

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MONTE RIO RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Monday, September 10, 2018, at 6:00 pm
Monte Rio Community Center
20488 Hwy 116, Monte Rio, CA 95462**

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Board Chair Steve Baxman.

2. Roll Call and Approval of Agenda and Minutes from Previous Meeting

Present: Board members Steve Baxman, Jean Sasso, Marina McTaggart; absent, Chuck Ramsey;
Administrator Sherry Pimsler

Motion made by Jean Sasso and seconded by Marina McTaggart to approve the meeting's agenda and minutes of August 13, 2018. All approved.

3. Public Comment

- A. Brian Grant of PRAXIS Architects spoke to the Board about Proposition 68. \$4 Billion has been approved for statewide distribution. MRRPD will receive a per-capita portion, as part of the distribution, and Brian is proposing to use these funds as a match to attract more funders of projects the District has on its docket, such as Phase II of the Creekside Park Project, including the Monte Rio Trail. Applications are due in the Spring and workshops are scheduled to start this Fall. This way of funding has been used in the past for other MRRPD projects, such as the Beach concession, the boardwalk, and remodeling of the Community Center, for which Brian and partner Stephanie Felch wrote the grants. With the same cycle coming up, the Board agreed that it would be timely to have PRAXIS proceed with the grant writing, especially in light of the amount of support the County has expressed. In return, PRAXIS would be retained to manage and design the project in the event funding is procured, and any payment for their services would be paid entirely through those grant funds – not out of MRRPD's operating budget.

The Board also agreed to partner with Regional Parks by allowing Brian to supply them with background information gleaned from the Creekside Project, in support of the County's grant funding application to install new public hiking and biking trails in our area. The County's River Parkway Program also includes partnership with Land Paths, Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District, the Water Agency and County Traffic and Public Works.

4. Old Business - None

5. New Business

- A. Approval of Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Final Budget: Sherry pointed out a few adjustments from the Preliminary Budget:
- Some raises, recommended by the Personnel Committee, have been factored in.
 - Projections for office space and the Creekside Café rentals have been reduced.
 - Costs of utilities have been recalculated.
 - Slight changes in format are due to revisions to the Chart of Accounts.

- B. Dates of 2019 Independence Day Celebration: Marina agreed to take the following proposal to the Chamber of Commerce:
- Fireworks – Friday, July 5, 2019
 - Monte Rio Fire BBQ – Saturday, July 6
 - Big Rocky Games – possibly Saturday and Sunday; to be determined.

6. Reports & Information

A. Board Reports - None

B. Staff Reports –

- Lynda Hopkins' office has distributed a map of the MAC (Municipal Action Committee) districts. Monte Rio and Villa Grande are in one district.
- A town hall meeting to discuss the Monte Rio Bridge replacement is scheduled for September 28th – to take place at the MR Community Center.
- Another town hall meeting on septic issues is scheduled for September 29th – also at the Community Center.
- A 2018 Local Agency Biennial Notice has been returned to the Board of Supervisors stating that there have been no changes to the District's Conflict of Interest Code (last approved by the MRRPD Board in 2016).
- LAFCO has announced a vacancy for a regular Class II member (independent special districts) for term ending May 2022.
- Park Supervisor Leslie Hofelich announced that the Beach has broken some records in daily receipts.
- She and assistant John Hailer have installed a sprinkler in the Amphitheater in front of the stage.
- A new filter has been installed for the ice machine. .

C. Budget Committee – No meeting.

D. Facilities/Safety Committee – The committee didn't meet, but Brian Grant reported on two separate meetings the District had with So. Co. agencies:

- Meeting to discuss the Sweetwater Springs excess property acquisition (now referred to as the Monte Rio Trail Project). Brian reported that he, Jean Sasso and Sherry met with Supervisor Hopkins, Regional Parks and So. Co. Ag. Preservation and Open Space on August 27th. The main takeaway is that Parks is interested in the project operationally and that SACPOSD is looking for possible funding opportunities, such as State or County funds to match the Prop 68 per capita share or inclusion of the Trail in the River Parkway Project. It is expected that Regional Parks' commitment will draw interest from potential partners.
- August 30th meeting with Mark Bramfitt, Executive Officer of LAFCO to discuss possible expansion of District boundaries (Brian, Steve Baxman and Sherry attending). Brian explained to the Board that 1/10th of 1% of District residents' parcel taxes flow back to MRRPD to support recreational and park services. If District boundaries were to expand, a "tax exchange" with the County might keep the additional tax increment local, but the process is not a clear path and is separate from the boundary expansion request. Although the District has need of more funds for operations and maintenance, the argument for a tax exchange would have to be compelling. On the other hand, a boundary expansion in itself would provide a larger pool of people to draw from who could serve on the Board and provide for more staffing opportunities. Mark suggested setting up a meeting with Supervisor Hopkins to present clear reasons for annexation and a possible tax exchange. Staff has requested a November meeting with her office, to take place after the elections.

- E. **Personnel Committee** – Recommended \$2/hr. raises for the positions of Park Supervisor, Landscape Assistant and District Administrator, which have been included in the proposed Final Budget.
- F. **Marketing & Public Outreach Committee** – No meeting has been held; Marina has volunteered to serve in place of former Board member Korie Shokmalli.
- G. **CWA (Creekside Wastewater Authority at Creekside Park)** – No meeting was held, but Steve reported that the generator had been delivered.

7. **Correspondence** – None

8. **Action Items** – None

9. **Review Monthly Accounts Payable** – The P&L report for September reflected \$8,030.42 in expenditures.

10. **Next Meeting** –The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 8th.

11. **Meeting adjournment** – not recorded