

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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FULTON-EL CAMINO RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM: Minutes 4.1

Thursday, February 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 via Zoom
Laura Lavallee, Board Director - Present
Chris Fischer, Board Director – Present

Staff Members:

Emily Ballus, GM
Mike Chahal, Staff
Jaden Delfer, Staff
Robin Romines, Staff
Jennifer Buckman, District's Counsel
Dounia Beshara, Staff - via Zoom

Public Attendees:

Jennifer Harris, District Resident
Steven Rice, District Resident
Annie Fisher, District Resident – via Zoom
Mike Grace, Presenter
Emily B, Smud Presenter
Rachael Del Rio, Smud Presenter

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Non-Agenda Items

Public Comment: No Public Comment

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

January 2026 Regular Board and Committee Meetings

4.2 Accept Financial Activity

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

Vice Chair Michael Seaman made the motion to accept the consent agenda and Director Chris Fischer 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

Under separate cover.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Empowerment Park Update

Presentation by Mike Grace, Executive Director, Sacramento Park Foundation on Empowerment Park.

Mike Grace presented about connecting with other Park Districts and Smud and put in a grant for Empowerment Park. Received 6.28M grant given in 2019, broke ground last year. Over budget at a total of 9.3M. Park has self-cleaning, timed restrooms that also sing. Has a village play area with things that light up. Restrooms and light poles are currently complete. Hoping to complete the Park in July. Looking into award possibilities.

6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (Motion)

6.1 Granting of Easement at Cottage Park to SMUD

The Board will consider granting the easement at Cottage Park to SMUD. Amber Montijo, Land Agent, Real Estate Services, SMUD will be available for questions.

Asking for a grant of easement from Fulton-El Camino to Smud for electrical at Cottage Park. Need to get to an old pole at the end of its life cycle and replace it and add a new pole. Already have a 5ft easement on a private property but needs 10ft overhead easement. This is because the pole is not within the original easement. Board would like to know the exact location of the pole. Board is asking Smud if they can work with a 5ft easement in place of a 10 ft easement. Smud will come back with their position on the minimum requirement for an easement to maintain

6.2 Approval of a Contract with KYA Group for the District Office Floor Replacement Paid for by Measure Q

The Board will consider approving the contract with KYA Group for the Administrative Office flooring.

Public Comment: Floating Flooring will take longer.

Director Laura Lavalle made the motion to accept the consent agenda and Vice Chair Michael Seaman seconded the motion.

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

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (No Action Required)

7.1 SB 707 Training Provided by CSDA (Oral Report)

Robin Romines presented the updates to teleconferencing. Allowed with a state of emergency, just cause, or participation by member with disability (person with physical or mental condition that impairs major daily life. Requires both audio and video, must disclose if any persons 18 years or older are present in the room, and what their relationship is.

7.2 House Appropriations, PL 119-75, Congressman Ami Bera Newsletter

\$850,000 approved this month. Discussion on whether funding can be used for a room. GM Ballus would like to speak to congressman Ami Bera about what his views are before we discuss them.

7.3 Friends of FEC New Board Members

Had first meeting with the Friends of FEC. Discussed how to raise awareness and highlight any programs within the District. Discussed update of Bi-Laws for Friends of FEC.

7.4 Bond Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes from November 18, 2025

Have some recommendations, April 14, 2026 is the next Bond Oversight Committee Meeting.

8. CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS

8.1 Cole on the Senate Amendment to H.R. 7148: “funding the Government is Not and Optional Exercise.” (Bill in which FECRPD was awarded \$850,000)

8.2 Support letter and handwritten memo to staff from Syndi Chambers

8.3 CSDA eNewsletter (Board may request an email version)

8.4 CARPD Annual Conference in Monterey, CA, May 27-30, 2026

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Personnel and Finance – Director Lavallee
Met and discussed budget and problem with the property tax. The county made a mistake and we have more coming. Discussed conducting the GM evaluation, Theresa is going to spearhead. Separate evaluations will be done before the board evaluation.
 - Programs, Facilities, and Projects – Director Seaman
Didn't meet
 - Community Relations – Director Stricklin
Didn't meet
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10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS INITIATED BY DIRECTORS

Director Chris Fischer – No Comment

Chair Teresa Higgins - No Comment

Vice Chair Michael Seaman – Thanks Director Chris Fisher for all the efforts towards creating a Friends of FEC Board and the participants. Went to the Chamber Meeting.

Director Laura Lavallee– No Comment

Director Kathleen Stricklin – No Comment

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS INITIATED BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

General Manager Emily Ballus reported we are scheduling measure Q projects. Chair Theresa Higgins would like to request a monthly completion of measure Q projects.

12. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Teresa Higgins adjourned the meeting at 8:04pm

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

APPROVED: _____

Teresa Higgins, Chair

ATTEST: _____

Seaman, Vice Chair

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