AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
BOARD REPORT

DATE:	**November 4, 2026**
TO:	**Board of Directors**
FROM:	**Shuran Parker, Administrative Services Manager**
REVIEWED BY:	**Eric Morgan, General Manager**
SUBJECT:	**Interview of Four Candidates for Ward 4 Position on the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District Board of Directors and Appointment Effective January 4, 2027**

SUMMARY

The Board of Directors (Board) decided upon motion and vote to make an appointment for the upcoming Ward 4 open elective office seat. The Board will conduct interviews of the candidates who expressed an interest in serving in that role, then make the appointment which will be effective January 4, 2027.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with taking this action.

FUNDING SOURCE

Not applicable

FUNDING BALANCE

Not applicable

DISCUSSION

The Ward 4 seat on the District Board was open on the November 3 general election but no individuals submitted the required nomination paperwork through Monterey County Elections by the August 12 deadline. Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 5532, the Board at its October 7 meeting voted in favor of making an appointment to fill the vacancy. Staff subsequently advertised the opening at District parks, on the Distict's website, and on social media, which resulted in four candidates submitting letters of interest to serve: Kathleen Lee (**ATTACHMENT 1**), Jay Tulley (**ATTACHMENT 2**), Mitchel Sawhney (**ATTACHMENT 3**), and

John Mothershead (**ATTACHMENT 4**). All four candidates will attend the meeting for the interviews, either virtually or in person.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff requests that the Board interview the four candidates identified, then make an appointment for the Ward 4 seat, effective January 4, 2027.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Kathleen Lee submission
2. Jay Tulley submission
3. Mitchel Sawhney submission
4. John Mothershead submission