NORTH OF THE RIVER RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR MEETING
3825 RIVERLAKES DRIVE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312
MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2026, 4:30 P.M.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER: BOARD MEETING CONVENED BY CHAIRPERSON JENIFER VANALSTEIN AT 4:33 P.M.**

2. **ROLL CALL:** **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**
   Jenifer VanAlstein; Bob Smith; Garrison Moratto; Jeff Chudy
   BOARD CLERK PRESENT
   Janett Miller
   BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT
   Ryan Skidmore
   STAFF PRESENT
   Bret Haney; Steph Thisius; Lauren Cronk; Jasmin LoBasso; Mike Evans; Sarah Plank (Zoom)
   LEGAL COUNSEL
   Jacob Thomasy
   PUBLIC PRESENT
   Michael Miller vía Zoom; Cindy Mendoza, MIG, Inc. vía 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 Jenifer VanAlstein at 4:34 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**: Moratto **Ayes**: VanAlstein; Smith; Moratto; Chudy
   Noes: None **Absen**t: Skidmore **Motion carried**.

6. **NOR COMMUNITY CHAMPION**
   No Community Champion for the month of June.

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 May 18, 2026

C. Financial
Before voting was placed, Board removed Financial item for further review.

D. Bills Exceeding Policy Limit
Before vote was placed General Manager Bret Haney advised the Board that the approval of bills exceeding policy limit would only be for CalPERS Accrued Liability Contribution due to CAPRI invoices will not arrive until July.

E. Agreement for Afterschool Programing for Norris School District During the 2026-2027 School Years, Resolution #26-26
Staff requested Board approval for Agreement for Afterschool Sports Programming for Rosedale School District During the 2026-2027 school year.

F. Agreement for Afterschool Sports Programming for Rosedale School District During the 2026-2027 School Year, Resolution #27-26
Staff requests Board approval for Agreement for Afterschool Sports Programming for Rosedale School District during the 2026-2027 school year.

G. Agreement for Standard School District to Provide an Afterschool and Summer Camp Safety and Education Program During the 2026-2027 School Year, Resolution #28-26
Staff requests Board approval of the Agreement for Afterschool and Summer Camp Safety and Education Program for Standard School District during the 2026-2027 school year.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Consent Agenda

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

C. Financial
A Board member requested clarification regarding the purchase of four iPads included in the financial items. Director of Recreation Lauren Cronk explained that the iPads were purchased for Recreation Managers and the Director of Finance to support recreation operations and program administration. AFTER DISCUSSION, THE BOARD APPROVED THE FINANCIAL ITEM UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA.

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

9. **BOARD BUSINESS**

A. **Adoption of Preliminary Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and Setting the Date for the Public Hearing and Adoption of Final Appropriations Limit, Resolution #23-26**

Director of Finance Sarah Plank requested adoption of Resolution #23-26 establishing the preliminary appropriations limit for fiscal year 2026-2027 in the amount of $34,646,064 and setting a public hearing for July 20, 2026. AFTER DISCUSSION, THE BOARD ADOPTED RESOLUTION #23-26 APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 PRELIMINARY APPROPRIATION LIMIT AND SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR JULY 20, 2026.

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

B. **Adoption of FY 2026-2027 Preliminary Operating Budget and Setting the Date for Public Hearing and Adoption of Final Operating Budget, Resolution #24-26**

Director of Finance Sarah Plank presented the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Preliminary Operating Budget to the Board. Ms. Plank reviewed the budget and provided an overview of the budget development process. The Board requested additional detailed information regarding each department's operating budget and requested a report showing the amount of developer fees collected by the District. AFTER DISCUSSION, BOARD ADOPTED RESOLUTION #24-26 APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 PRELIMINARY OPERATING BUDGET AND SETTING THE DATE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON JULY 20, 2026.

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

C. **Adoption of FY 2026-2027 Preliminary Capital Improvement Budget and Setting the Date for Public Hearing and Adoption of Final Capital Improvement Budget, Resolution #25-26**

Director of Finance Sarah Plank presented the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Preliminary Capital Improvement Budget to the Board. Ms. Plank reviewed the budget and provided an overview of the budget development process. The Board requested additional detailed information regarding contractual services and expenditure object categories and requested specific revisions to the language used in the budget presentation. AFTER DISCUSSION, BOARD ADOPTED RESOLUTION #25-26 APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 PRELIMINARY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET AND SETTING THE DATE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON JULY 20, 2026.

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

D. **Consideration and Approval of Response to 2025-2026 Kern County Grand Jury Report, Resolution #29-26**

General Manager Bret Haney requested Board approval of Resolution #29-26 approving the District's response to the Kern County Grand Jury Report. Mr. Haney noted that the report was generally favorable, with a primary focus on the Rasmussen Senior Center. The Board requested that the District's response regarding Senior Services be revised to include the net funding shortfall. AFTER DISCUSSION, BOARD APPROVED RESOLUTION #29-26 APPROVING THE DISTRICT'S RESPONSE TO THE KERN COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT.

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

E. **Approval for the Purchase of the Tiny Mobile Robot, Resolution #30-26**
Director of Operations and Maintenance Mike Evans presented Resolution #30-26, requesting Board approval to purchase the Tiny Mobile Robot from TinyMobileRobots in the amount of $34,304.00, including installation, training, software connectivity, and the paint package. Mr. Evans explained that the equipment will improve operational efficiency by allowing maintenance staff to focus on higher-priority District needs. AFTER DISCUSSION, BOARD ADOPTED RESOLUTION #30-26 APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF THE TINY MOBILE ROBOT FROM TINYMOBILEROBOTS.

