

MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT



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

August 8, 2018
Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

- 1) **6:30 p.m. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.
- 2) **Roll Call** – Roll call was taken.
PRESENT: Directors Lee; Pofahl; Sorenson and Dalessio (arrived at 6:36)
ABSENT: Director Anderson
- 3) **Approval of Agenda** – Upon motion by Director Lee, seconded by Director Pofahl, the agenda was unanimously approved.
- 4) **Public Comments** – Mary Dainton announced that a celebration of life was recently held for former District Board member Zad Leavy.

Kuei Villa thanked the Board for creating access to beautiful parks and spoke about the difficulties that her husband and others in wheelchairs have accessing Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Parks and Point Lobos State Natural Reserve and encouraged thoughtful planning to allow increased access for those not able to walk the trails.

Director Lee thanked Ms. Villa for her comments and clarified that CA State Parks has jurisdiction over the referenced parks and encouraged her to direct her concerns to Brent Marshall the Monterey District Superintendent.

- 5) **Presentation** – Colleen Haley of the California Special Districts Association presented the Board with the renewed Special Districts Leadership Foundation District Transparency Certificate of Excellence.
- 6) **Consent Items** – Upon motion by Director Pofahl, seconded by Director Lee, Items A-F were unanimously approved. After discussing the tasks to be performed and days of performance, upon motion by Director Pofahl, seconded by Director Lee, Item G was unanimously approved.
 - A. Approval of July 11, 2018 Minutes (*S. Parker*)
 - B. Approval of Summary of Payments (*K. McCullough*)

- C. Approval of Quarterly Investment Report (*K. McCullough*)
- D. Approval of Resolution #2018-14, Authorizing State Habitat Conservation Fund Application (*K. McCullough*)
- E. Approval of Request for Bids for Cachagua Field Fence Project (*K. McCullough*)
- F. Approval of Contract Amendment with Design Workshop (*R. Payan*)
- G. Approval of Contract with Quality Traffic Data for Parking Use Survey (*K. McCullough*)

7) Discussion/Action Items –

- A. Consider Adoption of Palo Corona Regional Park General Development Plan Project Description and Commence CEQA Environmental Review of Proposed Plan (*R. Payan*)

Legal Counsel Michael Whilden explained the process for approving the General Development Plan for the park.

Steve Noll of Design Workshop reviewed the proposed General Development Plan for Palo Corona Regional Park and answered Board and audience questions.

David Mullally congratulated the District on opening the Rancho Canada unit of Palo Corona Regional Park and spoke about the efforts a coordinated group has made in the hopes of having a dog park within the park.

Alberto Villa spoke about the need for trails accessible via a wheelchair.

Darius Rike commented that he was pleased to see multi-use trails represented on the draft plan.

Fran Leve encouraged making the park accessible for all physical abilities and to dogs.

Norman Leve spoke about the vast support for the dog park and hopes the Board approves its proposed use.

Ann Quattlebaum announced that she supports the dog park.

Jeanine Keller also announced her support of and the community's need for a dog park.

Barbara Antonchich also supported the dog park and asked the Board to approve and make it a priority.

Katherine Wolf (sp) spoke in support of the dog park.

Doug Oldfield spoke also representing his wife Anna and the Carmelite Monastery commending the Board and staff for opening the park and pointed out that the monastery's primary concern is fire safety. He encouraged the District to enforce the park's rules that prevent open fires in the park.

Arthur McLoughlin congratulated the Board for completion of a draft plan and asked that more emphasis on environmental education be added to the plan.

Linda Mullally commented on how nice it is to see folks using the park, the desire and need for the dog park and noted that in the east bay area, the regional parks have volunteer groups in the parks educating park users and opined that folks in the local area would likely be open to creating a paw patrol. She also encouraged having a bike trail to take people from the South Bank Trail, through Rancho Canada to the Carmel Valley Road area.

Laura Bowling recently moved to the area and announced her support for the dog park and offered to assist with fundraising efforts.

Christian Lamonea encouraged tapping into youth and having environmental programming and possible camping opportunities in the park and networking with educators.

Andrea Edwards supported the dog park and noted that the environmental implications involved could take quite some time to approve. She recommended asking the County to separate the dog park component and seeking approval to complete a Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Kuei Villa again asked the Board to consider those who are disabled and their ability to access the park.

James Michel encouraged the Board to utilize technology in parks for citing examples of fire detection and electronic wheelchairs.

An unidentified member of the public asked when the citizen groups would be able to start mobilizing on the potential dog park project. Mr. Noll and the Board President reiterated that the environmental studies that must be completed and the associated processes will drive when additional park planning and implementation can take place. The group(s) were encouraged to continue conversations with the District General Manager staff to ensure their efforts align with agency goals and requirements.

Director Lee asked the consultant and staff to provide maps with emphasis on sensitive habitat areas, backcountry delineation with proposed uses, etc. for future discussions.

Director Pofahl encouraged the audience to consider participating in the District's volunteer and other available programs.

After discussion and upon motion by Director Pofahl, seconded by Director Lee, the Board unanimously approved the draft plan and directed that the District General Manager and Legal Counsel meet with representatives for the dog park, and that staff evaluate whether certain park improvements can be broken out separately from the main plan.

- B. Approval of Contract with CEQA Consultant Rincon Consultants, Inc. for Environmental Review/Initial Study of PCRCP (*K. McCullough*)

The Board inquired what the potential timeline could be for environmental review of the draft plan and Megan Jones of Rincon Consultants Inc., responded that if allowed by the County a Mitigated Negative Declaration could take 6-12 months, or longer, while an initial study for which Rincon is proposed to complete would take a few months.

Upon motion by Director Lee, seconded by Director Pofahl, the item was unanimously approved.

- C. Consider Approval of Contract with Rachel Anderson for Photo Reports at Carmel River and Amphibian Monitoring as Bioindicators at Rancho Canada Unit, and Ongoing Amphibian Surveys at Palo Corona and Garland Ranch (*K. McCullough*)

Kelly McCullough reviewed the proposed contract and services to be performed and answered questions. Upon motion by Director Dalessio, seconded by Director Pofahl, the item was unanimously approved.

- D. Consider Approval of Change Order to Ranch Fence Contract (*K. McCullough*)

Kelly McCullough reviewed the request and upon motion by Director Dalessio, seconded by Director Pofahl, the Board unanimously agreed to the change order, contingent upon the CJPIA agreeing to pay the additional costs to be incurred by the change order.

- E. Review and Approval of Fiscal Year 2018-19 Pay Schedule (*S. Parker*)

Administrative Services Manager Shuran Parker discussed the FY2018-19 pay schedule and upon motion by Director Dalessio, seconded by Director Lee, the Board unanimously approved the item.

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

A. Administration

- 1) Monthly Financial Report (*K. McCullough*)
- 2) Administration Update (*R. Payan*)

B. Environmental Education/Community Outreach

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

C. Operations and Maintenance

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

D. Planning and Conservation

- 1) No Report

9) Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Shuran Parker, Recording Secretary