

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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FULTON-EL CAMINO RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM: Minutes 4.1

Thursday, April 16, 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
Jennifer Buckman, District's Counsel

Public Attendees:

Steven Rice, District Resident
Ron and Cindy Newhall, District Resident
Rachel Del Rio, Smud Representative

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. PRIOR TO CLOSED SESSION: Designation of labor negotiators to act on behalf of District in negotiations with Unrepresented Employee: General Manager.

Proposed Labor Negotiators: Board President Teresa Higgins, Board Counsel Jennifer Buckman

Vice Chair Michael Seaman made a motion to approve the designation of labor negotiators as presented, and Director Laura Lavallee seconded the motion.

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

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: Public comments on anything not on the agenda.

Public Comment: No Public Comment

CLOSED SESSION: The Public will not participate in the Closed Session, other than for Public Comments.

Closed Session: CS1 Conference with Labor Negotiators (Gov. Code § 54957.6), CS 2 Closed session - Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Gov. Code § 54956.9)

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourn to Regular Meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR SESSION

Regular Meeting resumed

2. ROLL CALL - See above.

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

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

March 2026 Regular Board and Committee Meetings

4.2 Accept Financial Activity

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

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Update on Howe Park Volleyball Courts

Staff met with members of the Afghan community to discuss volleyball court usage and potential surfacing options. Community members who regularly utilize the courts expressed interest in a

rubberized sports court surface. Director Laura Lavallee suggested exploring the possibility of resurfacing the existing sand volleyball court and relocating or reconstructing a sand volleyball court at an alternate location within the park. Additional discussion and consideration will continue at a future meeting.

6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (Motion)

6.1 Adopt Resolution 2025/2026-20 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.

SMUD Representative Rachel Del Rio presented information regarding the need to replace an existing utility pole located at the rear of Cottage Park due to safety concerns. It was noted that the easement request had been revised from 10 feet to 5 feet.

Director Laura Lavallee moved to approve Resolution 2025/2026-20 granting an easement at Cottage Park to SMUD, and Secretary Kathy Stricklin seconded the motion.

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

6.2 Authorize Initiation of Municipal Service Review (MSR) by Sacramento LAFCo (Motion)

The Board will consider authorizing staff to initiate the LAFCo Municipal Service Review (MSR) process, including coordination with LAFCo to schedule the kick-off meeting and complete all required steps.

Director Laura Lavallee moved to authorize staff to initiate the Municipal Service Review (MSR) process, and Chair Teresa Higgins seconded the motion.

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

6.3 Approve Request to Hold a Public Meeting on Measure Q Proposed Projects

The Board will consider holding public meetings for Measure Q projects on May 14, 2026, at Howe Park

Director Laura Lavallee moved to amend the Board meeting schedule to hold a Public Meeting on Measure Q Proposed Projects on May 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., and Director Chris Fischer seconded the motion.

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

6.4 Adopt the New District Logo as Presented (Motion)

The Board will consider adopting the new updated logo for the District.

Director Laura Lavallee moved to adopt the new District logo, 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 the 2026 California Association of Recreation and Park Districts (CARPD) Board Officers Slate of Candidates

The Board will consider approving the 2026 California Association of Recreation and Park Districts (CARPD) Board Officers Slate of Candidates and authorizing the General Manager to cast the District's vote at the CARPD annual general meeting.

Chair Teresa Higgins moved to approve the 2026 CARPD Board Officers Slate of Candidates and authorize the General Manager to cast the District's vote at the Annual General Meeting, and Director Laura Lavalée 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 Measure Q Expenditures Update – Water fountains have been placed

7.2 FEC Summer Special Events – Music in the Park celebrating FEC's 70 years of community service Flyer, Car Show Flyer and Friends of FEC Sponsorship Packet – We will have a band called Cross Town Five, and a Car show. This will be going out into the Newsletter shortly.

7.3 Measure Q Bond Oversight Committee Update, Bylaws explained – Committee term ends in 2 days, requesting at a future board meeting that their term be extended until June 30, 2026, for first term.

8. CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS

8.1 NSDA announces the selection of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP as its new public affairs and federal lobbying partner for all special districts

8.2 California Special Districts Association 2026 Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase

8.3 California passed a law to curb spikes in gas prices. Why isn't it using those powers now?

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel and Finance – Director Lavalée

Director Laura Lavalée was not in attendance; however, Chair Teresa Higgins was in attendance and discussed the March numbers, closed session items coming up, ethical standards regarding lawsuit, holding a budget workshop potentially June or July.

Programs, Facilities, and Projects – Director Seaman
Didn't Meet.

Community Relations – Director Stricklin

Met and discussed the volleyball surface options, placement for sports grounds, Music in the Park Event, and courtyard repairs.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS INITIATED BY DIRECTORS

Director Chris Fischer – No Comment

Chair Teresa Higgins – Reported meeting with Supervisor Desmond, who expressed a willingness to assist with sidewalk and roadway improvements associated with the future pool project.

Vice Chair Michael Seaman – Requested that when an arborist is retained for tree trimming at Creekside, consideration be given to ensuring the arborist has experience and expertise in the proper care and trimming of oak trees. Vice Chair Seaman also reported attending the CARPD Committee Meeting and the Arden/Arcade Mixer and provided information regarding upcoming candidate forum meetings.

Director Laura Lavallee– No Comment

Director Kathleen Stricklin – Director Stricklin reported meeting with neighborhood residents regarding security concerns and discussed the potential for District participation in the August National Night Out event.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS INITIATED BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

General Manager Emily Ballus will be on-site May 16, 2026, for the opening of the Safe Play Park.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 8:31PM

12. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Teresa Higgins adjourned the meeting at 8:31pm

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

APPROVED: _____

Teresa Higgins, Chair

ATTEST: _____

Kathleen Stricklin, Secretary