

MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 4, 2026, 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 6:31.
- 2) **ROLL CALL** – Present: Directors Lee, Markham, Potter, and Raskoff; Absent: Director Covel
- 3) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Upon motion by Director Raskoff seconded by Director Lee, the agenda was unanimously approved.
- 4) **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Maryann Leffel, a Board member on the Ventana Wildlife Society (VWS) announced that VWS would be having a fundraiser on June 9 and invited Board members to attend.
 - Lorna Moffitt encouraged the District to not cut down eucalyptus trees at Garland Ranch Regional Park.
 - Environmental Education Supervisor Savannah Peña introduced Nicole Bonello who was recently promoted to the Environmental Education Coordinator position, and recent Environmental Education Specialist hire, Adele Swing.
- 5) **PRESENTATIONS** (*Presentations are informational only, and no formal Board action will be taken. Public speakers are limited to three minutes.*)
 - A. **Overview of the Palo Corona Regional Park Conservation Grazing Program and 2026 Lease RFP** (*J. Smith, J. Brenton*)
 - Resource Conservation Specialist Jacqueline Brenton discussed elements of the grazing RFP and answered Board member questions.
 - Lorna Moffit spoke in opposition to the staff recommendation.
 - B. **Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget Review** (*S. Parker*)
 - Administrative Services Manager Shuran Parker presented a review of the current fiscal year District budget along with year-end projections.

6) **CONSENT ITEMS** – After discussion as noted below and upon motion by Director Lee, seconded by Director Raskoff, the entire consent calendar was unanimously approved.

- A. **Approval of February 4, 2026 Regular Meeting Action Minutes** (S. Parker)
- B. **Approval of Summary of Payments** (S. Parker)
- C. **Approval of Request for Proposals for Information Technology Services** (S. Parker)
- D. **Approval of Invitation to Bid for Purchase of Tractor with Sickle Bar** (C. Camarillo)
- E. **Approval to Reject All Bids and Purchase Three 4WD Pickup Trucks on the Open Market** (C. Camarillo)
 - Director Markham asked whether staff were confident that the desired trucks would be available on the open market and Supervising Ranger Caine Camarillo responded in the affirmative.
- F. **Approval of MOU with University of California Master Gardeners** (S. Peña)
 - Lorna Moffitt spoke in opposition to the staff recommendation.
- G. **Approval of MOU Extension and Amendment with Monterey County Free Libraries** (S. Peña)

7) **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS** (Discussion items generally include a staff presentation or explanation and recommendation before Board discussion and vote. Public speakers are limited to three minutes.)

- A. **Consideration of Candidates for Election as Special District Regular Representative to Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) of Monterey County and Casting District Ballot** (S. Parker)
 - The Board encouraged two of the candidates in attendance, running for the seat to make a statement.
 - Jonathan Ahmadi spoke to the Board about his qualifications and goals for serving on the Board.
 - Maryann Leffel also spoke about her qualifications and goals for serving on the Board.
 - After discussion, President Potter announced that she would consider the candidate statements, feedback from other Directors and would cast the ballot for the District by the March 6 deadline and also follow-up with the candidates who spoke at the meeting.
- B. **Consider the Establishment of an Interim Fee Schedule for Special Uses- (Commercial, Competitive, Organized Group Use) of Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District Lands** (E. Morgan)
 - General Manager Eric Morgan introduced the item and answered Board member questions.
 - After discussion and upon motion by Director Lee, seconded by Director Markham, the Board unanimously approved Item 6-B, asking the General Manager to provide the Board with a status update in December 2026.

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*)

- 9) IDENTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS** – President Potter introduced the Closed Session items and invited public comment.
- A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9. One potential case.**
 - B. Instructions to Real Property Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 A.P.N. 033-121-010, 033-121-004, 033-132-005, 033-132-002, 033-132-003, 033-121-002, 033-121-006 and others; Commonly known as Locke-Paddon Wetland Community Park (District Negotiators: Morgan and Wisdom-Stack) (Under negotiation: terms and conditions)**
 - 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)**
 - D. Conference with Legal Counsel – Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9. One potential case.**
- 10) PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION** – (Item 9-B) Steve Lee announced his support for an Asian American Garden at Locke-Paddon Park.
- 11) ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION** – Closed Session began at 8:59 and ended at 10:20.
- 12) REPORT ON RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION** – Nothing to report.
- 13) ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 10:20.

Shuran Parker, Recording Secretary