

# 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**

**August 7, 2024  
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.**

### MINUTES

- 1) **6:30 p.m. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:32.
- 2) **Roll Call** – Roll call was taken.  
PRESENT: Directors Anderson, Lee, Potter, Raskoff and Sorenson  
ABSENT: None
- 3) **Approval of Agenda** – Upon motion by Director Sorenson, seconded by Director Lee, the agenda was unanimously approved, with the revision to table Item 5-A (and subsequently Item 6-A, as noted below).
- 4) **Public Comments** – Jeff Markham, a resident of Marina spoke to the Board about the City of Marina contacting the District regarding improvements to Locke-Paddon Wetland Community Park and provided a handout about the park.
  - Michael Anderson asked about the status of the proposed dog park at Palo Corona Regional Park, noting that it sounds like a good idea and how it would be good to have one at each District park.
  - Hugo Ferlito, Director for Big Sur Marathon Foundation to thank the Board for the District's partnership on the cross country school runs at Palo Corona and noted that he looks forward to the 2024 season.
  - Hans Ongchua asked the Board to reconsider its support of the SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project because of a recent Coastal Commission analysis which outlines the devastating environmental impacts the project would cause.
- 5) **Presentations**
  - A. Rancho Cañada Floodplain Restoration Project Update (*J. Smith*) – **TABLED**
  - B. Snowy Plover Update (*R. Payan*)

- General Manager Rafael Payan introduced Kriss Neuman of Point Blue Conservation Science presented an update on the Western Snowy Plover and answered Board member questions.
- Michael Anderson asked how well we know the loss of kelp and the effect of otters on the plover. Ms. Neuman noted that the loss of kelp has been much more profound the further north due to warming waters. She reported that Point Blue has recorded more beach kelp on beaches in Monterey Bay than anywhere else in California.

6) **Consent Items** – Upon motion by Director Lee, seconded by Director Anderson, the Board unanimously agreed to pull Item 6-A so that Director Lee’s comments about Joyce Stevens could be revised. Upon motion by Director Sorenson, seconded by Director Potter, Items 6-B through D were unanimously approved.

- A. Approval of July 3, 2024 Minutes (*S. Parker*) – **TABLED**
- B. Approval of Summary of Payments (*K. McCullough*)
- C. Approval of Quarterly Investment Report (*K. McCullough*)
- D. Biennial Review and Approval of Conflict of Interest Code (*S. Parker*)

7) **Discussion/Action Items**

- A. Award of Contract to WRA Inc. for RFB 202324-3 Garland Ranch Regional Park Garzas Road Shaded Fuel Break Project (*J. Smith*)
  - Planning and Conservation Program Manager 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.
- B. Review and Approval of Resolution #2024-08 and Addendum to the Project Specific Analysis for the Garland Ranch Regional Park Fuel Management Project CalVTP PEIR
  - Mr. Smith introduced the item and answered Board member questions.
  - Michael Anderson asked if the District would be removing some or all eucalyptus trees and Mr. Smith responded that they would be removing an 8 acre area that’s encroaching on riparian zones and a 4 acre area adjacent to Rancho Loop Trail.
  - After discussion and upon motion by Director Sorenson, seconded by Director Potter, the item was unanimously approved.
- C. Guidance on Contracts for On-Call Consulting Services (*J. Smith*)
  - Mr. Smith introduced the item and answered Board member questions.
  - The Board supported the recommendation as presented but no formal action was requested or provided.
- D. Review and Approval of Amendment for On-Call Environmental Management and Planning Services with Denise Duffy & Associates, Inc. (*J. Smith*)
- E. Review and Approval of Amendment for On-Call Environmental Management and Planning Services with Harris Environmental Group, Inc. (*J. Smith*)
- F. Review and Approval of Amendment for On-Call Environmental Management and Planning Services with SWCA, Inc. (*J. Smith*)

- Sans discussion, upon motion by Director Sorenson, seconded by Director Lee, Items D, E, and F were unanimously approved.

- 8) **Division Reports** – All Division reports are informational only and may be written or oral.
- A. Monthly Financial Report (*K. McCullough*)
  - B. Monthly Staff 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). Four potential cases.
  - B. Instructions to Real Property Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 A.P.N. 015-162-009, 015-162-048 and 015-162-049 (Negotiators: Payan and Wisdom-Stack) (Under negotiation: terms and conditions)
- 10) **Public Comment on Closed Session** – None
- 11) **Adjourn to Closed Session** – Closed Session began at 6:48, suspended at 7:01, then resumed at 9:11 and ended at 10:45.
- 12) **Report on Return from Closed Session** – Nothing to report.
- 13) **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 10:46.

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Shuran Parker, Recording Secretary