

MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
Preserving and Protecting Parks and Open Space



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Kelly Sorenson** - Marina, East Garrison/Fort Ord, north Seaside (**Ward 1**)
Shane Anderson – East Seaside (**Ward 2**)
Kevin Raskoff – Sand City, Del Rey Oaks, west Seaside, central Monterey (**Ward 3**)
Kathleen Lee - Pacific Grove, Pebble Beach west Monterey (**Ward 4**)
Monta Potter - Carmel, Carmel Valley, Big Sur, south Monterey (**Ward 5**)

**Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District
Board Meeting**

**June 5, 2024
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

- 1) **6:30 p.m. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:34.
- 2) **Roll Call** – Roll call was taken.
PRESENT: Directors Lee, Potter and Raskoff
ABSENT: Directors Anderson and Sorenson (arrived at 7:13)
- 3) **Approval of Agenda** – Upon motion by Director Lee, seconded by Director Potter, the agenda was unanimously approved. (Vote: 3-0)
- 4) **Public Comments** – Barbara Mitchell commented that there had been a lack of transparency about the Palo Corona Floodplain Restoration project.
- 5) **Public Hearing** – Review of the MPRPD Proposed Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget, and Approval of Resolution #2024-07, Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25 (S. Parker)
 - The item was moved to later in the meeting to allow for Director Sorenson’s participation.
 - Administrative Services Manager Shuran Parker shared highlights of the draft FY2024-25 budget and answered Board member questions.
 - Slight edits to Goals and the breaking out of CFD expenditures by park were requested by the Board.
 - President Raskoff opened the public hearing and solicited feedback. There being none, the public hearing was closed.
 - After the public hearing was closed and upon motion by Director Potter, seconded by Director Sorenson, the item, with edits was unanimously approved, thereby adopting the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget. (Vote: 4-0)
- 6) **Consent Items** – Upon motion by Director Potter, seconded by Director Lee, Items A, B, C, D, F, H, and I were unanimously approved (Vote: 3-0) After discussion and as noted

below, upon motion by Director Lee, seconded by Director Potter, Items E and G were unanimously approved (Vote: 4-0)

- A. Approval of May 1, 2024 Minutes (*S. Parker*)
- B. Approval of May 22, 2024 Minutes (*S. Parker*)
- C. Approval of Summary of Payments (*K. McCullough*)
- D. Approval of Contract Amendment with Geomorph Information Services, Inc., for GIS Management and Consulting Services (*J. Smith*)
- E. Approval of Contract Amendment with Denise Duffy & Associates for Native Plant Propagation Services (*J. Smith*)
 - Planning and Conservation Program Manager Jake Smith answered Board member questions.
- F. Approval of Contract Amendment with Rincon Consultants, for Development of Fuel Mitigation and Fire Management Plan for Garland Ranch Regional Park (*J. Smith*)
- G. Approval of Revised Injury and Illness Prevention Program (*S. Parker*)
 - Administrative Services Manager Shuran Parker answered Board member questions.
 - Director Lee inquired whether provisions could be added to note that complaints and the annual report would be presented to the Board. Legal Counsel Tucker Wisdom-Stack advised that he would research and report back within three months.
- H. Approval of Amendment with Kasavan Architects for Garland Ranch Regional Park Ramada (*J. Nelson*)
- I. Approval of Resolution #2024-04, Ordering an Election, Requesting County Elections to Conduct the Election, and Requesting Consolidation of the Election (*S. Parker*)

