

FACILITIES AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING (in person)

April 8, 2026 @ 8:30am

1. Call to Order – 8:30am

2. Roll Call and Approval of Today's Agenda and Minutes of March 4, 2026

Present: Board members Steve Baxman, Jean Sasso, Administrator Marina McTaggart; Park Supv., Leslie Hofelich.

Approval of agenda and minutes of March 4, 2026. Leslie moved to approve both the agenda and minutes, second by Jean- all in favor

3. Public Comment- None

4. Reports and Information

Leslie

- The leaning tree at Creekside was removed and the big leaf maple was trimmed.
- PGE has contacted the District regarding their intent to remove a 100-year-old bay tree at Creekside. This tree has previously been evaluated by an arborist and the report states there is no reason for it to be removed. A copy of the arborist report has been posted on the tree. The PGE representative indicated that their legal department would be in contact with MRRPD.
- The septic system at the Meadow restrooms was pumped.
- The new air conditioning unit at the Community Center was used for the first time during an event on March 25 and worked well.
- Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District representatives toured possible targeted grazing areas with Leslie. The tentative date for the goats to graze in Monte Rio is July 13.
- There have been issues with bags of household garbage being left in the Community Center bathrooms and dumped into the toilets causing the septic system to back up.
- Karalynn Walden and Sharon Leckey will be attending the Monday board meeting to give a presentation to the board regarding their plans for running food concessions this summer. Leslie gave them a tour of the commercial kitchen and took them to see the concession trailer (still in storage).
- RSG Solutions will be giving a virtual presentation to the board at the Monday meeting summarizing solutions and options regarding district expansion/CSD formation.
- Beach set up is scheduled to begin on May 1. The District will borrow a canoe trailer from River's Edge Kayak in Healdsburg to facilitate boat transfers from the gym storage area to the beach.
- The Christmas tree lot needs to be mowed. It's also a potential area for targeted grazing in July.
- Memorial Day weekend coincides with the grand opening of Wonderland Pizzeria. It is expected to be very busy in Monte Rio.
- The Terrapin Crossroads Roadshow is taking place May 30 and 31.

Marina

- Leslie and Marina are scheduled to take a CAPRI webinar entitled Park Inspections- Best Practices on April 15.

- A Zero Waste Sonoma e-waste recycling event is scheduled to take place in the middle parking lot on April 25-26 from 9-5
- Marina has signed up for a free photo session with Threshold 360 in partnership with Sonoma County Tourism. Threshold 360 will photograph the Community Center and Amphitheater, and images will automatically be uploaded to our listing on the Sonoma County Tourism website. The appointment is scheduled for Monday April 20.
- The committee was in agreement that the large cracks at the tennis courts need to be addressed immediately. It is not possible to wait until the tennis court repair and paving project is funded. Leslie will contact Parking Lot repair for an estimate.
- The Council of Governments meeting is scheduled for May 18. It is expected that a MRRPD board member attend.
- Marina and Steve are scheduled to meet with Che Casul from the District 5 office to discuss funding similar to Measure M for Special Districts. Measure M only supports city and regional parks.

5. New Business – None

6. Old Business

A. Grant Updates

3 out of 4 Project Worksheets have been uploaded to the FEMA grants portal. Marina is assembling the support documents for the last one. It's unclear if the District has already been reimbursed for these expenses. Marina will inquire through CAL OES.

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.

6. Safety Committee Report-

- A near drowning occurred on March 13 when a person swimming west of the bridge experienced cramps and started going underwater. A nearby boater was able to pull the person out and get him to shore. Gold Ridge Fire Dept responded to the incident.

7. Adjourn/Next Meeting – Adjourned at 9:20 am.