

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6-L

MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT BOARD REPORT

DATE: April 1, 2026
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Jake Smith, Planning & Conservation Program Manager
FROM: Eric Morgan, General Manager *E. S. Morgan*
SUBJECT: **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION No. 2026-XX TO RECOGNIZE
AND CELEBRATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAGUNA
GRANDE JOINT POWERS AGENCY**

SUMMARY

The Laguna Grande Regional Park Joint Powers Agency was established on February 26, 1976. As the Agency reaches its "golden anniversary," staff from all three member entities are coordinating a regional celebration and seeking formal board resolutions to commemorate this milestone. The attached resolution highlights the Agency's history of environmental stewardship and its ongoing value as a community resource.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with the adoption of this commemorative resolution. Promotional efforts, including eNewsletter blurbs and social media coordination, are being managed within existing staff time and department budgets.

FUNDING SOURCE

Not Applicable.

FUNDING BALANCE

Not Applicable.

DISCUSSION

Background

For fifty years, the Laguna Grande Regional Park JPA has served as a visionary partnership dedicated to protecting one of the Monterey Peninsula's most vital natural

spaces. The Agency was formed to coordinate the acquisition, planning, and maintenance of the park, ensuring a unified management approach for a resource that crosses municipal boundaries.

Since its inception, the JPA has successfully balanced the preservation of a sensitive freshwater marsh ecosystem with the recreational needs of a growing urban community. Today, Laguna Grande Regional Park serves as:

- A critical sanctuary for local wildlife and a living classroom for environmental learning.
- A premier gathering space for residents of Monterey, Seaside, and the broader Peninsula.
- A symbol of effective regional leadership and shared stewardship.

50th Anniversary Commemoration

The District is working closely with the JPA 50th Anniversary Planning Team, including staff from the Cities of Monterey and Seaside, to execute a community event on Sunday, April 19, 2026, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. This event will honor the leaders who founded the Agency in 1976 and look forward to the next 50 years of care and community connection.

Adopting this resolution reinforces MPRPD's commitment to the Agency's mission and provides the necessary formal support for the upcoming public celebrations.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff respectfully recommend that the Board:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-03 recognizing and celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Laguna Grande Regional Park Joint Powers Agency.

ATTACHMENT

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