



FULTON-EL CAMINO RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Teresa Higgins Chair, Michael Seaman Vice Chair, Kathy Stricklin Secretary, Laura Lavalley Director, Chris Fischer Director

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM: Minutes 4.1

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025
6:30 PM

RICHARD T. CONZELMANN COMMUNITY CENTER
2201 COTTAGE WAY, SACRAMENTO, CA 95825
BOARD ROOM

1. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Higgins called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and led with a Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members:

Teresa Higgins, Chair - Present
Michael Seaman, Vice Chair - Present
Kathleen Stricklin, Secretary - Absent
Laura Lavalley, Board Director - Present
Chris Fischer, Board Director – Present

Staff Members:

Emily Ballus, GM
Mike Chahal, Staff
Jaden Delfer, Staff
Jennifer Buckman, District’s Counsel
Eric Campbell, Bridge Presenter - via Zoom
Robin Romines, Staff - via Zoom

Public Attendees:

Jan Kraut, District Resident
Steven Rice, District Resident
Leeroy Munch, Former Board Member and Resident

3. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – COMMENTS

Items not on the Agenda

Public Comment:

Leeroy Munsch says the district needs more money on top of the federal money received. The district needs to use federal money to operate existing programs and facilities.

District Resident Jan Kraut mentioned firecracker and fireworks going off in the North parking lot, boomboxes, people fighting in and out of vehicle, shootings happening in the North lot. Bullets have gone through her house along with another neighbor. Would like the parking lot to close at 5pm and a Park Ranger

District Resident: would like to acknowledge the patients of General Manager Emily Ballus for listening to all of the residents at a meeting prior to the board meeting. He mentions that they are more sympathetic to the situation and the abilities of the park and they are looking forward to working together.

#### **4. CONSENT ITEMS (Motion)**

The Consent Calendar items are those expected to be routine and noncontroversial. They will be acted upon by the Board of Directors after providing an opportunity for public comment.

4.1 Approve the Minutes of the September 2025 Regular Board & Committee Meetings

4.2 Accept Financial Activity

- a. Summary Financial Statement of Activity YTD September 2025
- b. Receive the Program Revenue and Refund Report for September 2025
- c. Receive Revolving Fund Report for September 2025
- d. Receive the Payroll Report for September 2025
- e. Receive Claims for September 2025
- f. Receive Parks, Recreation, Facility Rentals, and Security Report September 2025

4.3 General Manager's Monthly Update

Vice Chair Michael Seaman made the motion to accept the consent agenda and Director Chris Fisher seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0-1-0 (Ayes, Noes, Absent, Abstain).

#### **5. PRESENTATIONS**

##### **5.1 Presentation Provided by Westcon Construction Corp on Bridges Replacements**

Eric Campbell of Westcon Construction Corp. will present on the benefits of steel versus wood bridges in consideration for bridges replacements with Measure Q.

Corten or weathering steel has come into favor for providing a protective cover over the steel. These require minimum maintenance and will regenerate if it gets scratched. Slightly more expensive. Longevity of a wood bridge is 25 years. Steel will be good for 100-125 years. Pertaining to graffiti, you could sand it off. May get expedited permits due to taking pilings out of the creek at Cottage Park.

##### Public Comment:

Steven Rice has a question on the Bridge at Bohemian Park to see if a culvert bridge would work. Response from Vice Chair states the need to have a vehicle go over the bridge and steel may be needed.

Leroy Munsch: Recommends obtaining a bid for a wood bridge vs steel bridge.

#### **6. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ITEMS (Motion)**

The Board will review and discuss taking appropriate action on the following matters:

##### **6.1 Adopt Resolution Approving the Payoff of the Columbia/Umpqua Bank Loan with Measure Q**

The Board adopt Resolution 202025/26-14 to pay off the Columbia/Umpqua Bank Loan with Measure Q.

Postponed to next board meeting.

##### **6.2 Update Policy 3080 – Procurement**

The Board approve the updated Policy 3080 -Procurement.

Director Laura Lavallee makes a motion to approve update policy 3080-Procurement and Vice Chair Michael Seman seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0-1-0 (Ayes, Noes, Absent, Abstain).

### 6.3 **Resubmittal** of Creation of Capital Projects Fund and its Budget

The Board adopt the Resolution 2025/26-13, Approving the Capital Projects Fund and its Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-26.

Vice Chair Michael Seman makes a motion to adopt resolution 2025/26-13 and Director Laura Lavallee seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0-1-0 (Ayes, Noes, Absent, Abstain).

## 7. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS** (No Action Required)

### 7.1 Staff Report (Oral): Little League

Robin Romines reported: announcing that registration for the 2026 Little League season officially opens November 12, 2025. We have successfully obtained our 2026 charter and maintained compliance with Little League International. We've transitioned to the Sports Connect platform, now mandated and fully funded by Little League International. Fresh banners and updated visuals will promote registration throughout our parks and community spaces. We've aligned fully with Little League International's systems and secured all required approvals.

### 7.2 Staff Report (Oral): DocAccess by Streamline, transforms documents into Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) compliance.

Jaden Delfer reported: Increase in web page traffic. Cruisfest, online engagement, and monthly newsletter has helped with this. Newsletter has a 30% open rate within the first few hours, which has helped drive traffic to our website.

## 8. **CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

8.1 Newsome Sings Brown Act Revamp

8.2 California Public Policy Group Legislative Updates.

8.3 FEC Flyers/Information:

- Howe Park's Frightfully Fun Carnival, Saturday, October 25, 1:00pm-4:00 pm, Howe Park
- 2026 Little League Charter

## 9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. Personnel and Finance – Chair, Director Lavallee

Didn't meet as a committee but were informally notified of latest budget.

b. Programs, Facilities and Projects – Chair, Director Seaman

Informal meeting about bridges, survey property at Creekside, and leverage funding for pool. District Counsel Jennifer Buckman brings housing accountability act to the committee's attention. Suggests we have an appropriate Quimby Act Fee in place.

c. Community Relations – Chair, Director Stricklin

Informal meeting about boosting engagement with residents. Potentially music. Would like to resurrect Friends of FEC and get the program back on its feet.

**10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DIRECTORS**

Vice Chair Michael Seaman – Attended the Multi Chamber mixer. Enjoyed the yard sale, encourages all board members to attend the Capri Dinner on November 7, 2025. Encouraging a ribbon cutting for Babcock.

Director Chris Fisher – None.

Director Laura Lavalley – Asked if we are eligible for any of the housing related grants for new apartments going behind Country Club Plaza. Concerned about concentrating on projects that will save the district money or provide income due to limitation on the amount of federal funding. Would like to have a well.

Chair Teresa Higgins – likes the idea of concentrating on ideas that will make the district money.

**11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE GENERAL MANAGER**

GM Ballus talks about security in the park with extra weekly rotations. What can we do in the North parking lot as far as locking people in or towing them.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Chair Teresa Higgins adjourned the meeting at 7:56pm

Respectfully submitted by: Mike Chahal, Director of Finance and Administration / Clerk of the Board.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Higgins, Chair Board of Directors

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen Stricklin, Secretary Board of Directors