NORTH OF THE RIVER RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR MEETING
3825 RIVERLAKES DRIVE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026, 4:30 P.M.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER: BOARD MEETING CONVENED BY CHAIRPERSON JENIFER VANALSTEIN AT 4:31 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; Esther Grijalva; Jasmin LoBasso; Lauren Cronk; Mike Evans; Erin McDonald; Ryan La Febre
   LEGAL COUNSEL
   Jacob Thomasy
   PUBLIC PRESENT
   Cindy Mendoza, MIG Inc, via Zoom; Jason List and Jeffrey Land, Isom Advisors; Kenneth Meeks and Trent Barnes, VTech; Michael Miller via Zoom; Rob Jenson via Zoom

3. **NOTICE OF MEETING BEING TAPED, FILMED, STREAMED OR BROADCASTED**
   Please be aware that a recording and broadcasting of tonight's meeting is being made and may capture images and/or sounds of those attending tonight's meeting.

4. **FLAG SALUTE:** The flag salute was led by Director Garrison Moratto at 4:31 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: Moratto **Second**: Smith **Ayes**: VanAlstein; Smith; Skidmore; Moratto; Chudy
   Noes: None **Absen**t: None **Motion carried**.

6. **NOR COMMUNITY CHAMPION**
   NO Community Champion for the month of July.

7. **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

8. **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 72 Hours in Advance of Meeting
   B. **Minutes**
   Approval of Minutes from the Board of Directors' Regular Meeting Held June 26, 2026 and July 6, 2026
   C. **Financial**
   Approval of Receipt of Bills and Invoices
   D. **Approval of Facility Use Agreement with American Youth Soccer Association, Resolution #32-26**
   Staff request Board approval for a partnership agreement with the American Youth Soccer Association.
   E. **Approval of Concession Agreement with American Youth Soccer Association, Resolution #33-26**
   Staff request Board approval for a partnership agreement with the American Youth Soccer Association
   F. **Agreement for Afterschool Sports Programming for Fruitvale School District During the 2026-2027 School Year, Resolution #34-26**
   Staff requests Board approval for Agreement for Afterschool Programming for Fruitvale School District During 2026-2027 School Year.

   RECOMMENDATION: Approve Consent Agenda

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

9. **BOARD BUSINESS**
   A. **Discussion of Ranger Protocols for Contacting Law Enforcement**
   General Manager Bret Haney yielded the floor to Director Garrison Moratto, who requested discussion of this agenda item. Director Moratto explained that the item was prompted by an incident at Sears Park that raised concerns with the County. He requested information regarding the District's policies and protocols for contacting law enforcement. Ranger Manager Erin McDonald explained that District Rangers have established a positive working relationship

with the Sheriff's Department and utilize radios for direct communication when necessary. She noted that less than one percent of incidents requires law enforcement involvement. Ms. McDonald further explained that the District does not currently have a designated point of contact within the Sheriff's Department; instead, Rangers utilize Sheriff's Dispatch for inquiries and requests for assistance. She added that, as the District continues to grow, establishing a designated point of contact with the Sheriff's Department would be a valuable resource. AFTER DISCUSSION, DIRECTOR MORATTO PROPOSED THAT THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY ESTABLISH A FORMAL MEETING WITH THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE ONCE OR TWICE ANNUALLY TO FACILITATE COMMUNICATION, STRENGTHEN COORDINATION, AND SHARE BEST PRACTICES.

B. PUBLIC HEARING: Public Hearing of Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Final Appropriation Limit
Chairperson Jenifer VanAlstein opened the public hearing. There were no recommended changes from the FY 2026-2027 Final Appropriation Limit. There were no comments from the public. The hearing was then closed. BOARD ADOPTED RESOLUTION #35-26 APPROVING THE FY 2026-2027 FINAL APPROPRIATION LIMIT.

PUBLIC HEARING: Opened: 4:52 P.M. Closed: 4:52 P.M

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

C. PUBLIC HEARING: Public Hearing of Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Final Operating Budget
Chairperson Jenifer VanAlstein opened the public hearing regarding the FY 2026–2027 Final Operating Budget. There were no comments from the public. The public hearing was closed. The Board discussed recommended changes to the FY 2026–2027 Final Operating Budget and directed staff to provide a detailed budget breakdown by work unit and organization number, including positions and salaries, with detailed information from each department to be provided within three weeks. The Board also recommended streamlining the budget presentation process, conducting extensive research regarding the feasibility of transitioning to an annual CalPERS payment system to reduce costs, and providing a mid-year budget variance report beginning with the next fiscal year. BOARD ADOPTED RESOLUTION #36-26 APPROVING THE FY 2026-2027 FINAL OPERATING BUDGET.

PUBLIC HEARING: Opened: 6:52 P.M. Closed: 6:52 P.M

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

D. PUBLIC HEARING: Public Hearing of Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Final Capital Improvement Budget
Chairperson Jenifer VanAlstein opened the public hearing regarding the FY 2026-2027 Final Capital Improvement Budget. There were no comments from the public. The hearing was then closed. The Board discussed recommended changes to the FY 2026-2027 Final Capital Improvement Budget and recommended removing the Maintenance Facility from the Capital Improvement Projects List. BOARD ADOPTED RESOLUTION #37-26 APPROVING THE FY 2026-2027 FINAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET, WITH THE REMOVAL OF THE MAINTENANCE FACILITY FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS LIST.

PUBLIC HEARING: Opened: 6:55 P.M. Closed: 6:55 P.M.

