

FACILITIES AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING (in person)

June 3, 2026 @ 8:30am

1. Call to Order – 8:30am

2. Roll Call and Approval of Today's Agenda and Minutes of May 6, 2026

Present: Board members Steve Baxman, Jean Sasso, Administrator Marina McTaggart; Park Supv., Leslie Hofelich, Brian Grant and Stephanie Felch- Praxis Architects

Approval of agenda and minutes of May 6, 2026. Leslie moved to approve both the agenda and minutes, second by Jean- all in favor

3. Public Comment- Karalynn Waldon of 'The Beast' inquired about the possibility of their business producing a 'luau' event on Monte Rio Beach in July or August. The committee had no objections.

4. Reports and Information

Leslie

- Tennis court repairs were completed and the courts reopened on May 18. Both tennis and pickle ball lines need to be repainted.
- The tennis court nets need to be replaced. Brain will obtain a cost estimate.
- Further repairs/overhaul of the tennis courts are on hold and possible funding sources are being explored. Total expenses are estimated at \$200,000.00. Damage from flooding is a major concern.
- The river is very high due to the mouth being closed for the last few days. Sonoma Water has been providing periodic updates, but they do not intend to breach at this time. A sign and one of our life vest racks are currently underwater.
- Brown and white directional 'beach access' signs have been put up on streets in Monte Rio – presumably by the County to direct people to Monte Rio Public Beach.
- The idea of offering only ½ day boat rentals on busy holiday weekends is being explored. This would give more people a chance to rent kayaks and canoes and would also provide an increase in revenue.
- Recology has provided additional beach recycle bins for the summer.
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Marina

- Marina suggested MRRPD consider opening up the Christmas Tree Lot for additional parking on busy holiday weekends. Marina and Leslie will discuss logistics and staffing.
- Both FSC and board meetings will be postponed by one week in July. Facilities will be July 15 and the board meeting will be on July 20.
- The committee is in favor of moving forward with the partnership agreement with Daily Acts regarding the landscape transformation project. Once the agreement is signed, the next step will be a site assessment. A concern is whether the landscape transformation will require additional maintenance on the part of MRRPD staff.
- Brian suggested that Community input regarding the tennis courts repair project could be included as part of the next Master Plan (currently beginning the process of being revised).
- Brian stated that a joint special board meeting between MRRPD, Sweetwater Springs and Olivia Fiori of Ag and Open Space would be an opportunity for Sweetwater Springs and Olivia to provide updates to the board regarding the Starrett Hill acquisition.

5. New Business – None

6. Old Business

A. Grant Updates

Marina is assembling the support documents for the last Project Worksheet required for CAL OES close out of the 2019 flood.

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.

6. Safety Committee Report-

- Additional beach safety signs ‘swim at own risk’ have been ordered for the west side of the bridge. Signs are in both English and Spanish.
- Signage at Creekside Skatepark needs replacing including the ‘Skatepark rules and regulations’ sign. Marina will check in with CAPRI regarding specific language that needs to be included.

7. Adjourn/Next Meeting – Adjourned at 9:29 am.