

MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 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 6:32.
- 2) **ROLL CALL** – PRESENT: Director Lee, Markham, Potter, and Raskoff
- 3) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Upon motion by Director Lee, seconded by Director Markham, the agenda was unanimously approved. Vote: 4-0
- 4) **INTERVIEW OF JAMES COVEL FOR WARD 2 POSITION ON THE MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
 - Board members asked Mr. Covell various interview questions.
 - Mary Dainton announced her support for Mr. Covell.
 - At the conclusion of questioning, and upon motion by Director Lee, seconded by Director Raskoff, the Board unanimously agreed to appoint James Covell as Ward 2 representative on the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District Board of Directors. Vote: 4-0.
- 5) **APPOINTMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO APPOINTEE, IF ANY, SELECTED PURSUANT TO ITEM 4**
 - After appointment by the Board to the Ward 2 seat, Mr. Covell was sworn into office by General Manager Eric Morgan.
- 6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Susan Schiavone spoke in support of Jonathan Ahmadi who is running for the special district seat on the LAFCO Board and urged the District to cast its ballot for him.
 - Mary Ann Leffel, the incumbent representing special districts on the LAFCO board and current Vice Chair, announced that she is running again for the seat and asked the Board to cast its ballot for her.
 - Michael Ipson a member of the Coalition for Asian Justice in Monterey County spoke in support of having an Asian American Garden at Locke-Paddon Wetland Community Park (Locke-Paddon).
 - Jonathan Ahmadi, another candidate for the special district seat on LAFCO introduced himself and asked the Board to vote for him.
 - Esther Malkin also announced her support for Mr. Ahmadi and as president of the Neighborhood Association for Laguna Grande asked the Board to agendaize at a future meeting, the topic of water at Laguna Grande Regional Park.

7) **CONSENT ITEMS** – Upon motion by Director Raskoff, seconded by Director Markham, Items 7-A, C, F and G were unanimously approved. Vote: 5-0. After discussion and clarification as noted below and upon motion by Director Raskoff, seconded by Director Markham, Items 7-B, D, and E were unanimously approved. Vote: 5-0.

A. Approval of December 3, 2025 Regular Meeting Action Minutes (S. Parker)

B. Approval of January 7, 2026 Regular Meeting Action Minutes (S. Parker)

- A statement attributed to Director Potter was actually made by Director Raskoff and needs to be corrected.

C. Approval of Summary of Payments (S. Parker)

D. Approval of Request for Proposals for Purchase of Three Four-wheel Drive Pickup Trucks (C. Camarillo)

E. Approval of Request for Bids for Kahn Ranch Rental Residence Improvements (C. Camarillo)

- Environmental Education Coordinator Debbie Wyatt spoke in support of the staff recommendations.

F. Approval of Professional Services Agreement Securing Legal Services through Monterey County Counsel (E. Morgan)

G. Review and Approval of Resolution #2026-01, Garland Ranch Regional Park Defensible Space Maintenance Project and CEQA Findings (J. Smith)

8) **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

A. Canine Ordinance Amendments (T. Wisdom-Stack)

- District Counsel Tucker Wisdom-Stack introduced the item and answered Board member questions.
- Michael Anderson spoke in support of staff recommendations.
- Christy Fischer also spoke in support of staff recommendations on the item.
- After discussion and upon motion by Director Lee, seconded by Director Markham, the item was unanimously approved.

B. Informational Presentation Regarding the Monterey Bay Area Stewardship Authority Regional Legislation AB1548 (J. Smith)

- Planning and Conservation Program Manager Jake Smith introduced the item and along with guest speakers Donna Meyers, a local conservation practitioner, and Juan Altamirano and Christy Fischer of Trust for Public Land provided additional information and answered Board member questions about the item.

9) **DIVISION REPORTS** – All Division reports are informational only and may be written or oral.

A. Monthly Financial Report (S. Parker)

B. Mid-Month Staff Report (E. Morgan)

10) **IDENTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS** – President Potter introduced the Closed Session items and solicited public comment.

A. Instruction 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)

B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2). One potential case.

11)PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION – Steven Lee spoke in support of having an Asian American garden at Locke-Paddon.

12)ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION – Closed Session began at 8:27 and ended at 10:02.

13)REPORT ON RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION – Nothing to report.

14)ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 10:02.



Shuran Parker, Recording Secretary