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

E. Agreement for Managed Information Technology Services with VTech Support, Inc. for FY 2026-2029, Resolution #38-26

Director of Community Relations Jasmin LoBasso requested approval of agreement with VTech Support, Inc. for managed information technology services. Ms. LoBasso reported that the Request for Proposal (RFP) process resulted in four qualified vendors. The review panel consisted of an IT professional from outside the District, Marketing & Technical Services Manager Ryan La Febre, Director of Community Relations Jasmin LoBasso, General Manager Bret Haney, and representatives from the Finance department. Following the view of the proposals, VTech Support, Inc. was selected based on the comprehensive nature of its RFP response and overall cost. Ms. LoBasso also reviewed the fiscal impact of the proposed agreement. AFTER DISCUSSION, BOARD ADOPTED RESOLUTION #38-26 APPROVING THE MANAGED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH VTECH SUPPORT, INC. FOR FY 2026-2029.

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

F. Discussion and Approval of a NOR General Obligation Bond for District Projects, Resolutions #39-26

General Manager Bret Haney provided background on previous discussions regarding a potential bond measure and reviewed the results of the community survey. Mr. Haney requested the Board's direction and support for further consideration of a bond measure. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION, THE BOARD VOTED TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF A BOND MEASURE UNTIL 2028, CITING CONCERNS REGARDING INCREASED COSTS TO TAXPAYERS AND THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL BUDGET PLANNING BEFORE PROCEEDING. THE BOARD FURTHER DIRECTED STAFF TO CONTINUE ADVANCING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND RELATED PLANNING EFFORTS DURING THE POSTPONEMENT, WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE AUSTIN CREEK DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE AND THE POTENTIAL FOR OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY AUDITS.

Motion: Chudy **Second**: Skidmore **Ayes**: None
Noes: VanAlstein; Smith; Skidmore; Moratto; Chudy **Absen**t: None **Motion Failed**

10. STAFF REPORTS

A. General Manager

General Manager Bret Haney thanked Board member Chudy for meeting with staff to discuss the budget and invited all Board members to meet with staff to discuss NOR's processes, budget, and projects.

B. Capital Improvement Projects

Reports Received and Filed

C. Financial

Director of Finance Sarah Plank reported that the business department is working on closing the fiscal year 2025-2026.

D. **Personnel**
Director of Human Resources Esther Grijalva reported that a new mandatory training, CA SB827 Fiscal and Financial Training, is required for Board members, the General Manager, and Administrative Staff. Ms. Grijalva stated that a link to the training, along with the required Vector Solutions username and password, will be provided via email.

E. **Parks Division**
Director of Operations and Maintenance Mike Evans reported that staff are working diligently to complete ongoing projects and that Administrative staff are working on organizational changes. Mr. Evans further reported that the District received grant approval documents from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) for the purchase of five electric carts. The matter will be presented to the Board for consideration and approval in August.

F. **Recreation**
Director of Recreation Lauren Cronk reported that NOR processed approximately 400 reservations during the month of June. Ms. Cronk further reported that Kern County and Adult Services representatives visited the Rasmussen Senior Center to assist low-income seniors with enrollment in the USDA Farmers' Market Nutrition Program. Eligible participants will receive a debit card with up to $50 to purchase fresh produce at participating farmers' markets. Ms. Cronk also reported that Explore Program staff will attend the Explore Professional Development Conference on July 28 and 29. Additionally, the Riverview Community Center team, in collaboration with the Director of Recreation and Creative Services, is planning an Open House for the CO-OP Program, providing patrons with an opportunity to visit the Riverview Community Center and Greenacres Community Center and learn more about the program.

G. **Community Relations**
Director of Community Relations Jasmin LoBasso presented the fall FunBook edition to the Board. Ms. LoBasso further reported that the Foundations' restaurant fundraiser will be held on August 5, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Panera Bread on Stockdale Highway. Additionally, Ms. LoBasso reported that the Foundation has initiated sponsorship efforts for the Youth Recreation Fund for upcoming year and has begun soliciting new sponsors for the Fall Festival, Christmas Parade, and the second annual Love Our Park Walk/Run. Finally, Ms. LoBasso concluded by reporting that scholarships opportunities have been applied to qualifying programs listed in the FunBook.

H. **Training**
Reports Received and Filed.

11. CORRESPONDENCE
No correspondence was received in July.

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS
Opportunity for the Board to comment on items not listed on the agenda.

GARRISON MORATTO- Thanked Director of Finance Sarah Plank for her thorough presentation of the budget and expressed appreciation to the Board for postponing consideration of the bond measure until 2028, allowing additional time for planning. A request was made to include an agenda item for the August Board meeting regarding the Austin Creek project to revisit project timeline and discuss project execution.
JEFF CHUDY- no comment
JENIFER VANALSTEIN- Requested that staff consider including funding for an independent, outside operational audit in the next fiscal year, with focus on planning processes and identifying

opportunities to improve overall operational efficiency.
BOB SMITH- Requested that staff prepare a presentation for the North of the River Chamber meeting scheduled for August 13 and pursue additional grant opportunities.
RYAN SKIDMORE- no comment

13. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m. to the next meeting of the Board of Directors of North of the River Recreation and Park District scheduled on August 17, 2026, 4:30 p.m. at the RiverLakes Ranch Community Center and District Administrative Complex.

Minutes to be approved at Board
Meeting held on August 17, 2026

Janett Miller
Janett Miller, Clerk of the Board

Bret Haney
Bret Haney (Aug 18, 2026 15:32:18 PDT)
Bret Haney, General Manager

Jenifer VanAlstein
Jenifer VanAlstein (Aug 18, 2026 15:31:42 PDT)
Jenifer VanAlstein, Chairperson

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