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

F. **Approve purchase of District Wide Tables and Chairs, Resolution #31-26**
Director of Recreation Lauren Cronk presented a request for Board approval of a District-wide purchase of new tables and chairs. Ms. Cronk explained that the purchase will be funded through the Major Maintenance budget. AFTER DISCUSSION, BOARD ADOPTED RESOLUTION #31-26 APPROVING DISTRICT WIDE PURCHASE OF TABLES AND CHAIRS.

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

10. STAFF REPORTS

A. **<u>General Manager</u>**
General Manager Bret Haney reported training opportunities for Board members in August through the California Special District Association (CSDA).

B. **<u>Capital Improvement Projects</u>**
Director of Planning and Construction Steph Thisius introduced Cindy Mendoza of MIG, Inc. Ms. Mendoza presented a PowerPoint presentation on the District Comprehensive Master Plan, which included an overview of park and recreation condition ratings, identified improvement needs, bond survey results, and proposed funding measure projects.
Ms. Thisius reviewed the proposed General Obligation (GO) Bond Project List, highlighting repairs and improvements to existing parks and facilities, completion of remaining phases of park development, and projects intended to expand access to recreation opportunities and enhance community well-being throughout the District.
Director of Community Relations Jasmin LoBasso presented a proposed public education campaign timeline designed to increase public awareness of the District's parks and recreation system. The campaign would educate the community on topics including the purpose of a General Obligation bond, how parks are funded, and potential future recreation improvements,

with the goal of highlighting the District's parks and helping close the public knowledge gap regarding park funding, services, and recreation opportunities.

During discussion, the Board requested that all phases of the Austin Creek project be included in the proposed General Obligation Bond Project List. The Board also directed staff to prepare a separate detailed list of proposed projects with estimated costs for future review. In addition, the Board requested a special meeting to further discuss the General Obligation Bond Project and provide additional direction. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION, THE BOARD SCHEDULED A SPECIAL MEETING FOR MONDAY, JULY 6, 2026, AT 4:00 P.M.

C. Financial

Director of Finance Sarah Plank reported that the May financial reports have been reconciled and closed. She noted that the June financial reports remain preliminary and are subject to change.

D. Personnel

Reports Received and Filed.

E. Parks Division

Director of Operations and Maintenance Mike Evans reported that the bike path connection to Riverlakes Community Park has been completed. He also reported that the first phase of soil amendments at Polo Park and Liberty Park has been completed, with maintenance staff scheduled to evaluate the results in two months. Mr. Evans stated that several parks have been fertilized as part of the District's weed control efforts and that the mowing crew is cleaning equipment between parks to help prevent the spread of weeds. Finally, Mr. Evans announced the retirement of Louie Martinez after 12.5 years of service with the District.

F. Recreation

Director of Recreation Lauren Cronk reported that the Greenacres and Riverview Summer Camp themes were advertised in advance and included STEM Discovery, Enchanted Adventures, Superhero Academy, and Creative Arts. Ms. Cronk also reported that the District partnered with Kern Family Health's Hearts Class to provide a presentation on overall heart health at the Rasmussen Senior Center. During discussion, the Board requested that staff explore options for reestablishing the District's cheerleading program.

G. Community Relations

Director of Community Relations Jasmin LoBasso updated the Board on recent activities of the NOR Foundation, including the approval of two new Board members and the re-election of the Foundation Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to additional terms. She also announced that the Foundation's next fundraising event will be held at the Chipotle restaurant on Coffee Road. Ms. LoBasso reported that, although the District was not selected as the recipient of the Beautiful Bakersfield Award, it was an honor to be nominated. She also reviewed June media coverage, which included promotion of a youth survey encouraging participants to share their input on local parks. Lastly, Ms. LoBasso reported on the District's paid advertising efforts, noting that the campaign reached approximately 6.4 million people through a combination of unique and repeat impressions.

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

BOB SMITH- No comment

GARRISON MORATTO- Thanked Sarah for a great presentation.

RYAN SKIDMORE- No comment

JENIFER VANALSTEIN- Thanked staff

JEFF CHUDY- No comment

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Directors entered Executive Session at 8:18 P.M. for the following discussions.

A. Request for Executive Session Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation — Government Code 54956.9 (d)(2) or (3)
Claimant Name: Efren Ceballos
Claim: Personal Property Damage
Claimed Cause: Alleged damage to property adjacent to North Rosedale Park

B. Request for Executive Session Regarding General Manager Performance Evaluation — Government Code 54957

The Board Reconvened from Executive Session at 9:12 P.M.

C. Request for Executive Session Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation — Government Code 54956.9(d)(2) or (3)
Claimant Name: Efren Ceballos
Claim: Personal Property Damage
Claimed Cause: Alleged damage to property adjacent to North Rosedale Park

THE BOARD REJECTED THE CLAIM

D. Request for Executive Session Regarding General Manager Performance Evaluation — Government Code 54957

NO ACTION TAKEN

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 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

Janett Miller
Janett Miller, Clerk of the Board

Bret Haney (Jul 21, 2026 11:33:25 PDT)
Bret Haney, General Manager

Jenifer VanAlstein
Jenifer VanAlstein (Jul 21, 2026 11:11:03 PDT)
Jenifer VanAlstein, Chairperson

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