

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

**Monday, April 8, 2019, at 6:00 pm  
Monte Rio Community Center  
20488 Hwy 116, Monte Rio, CA 95462**

**A. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Board Chair Steve Baxman.

**B. Roll Call and Approval of Agenda and Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Present: Board members Steve Baxman,, Marina McTaggart and Chuck Ramsey; District Administrator Sherry Pimsler. Absent: Board member Jean Sasso.

Chuck Ramsey moved and Marina McTaggart seconded approval of this evening’s agenda and minutes of March 11, 2019.

**C. Public Comment** – None

**D. Old Business** –

A. Review of District Preparations for and Response to Flood Events – Discussion: Steve reviewed the flood recovery efforts in progress.

**Creekside Park:**

- The old school sustained major damage. A neighbor across the highway wants to retrieve gravel that washed from his property onto the park. It was agreed that it will be stockpiled in the cutout to the north for him to pick up.
- Brian and Sherry met with adjusters to go over the classroom wing and are waiting to hear back. The adjusters will consider how to cover damage from this most recent event, since the roof has been leaking over time and repairs are not possible until that is addressed.
- Brian discussed with Jeff of Von Renner details of removing material covering improved trails and septic area and reconstruction of damaged trails. Jeff has equipment with a long arm to reach into the fragile areas of the septic without driving onto it. Brian is awaiting estimates.
- Unrelated to District property, the County is engineering slides, including the one next to the Fire House.

**Amphitheater**

- Fans have been running 24/7 at the Studio (old Cop Shop/Teen Center) and Playhouse. Power washing has been completed in restrooms and Playhouse. The Studio will require more restoration and replacement of appliances. Electrical must be replaced in the Studio and Playhouse.
- There was brief discussion about the eventual fate of the Studio.
- **Community Gardens** were impacted and some fencing must be replaced.
- **Christmas Tree Lot** is intact but the mouth of Dutch Bill Creek is jammed with debris carried from properties upcreek. Riverkeeper and Clean River Alliance will be asked to organize cleanup.

**Monte Rio Beach**

- The gates are in good shape but the beach was heavily reconfigured. Brian will discuss grading possibilities with Kevin Doble of LACO.
- The Meadow restrooms have been power washed and are ready to open for the summer season.
- The broken water main in the neighboring driveway have been fixed.
- The adjuster has deemed the concession trailer totaled. Staff has contracted for a rental office trailer for the summer and purchase of a kitchen trailer, both smaller, 20’ units. ADA and California specification modifications are being made by manufacturer.

**E. New Business –**

- Possible New Board Member: Board members interviewed Paul DuBray, owner of the Rio Café and Rio Bistro. Steve subsequently called for a motion to approve his appointment; Chuck moved to approve and Marina seconded. Paul was sworn in and seated by Steve to become the newest member of the Monte Rio Recreation & Park District Board, replacing Korie Shokmalli who resigned on May 30, 2018. Paul's term will expire December 3, 2021.

**F. Reports & Information**

**A. Board Reports – None**

**B. Staff Reports –**

- Sherry confirmed with all Board members (excluding Paul) that their Form 700's had been submitted and that they had completed their harassment training.
- The District is in the process of completing an annual questionnaire for CAPRI that includes an update of the District's capital assets. CAPRI indicated that they may be performing a California-wide appraisal of their clients' properties.

**C. Budget Committee –**

- There has been no meeting, but committee reported that the District received positive reports from the County regarding its FY 18/19 tax increment.
- The District has now assumed the CRLP loan for the café awning at Creekside Park.

**D. Facilities/Safety Committee –**

- Trails Projects Update: Regional Parks is interested in partnering to install a community trail on property located between Creekside Park and Tyrone, using Prop 68 funds. Brian suggested some community meetings that fold this proposal in with the Sweetwater property trail (Monte Rio Trail) and the Monte Rio Bridge replacement. Disruption caused by the flood event might provide an opportunity for improvements. PRAXIS has volunteered to stay in conversation with Regional Parks. Also, they will continue to follow up with the Lower Russian River Trail planners.
- CRLP Loan Program Update: Leslie will remove the existing sign across from the Rio Theater to make way for the new installation.
- Beach Permit Update: The Water Board signed off and sent the District's check back, saying they considered the application a continuation of the existing permit. Also, the fee for Fish and Wildlife was nominal. However, PRMD is requiring a plan review. Lynda Hopkins may be able to authorize some relief.
- Review of Flood Preparedness: It was agreed that the committee should produce written emergency measures to be taken when flood waters reach certain heights (e.g., at 36-38', the intersection at the Rio Theater is impassable, so flood gates must be retrieved from Creekside before then).

**D. Personnel Committee – None**

**E. Marketing & Public Outreach Committee – None**

**F. CWA (Creekside Wastewater Authority at Creekside Park) – None**

**G. Correspondence – None**

**H. Action Items – None**

**I. Review Monthly Accounts Payable – Expenditures for March were \$25,685.48.**

**J. Next Meeting will be on May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.**

**K. Adjourned at 6:26 pm.**