7) Discussion/Action Items

- A. Approval to Enter Agreement with Aries Buildings LLC for the Purchase of EECO Office Building (*J. Nelson*)
 - Environmental Education Supervisor Jackie Nelson introduced the item and answered Board member questions.
 - After discussion and upon motion by Director Lee, seconded by Director Sorenson, the item was approved, with direction to staff to return with a space planning workshop to include the Board within six months. (Vote: 3-1, Ayes: Directors Lee, Raskoff and Sorenson; No: Director Potter)
- B. Consider Special District Grant Accessibility Act, Streamlining Federal Grant Programs so Special Districts have Access (*R. Payan*)
 - General Manager Rafael Payan introduced the item and answered Board member questions.
 - After discussion and upon motion by Director Lee, seconded by Director Potter, the item was unanimously approved, with direction to the General Manager to reach out to Senator Panetta's office and submit for the District, utilizing the sample legislative platform form available from CSDA. (Vote: 4-0)
- C. Consider Taking Action on Initiative 1935, Invalidating Local Revenue and Proposed Development Related Fee Legislation and Litigation (*R. Payan*)

- Rafael Payan introduced the item and with the help of Legal Counsel, answered Board member questions.
 - No action was taken. Staff will report back to the Board on any updates in August.
- D. Consideration of Resolution #2024-05, Authorizing the Application for Grant Funds from the Local Agency Grant Program, Under the Habitat Conservation Fund Program for California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990 (*J. Smith*)
- Jake Smith introduced the item and answered Board member questions.
 - After discussion and upon motion by Director Sorenson, seconded by Director Potter, the item was unanimously approved. (Vote: 4-0)
- E. Sign on to Letter Opposing Habitat Conservation Fund Annual Reduction (*R. Payan*)
- Rafael Payan introduced the item and answered Board member questions.
 - After discussion and upon motion by Director Lee, seconded by Director Potter, the item was unanimously approved. (Vote: 4-0)
- F. Review and Approval of Resolution #2024-06, Finding the Garland Ranch Regional Park East Garzas Road Shaded Fuel Break Project Exempt from CEQA (*J. Smith*)
- Jake Smith introduced the item and answered Board member questions.
 - After discussion and upon motion by Director Potter, seconded by Director Lee, the item was unanimously approved. (Vote: 4-0)
- G. Approval of Request for Bids for the Garland Ranch Regional Park Fuel Mitigation Project (*J. Smith*)
- Jake Smith introduced the item and answered Board member questions.
 - Rachel Saunders of the Big Sur Land Trust commended the District and staff for all their hard work on the project thus far and for responding to the public's concerns, while also protecting species.
 - After discussion and upon motion by Director Sorenson, seconded by Director Potter, the item was unanimously approved. (Vote: 4-0)
- H. Approval of Request for Bids for the Garland Ranch Regional Park East Garzas Road Shaded Fuel Break Project (*J. Smith*)
- Jake Smith introduced the item and answered Board member questions.
 - After discussion and upon motion by Director Potter, seconded by Director Sorenson, the item was unanimously approved. (Vote: 4-0)
- I. Consideration of Agreement to Complete Monterey Salinas Transit Surf! Project Mitigation at Marina Dunes Preserve (*J. Smith*)
- Jake Smith introduced the item and answered Board member questions.
 - After discussion and upon motion by Director Sorenson, seconded by Director Lee, the item was unanimously approved. (Vote: 4-0)

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

- A. Monthly Financial Report (*K. McCullough*)
- B. Mid-Month Report (*R. Payan*)

9) Identification of Closed Session Items – President Raskoff announced that the Board would be going into Closed Session to discuss the noted items and solicited public comments.

- A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2). Two potential cases.
- B. Instructions to Real Property Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 A.P.N. 015-162-049, 015-162-048, 015-162-025, 015-162-017 and 015-162-026 (Negotiators: Payan and Wisdom-Stack) (Under negotiation: terms and conditions)
- C. Instructions to Real Property Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 A.P.N. 031-191-026, 031-191-027, 031-191-028 and 259-011-025 (Negotiators: Payan and Wisdom-Stack) (Under negotiation: terms and conditions)
- D. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1), the Board will consider the evaluation of performance of District staff member

10) Public Comment on Closed Session – None

11) Adjourn to Closed Session - Closed Session began at 9:38 and ended at 11:00.

12) Report on Return from Closed Session – Nothing to report.

13) Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 11:00.

Shuran Parker, Recording Secretary