

**FACILITIES AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING (in person)**  
**February 4, 2026 @ 8:30am**

**1. Call to Order – 8:30am**

**2. Roll Call and Approval of Today's Agenda and Minutes of January 7, 2026**

Present: Board members Steve Baxman, David Gatlin (sitting in for Jean Sasso), Administrator Marina McTaggart; Park Supv., Leslie Hofelich, Brian Grant and Stephanie Felch, Praxis Architects.

Approval of agenda and minutes of January 7, 2026. Leslie moved to approve both the agenda and minutes, second by David- all in favor

**3. Public Comment- None**

**4. Reports and Information**

Leslie

- Routine maintenance and landscaping tasks continue on a daily basis. Leslie inquired about hiring a landscaping company to help with the jobs needed while Nick Thayer is off work due to a job-related injury.
- Leslie is coordinating with Sonoma Coast Builders to replace the lock on the lower beach gate and to move the gate from under the bridge to a more visible location.
- The air conditioning unit will be in place by next week.
- Leslie is in the process of obtaining a third bid for the repaving/stripping of the tennis courts.
- An individual doing 'donuts' in the upper and lower beach parking lots continues to be a problem. If a license plate can be obtained the incidents can be reported to law enforcement.

Marina

- The Community Center commercial kitchen was inspected by the Sonoma County Health Department on January 15 and passed the inspection with no issues. If beach food concessions continue operations this summer Marina will be taking the Serv Safe Management course.
- Marina continues to follow up on why the Community Center was not opened to the public by PGE during the power outage over the Christmas holiday. Che Casul has provided a contact at Sonoma County Office of Emergency Services and Marina will get in touch.
- A grant request in the amount of \$4000 has been submitted to the County for assistance with 2026 garbage and refuse expenses.
- The Gold Ridge Fire Dept conducted two days of training at the Community Center on January 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Boat rental operating days and hours for the summer are expected to be Thursday – Sunday from 10-6. Food concession days and hours may vary. Both boat rentals and food concessions will be open on Monday holidays.
- California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) has contacted the District regarding closeout of 4 Project Worksheets related to the 2019 flood (damage to the teen center, slide damage at Creekside, loss of the concession trailer and eligible management costs) for which reimbursement has been received. The requested information was provided but more detailed information is needed – namely receipts for the damage repair at Creekside. Marina is assembling the documents.

- A cycle club organization called Grasshopper Adventure Series has rented the Community Center for 2 days in late March for registration and after ride use.
- Russian Riverkeeper is currently providing assistance with trash pickup on Mondays and Fridays at the Community Center, the Amphitheater and Creekside.
- It was suggested that a local floral shop might be a good tenant for the Empowerment Center space. Brian reported that WCCS may vacate the premises in May.
- Brian stated that the community gardeners at Creekside have expressed interest in erecting a greenhouse. The materials are available and the gardeners would do the installation. There may be some minimal cost to the District. The structure would be temporary and dismantled if problems such as vandalism occur.
- Brian and Stephanie showed the committee a map of the park project that is being proposed for Guerneville at the Park and Ride location. (*general community interest- not part of MRRPD properties*)

**5. New Business – W-Trans Proposal – review partial active transportation plan for Monte Rio (*discussion- possible action*)** The committee discussed the proposed study that was commissioned by the County to improve pedestrian and bike safety around the triangle, over (but not including) the bridge to Fir St, Main Street and the Creekside Skatepark areas. Once the study is complete there will be input sought from the Community. No action is needed at this time. The transportation plan will be included in the February 9<sup>th</sup> board packet as information for the board.

## **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. A presentation to the MRRPD Board will take place in early spring.

## **7. Safety Committee Report-**

- MRRPD will increase the number of life vests available for public use on both sides of the beach this summer
- The Rental agreement, waiver and release form used for boat rentals will be updated to include an ‘active or passive’ negligence clause suggested by CAPRI and to change the warning paragraph to add that ‘swimming west of the bridge is very dangerous and highly discouraged’. The forms will also be available in Spanish.
- MRRPD will install more signage advising use of life vests, not swimming alone and not consuming alcohol before swimming.

**8. Adjourn/Next Meeting** – Adjourned at 9:25 am.