafael Payan introduced the item and answered Board member questions.
 - Dan Paul with the Carmel Unified School District thanked the District for the collaboration and announced his excitement to move forward with the project.
 - After discussion and upon motion by Director Lee, seconded by Director Sorenson, Item 7-B was unanimously approved.
- C. Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget Review (*S. Parker*)
 - Administrative Services Manager Shuran Parker reviewed revenues and expenditures to date and estimated year-end totals and answered Board member questions.
- D. Review and Approval of Resolution #2020-01, Authorizing Amendments to the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget (*S. Parker*)
 - After discussion and upon motion by Director Potter, seconded by Director Raskoff, Item 7-D was unanimously approved.
- E. Appointment of District's Designated and Alternate Directors for the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (*S. Parker*)
 - After discussion, and upon motion by Director Raskoff, seconded by Director Potter, the Board unanimously voted to approve President Anderson as the District's designated representative, and Director Vice President Potter as the alternate.

- F. Consideration of MPRPD Membership in Proposed Joint Powers Agency (JPA) to be Responsible for Habitat Management/Planning on Former Fort Ord Lands (*R. Payan*)
 - Rafael Payan and District Legal Counsel Mike Whilden spoke about the proposed JPA. It was recommended that the District not join the JPA since the District only holds title to a few parcels near the lands, and the District is not in the business of development, which is one of the main purposes of the JPA. The District could also contract with the JPA for habitat restoration in the future if it so desired.
 - After discussion, and upon motion by Director Lee, seconded by Director Sorenson, the Board voted unanimously to not join the JPA, and directed the General Manager to send a letter advising of such, along with confirmation that the District is open to contracting with the JPA or individual members as needed.

8) **Division Reports** – Division Reports are informational only and may be written or oral

A. **Administration**

- 1) Monthly Financial Report (*K. McCullough*)

B. **Environmental Education/Community Outreach**

- 1) Environmental Education/Community Outreach Update (*J. Nelson*)

C. **Operations and Maintenance**

- 1) Operations and Maintenance Update (*C. Camarillo*)

9) **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:07.

Shuran Parker

Shuran Parker, Recording Secretary