

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Teresa Higgins – Chair**  
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**Chris Fischer – Director**



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**FULTON-EL CAMINO RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT**

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEM: Minutes 4.1**

**Thursday, March 19, 2026 | 6:30 p.m.**  
**Richard T. Conzelmann Community Center**  
2201 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825

**1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL, 6:30pm**

**Board Members:**

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

**Staff Members:**

Emily Ballus, GM  
Mike Chahal, Staff  
Jaden Delfer, Staff  
Sabrina Weiderhold, Staff  
Jennifer Buckman, District's Counsel

**Public Attendees:**

Steven Rice, District Resident  
Elena Perez, District Resident

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Non-Agenda Items**

Public Comment:

Elena Perez – Visits Howe Park on a regular basis. Asks to have the mile markings for the 1-mile walking path re painted.

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

Consent Calendar items are routine and noncontroversial and will be approved by one motion after an opportunity for public comment. Any Board member may request removal of an item for separate consideration.

##### **4.1 Approve Minutes**

February 2026 Regular Board and Committee Meetings

##### **4.2 Accept Financial Activity**

- a. Summary Financial Statement of Activity – YTD February 2026
- b. Program Revenue and Refund Report – February 2026
- c. Revolving Fund Report – February 2026
- d. Payroll Report – February 2026
- e. Claims Report – February 2026
- f. Budget to Actual Departmental Reports – YTD February 2026
- g. Parks, Recreation, Facility Rentals, and Security Report – February 2026

Vice Chair Michael Seaman made the motion to accept the consent agenda and Secretary Kathy Stricklin seconded the motion.

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-0-0 (Ayes, Noes, Absent, Abstain).

##### **4.3 General Manager's Monthly Update**

Vice Chair Michael Seaman requested that a distinguished community representative be identified and scheduled to throw the ceremonial first pitch for Little League Opening Day.

##### **4.4 Introduction of New Staff**

Aquatics Manager, Sabrina Wiederhold, was introduced to the Board. Ms. Wiederhold brings six years of management experience from her tenure with the Sacramento YMCA.

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#### **5. PRESENTATIONS**

5.1 None.

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

##### **6.1 Adopt Resolution 2025/2026-16 Granting of Easement at Cottage Park to SMUD**

The Board will consider granting the easement at Cottage Park to SMUD. SMUD staff will be available for questions.

##### **6.2 Adopt Resolutions 2025/2026-17 and 2025/2026-18 Directing Preparation of the Engineer's Reports for the Continuation of the Annual Assessments for the Fulton-EI Camino Recreation and Park District, Parks Maintenance and Recreation Improvement Assessment Districts (Assessment # 1 & Assessment # 2), FY 2026-27.**

The Board will approve directing the preparation of the FY 2026-27 Engineer's Reports for:

- Parks Maintenance & Recreation Improvement Assessment District #1
- Parks Maintenance & Recreation Improvement Assessment District #2

Director Laura Lavallee moves to approve resolutions 2025/2026-17 and 2025/2026-18, and Vice Chair Michael Seaman seconded the motion.

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-0-0 (Ayes, Noes, Absent, Abstain).

### **6.3 Approval of Video Meeting Equipment Purchase and Streaming Services Agreement with Granicus**

The Board will consider approving the professional services agreement with Granicus for live cast streaming of public meetings, live meeting management, on-demand archival video and virtual public meeting capabilities to comply with California State Law and the Ralph M. Brown Act and the purchase of video streaming equipment. Granicus representatives will present.

Representatives from Granicus provided a presentation outlining the platform's features, including secure and uninterrupted live streaming, video indexing, accessibility compliance with multi-language captioning, enhanced public transparency, full-service equipment installation, production support, and keyword-searchable archived recordings.

Director Laura Lavallee moves give Emily Authority to approve Video Meeting Equipment Purchase and Streaming Services, and Secretary Kathy Stricklin seconded the motion.

