

**FACILITIES AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING (in person)**  
**September 3, 2025 @ 8:30am**

**1. Call to Order – 8:30am**

**2. Roll Call and Approval of Today’s Agenda and Minutes of July 9, 2025** *(no meeting held in August)*

Present: Board members Steve Baxman, David Gatlin, Administrator Marina McTaggart; Park Supv., Leslie Hofelich, Maintenance and Landscape Asst., Nick Thayer.

Approval of agenda and minutes of July 9, 2025. Nick moved to approve both the agenda and minutes, second by Leslie- all in favor

**3. Public Comment-None**

**4. Reports and Information**

Leslie and Nick

- The newly installed water heater required a new mixer valve. North End Plumbing waived the \$800 fee.
- Vandalism at the Community Center outdoor public restrooms continues to be a problem. The main issue is the disposal of prohibited items into the toilets.
- An extra dumpster was needed this year to keep up with the increased dumping of personal household garbage (from locals and workers in the area) into our collection bins.
- There was a clog under the kitchen floor which was addressed the same day by Rapid Rooter at a cost of \$500.
- Labor Day weekend started out slowly but was very busy on Sunday and Monday. There were the usual issues with non-observance of no parking signs.
- A lot of sprinkler repair was done over the summer at various Park properties.
- There was a major water leak near the water filling station at the Amphitheater. The Fire Department shut off the water and the leak was repaired the following day.
- Beach concessions closed for the season on Labor Day. Beach teardown is scheduled to begin the week of September 8. Due to issues with staffing, training, liability, supervision and hot weather it is expected that the snack shack trailer will not reopen next summer.
- Leslie suggested we renew our Nest camera membership subscription in order to have unlimited access to review past video history. Currently only footage within the last 3 hours can be viewed. Marina will follow up.
- Approximately 150 goats will be arriving in Monte Rio on September 17 to target graze at the Christmas Tree lot and a smaller lot at the Community Center. There will be a transhumance event over the Monte Rio Bridge on September 18 where a smaller herd of about 40 goats will be transferred from the Christmas Tree lot to the Community Center lot. The Bridge will be closed for a very short period of time while this event takes place and no pedestrians or cars will be allowed.
- The next Community Volunteer Day is scheduled for Saturday September 6. The clean up will be the Monte Rio Park and Ride next to the Fire Station. This is the first of 2 clean ups in preparation for the Monte Rio Revival Event on October 3. Parking for the Revival Event will be made available at the Amphitheater and the Christmas Tree lot.

- Leslie noted that the water flow in Monte Rio has been much better since the summer dam at Vacation Beach was not installed this year. There also have been no issues with blue green algae.

### Marina

- Marina will reach out to the Press Democrat to see if they are interested in covering the “goats” story and the transhumance event. She will also contact a local photographer who has a drone and see if he is willing to take drone shots of the events.
- There is continued interest in dedicated pickleball courts. Leslie has adjusted the height of the current tennis courts nets to accommodate pickleball. MRRPD is researching the cost of resurfacing the tennis courts and the possibility of converting one court into pickleball courts.
- The Redwood Empire Food Bank is no longer conducting a drive through at the Community Center. They are now located in the upper parking lot and it is a walk up operation instead.
- This year’s Craft Fair will be 2 days instead of 3 days as in the past. The 3 day time period proved to be too long to attract new vendors.
- The Russian River Chamber of Commerce published a map and membership directory that contains an error with the address for MRRPD. MRRPD is not a member of the RR Chamber, we did not ask to be a part of the directory and we were not advised that we were being included. Marina will contact them and ask that they correct the mistake by reprinting the brochures.

## **5. New Business – None**

## **6. Old Business**

### **A. Grant Updates-None**

### **B. Emergency Preparedness- Policy is in the process of being updated.**

### **C. Update on Trails Projects and SWS/Starrett Hill Acquisition**

- Brian and Stephanie continue to attend monthly meetings with Olivia Fiore of Sonoma County Ag + Open Space.

## **7. Safety Committee Report**

- Steve reported one drowning incident this summer and 3 near drownings. Additional signage has been ordered for the beach in English and Spanish. A free life jacket vest rack has been installed on the side opposite the concession trailers, and the website has been updated with wording that advises against swimming west of the bridge.

## **8. Adjourn/Next Meeting – Adjourned at 9:32am; next meeting date October 8, 2025.**