



North of the River Recreation & Park District

NORTH OF THE RIVER RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR MEETING 3825 RIVERLAKES DRIVE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312 MONDAY, JULY 06, 2026, 4:00 P.M.

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1. CALL TO ORDER: BOARD MEETING CONVENED BY CHAIRPERSON JENIFER VANALSTEIN AT 4:03 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL: BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Jenifer VanAlstein; Bob Smith; Ryan Skidmore; Garrison Moratto; Jeff Chudy

BOARD CLERK PRESENT

Janett Miller

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Bret Haney; Sarah Plank (zoom); Esther Grijalva; Steph Thisius; Jasmin LoBasso;
Lauren Cronk; Mike Evans

LEGAL COUNSEL

Jacob Thomasy

PUBLIC PRESENT

Cindy Mendoza, MIG, Inc.; Jason List, ISOM; Reed Glycer(Legal)

3. NOTICE OF MEETING BEING TAPED, FILMED, STREAMED OR BROADCASTED

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4. FLAG SALUTE: The flag salute was led by Jenifer VanAlstein at 4:03 P.M.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Items requiring attention after the agenda is posted may be added to the agenda with 2/3 majority approval of the Board. Items to be added will be made available to the public at the meeting.

Motion: Smith **Second:** Skidmore **Ayes:** VanAlstein; Smith; Skidmore; Chudy

Noes: None **Absent:** Moratto **Motion carried.**

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The North of the River Recreation and Park District Board of Directors may take official action only on items included in the posted agenda. Items addressed during the Public Comment section are generally matters not included on the agenda and, therefore, the Board will not take action at this scheduled meeting. Such items, however, may be added to a future meeting's agenda. Members of the public may address the Board on items included on the agenda in the order that the items

appear. Speakers are limited to two minutes. Please state your name before making your presentation. Thank you!

No comments

7. CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are deemed routine in nature. Information concerning these items has been forwarded to each Board Member prior to this meeting for their study. The Consent Agenda is acted upon in one motion unless members of the Board, staff, or public request discussion and/or removal of an item.

A. Posting of Agenda

Approval of Secretary Declaration of Posting of Agenda 24 Hours in Advance of Meeting

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Consent Agenda

Motion: Smith **Second:** Skidmore **Ayes:** VanAlstein; Smith; Skidmore; Moratto; Chudy **Noes:** None **Absent:** None **Motion carried.**

8. BOARD BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Direction Regarding the Potential of a NOR General Obligation Bond.

Director of Planning and Construction Steph Thisius stated that the purpose of the Special Meeting was to continue the Board's discussion from the June Board meeting regarding a potential General Obligation Bond. Ms. Thisius introduced the presenters in the following order: Jason List of ISOM Advisors, Reed Clier of Oppenheimer & Co., and Cindy Mendoza of MIG, Inc. Mr. List presented an overview of potential General Obligation (GO) Bond financing options for the North of the River Recreation and Park District. He reviewed funding scenarios based on proposed tax rates, estimated bond proceeds, anticipated bond sale increments, projected tax base growth assumptions, and expected bond maturity timelines. Mr. List also explained that the total bond authorization amount would remain fixed, while the annual tax rate could vary based on assessed valuation growth. Mr. Clier reviewed the legal requirements related to public education efforts, campaign restrictions, and project list transparency associated with a General Obligation Bond measure. Ms. Mendoza presented a revised General Obligation Bond Project List intended to communicate the District's long-term vision for parks and recreation improvements. She explained that the projects were organized to appeal to voters rather than reflect priority order and that the project descriptions were intentionally broad to provide flexibility for future community needs and the use of multiple funding sources.

Director of Community Relations Jasmin LoBasso clarified that the educational campaign presented at the June Board meeting is intended to be a public information program rather than an advocacy campaign. She explained that the program's purpose is to provide factual, transparent information to educate the community about the District, how special districts operate, park funding, infrastructure needs, current and future projects, and long-term planning efforts. Ms. LoBasso reported that staff is developing a public information hub and related communication materials, including website content, social media, videos, eBlasts, FundBook articles, and community information sessions. She noted that the initiative is designed to improve transparency, accessibility, and public understanding while remaining compliant with all legal requirements. Staff will work closely with legal counsel to ensure all communications are informational only and do not advocate for or against a potential General Obligation Bond

measure. Ms. LoBasso stated that, should the Board approve moving forward with a General Obligation Bond measure, staff would expand the public information hub to provide additional factual information regarding bond financing, District funding, infrastructure needs, proposed projects, and the District's history of community investment. She emphasized that the initiative aligns with the Board's commitment to transparency and would serve as a resource for the public regardless of the Board's future action on the proposed bond. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION, THE BOARD APPROVED THE PROPOSED LANGUAGE AS PRESENTED AND DIRECTED STAFF TO PREPARE AND PRESENT A SEPARATE LIST OF PROPOSED PROJECTS, INCLUDING ESTIMATED COSTS FOR EACH PROJECT.

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Opportunity for the Board to comment on items not listed on the agenda

GARRISON MORATTO

JEFF CHUDY

RYAN SKIDMORE

JENIFER VANALSTEIN

BOB SMITH

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m. to the next meeting of the Board of Directors of North of the River Recreation and Park District scheduled on July 20, 2026, 4:30 p.m. at the Riverlakes Ranch Community Center and District Administrative Complex.

Minutes to be approved at Board
Meeting held on July 20, 2026



Bret Haney (Jul 21, 2026 08:47:45 PDT)

Bret Haney, General Manager



Janett Miller, Clerk of the Board



Jenifer VanAlstein (Jul 21, 2026 11:11:36 PDT)

Jenifer VanAlstein, Chairperson

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