The motion passed with a vote of 4-1-0-0 (Ayes, Noes, Absent, Abstain).

### **6.4 Resolution 2025/2026-19, November 5, 2026, General Election, Notice of District Election, Publication of Election Notice and Map of Boundary Certification (Motion)**

The Board will consider Resolution 2025/2026-19, a resolution calling for the consolidation of the District's general election with the statewide election on November 5, 2026, and setting the limitations on the number of words on the candidate's statement.

Vice Chair Michael Seaman moves to approve resolutions 2025/2026-19, and Director Chris Fischer seconded the motion.

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-0-0 (Ayes, Noes, Absent, Abstain).

### **6.5 Approve of the Location and Installation Costs for the Howe Park Volleyball Courts**

The Board will consider approving the location and costs for the installation of the Howe Park volleyball courts subsidized by the SHRA \$100,000 grant. Greg Melton of Melton Design group will be available to answer questions.

General Manager Emily Ballus provided an overview of the grant, noting that the funding timeline has been extended through December 2031. She explained that the original project concept included replacing sand volleyball courts with a surfaced alternative to reduce costs; however, the current direction is to retain sand volleyball, which requires identifying a new location and accommodating increased project costs.

Greg Melton and Daniel presented potential surface options, including concrete, asphalt, modular sport court, and rubberized fall surfaces, and recommended consideration of flex ground material.

Vice Chair Michael Seaman discussed concerns regarding abrasive surfaces such as sport court and concrete and expressed support for alternative materials such as synthetic turf, rubberized surfaces, or flex ground. Potential locations reviewed included the former futsal court area, adjacent school property, and the grass area between Howe Avenue and the existing tennis courts. Vice Chair Seaman recommended the grass area near the tennis

courts as the preferred location, with final surface selection to be determined. Director Chris Fischer moved to approve the location of the volleyball courts in the grass area adjacent to the tennis courts. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Michael Seaman.

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0-0-1 (Ayes, Noes, Absent, Abstain).  
Item is to be put on the agenda next month.

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

### 7.1 Measure Q Expenditures Update

Drinking fountains have been purchased and are on-site.

### 7.2 FEC Summer Special Events

Concert in the Park will be May 9, 2026. Friends of FEC are assisting with donations. An upcoming Benefit Gala will be held in June, along with two movie nights at the pool during the summer months.

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## **8. CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

8.1 California voters overwhelmingly passed Proposition 36. The state still isn't helping fund it

8.2 House Committee to Mark Up Special District Fairness and Accessibility Act

8.3 CARPD Annual Conference in Monterey, CA, May 27-30, 2026, Tentative Schedule of Events

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## **9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Personnel and Finance – Director Lavallee  
Meet and talked about Granicus, Measure – Q, and held a closed session regarding litigation.
  - Programs, Facilities, and Projects – Director Seaman  
Meet and discussed the Measure – Q projects that are already in progress, spending money to temporarily fix the pool until the new pool comes to meet compliance. Seely park restrooms to be modeled after Empowerment Parks self-cleaning restrooms.
  - Community Relations – Director Stricklin  
Didn't Meet; however, Friends of FEC did meet regarding awareness of the parks and the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
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## **10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS INITIATED BY DIRECTORS**

Director Chris Fischer – No Comment

Chair Teresa Higgins – Comment on how great the parks look.

Vice Chair Michael Seaman – Attended to the CRPD board meeting. Legislator is looking into what to do about children on E-Bikes

Director Laura Lavallee– No Comment

Director Kathleen Stricklin – Would like to add security on the next agenda.

## **11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS INITIATED BY THE GENERAL MANAGER**

General Manager Emily Ballus would like to talk about the well in Santa Anita.

### **ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 8:22PM**

#### **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

Gov. Code § 54957(b)(1) – General Manager

- Regular meeting resumes -

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Chair Teresa Higgins adjourned the meeting at 8:22pm

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

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Teresa Higgins, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Kathleen Stricklin, Secretary