



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, SEPTEMBER 21, 2026, 4:30 P.M.

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AGENDA

Posted Prior to 4:30 p.m.

Friday, September 18, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER _____ P.M

2. ROLL CALL

Governing Board Member

Jenifer VanAlstein, Chairperson

Janett Miller, Clerk

Bob Smith

Ryan Skidmore

Garrison Moratto

Jeff Chudy

Present

Absent

Staff Members

Bret Haney, General Manager

Sarah Plank, Director of Finance

Esther Grijalva, Director of Human Resources

Steph Thisius, Director of Planning and Construction

Jasmin LoBasso, Director of Community Relations

Lauren Cronk, Director of Recreation

Mike Evans, Director of Operations and Maintenance

Legal Counsel

Jacob Thomasy

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 will be led by North of the River Recreation and Park District Board of Directors.

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_____ Second_____ Ayes_____ Noes_____ Abstain_____ Absent_____

6. NOR COMMUNITY CHAMPION

NO Community Champion for the month of September.

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.

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 August 17, 2026

C. Financial

Approval of Receipt of Bills and Invoices

D. Bills Exceeding Policy Limit

Approval of bills exceeding policy limit

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Consent Agenda

Motion_____ Second_____ Ayes_____ Noes_____ Abstain_____ Absent_____

9. BOARD BUSINESS

A. Award Contract for Weekly Uniform and Supply Rental to Sparkle Uniform & Linen Service, Resolution #44-26

Staff request Board approve Resolution #44-26 awarding the contract to Sparkle Uniform & Linen Service for weekly uniform and supply rental.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Resolution #44-26 to award the weekly uniform and supply rental contract to Sparkle Uniform & Linen Service.

Motion_____ Second_____ Ayes_____ Noes_____ Abstain_____ Absent_____

B. Approval of Change Orders for the Comprehensive Master Plan, Nexus Study and Strategic Plan, Resolution #45-26

Staff requests Board approve Resolution #45-26 authorizing the additional hours, scopes, and work necessary to complete the Comprehensive Master Plan for the District.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution #45-26 approving change orders.

Motion_____ Second_____ Ayes_____ Noes_____ Abstain_____ Absent_____

C. Discussion Regarding the Planning Schedule for Austin Creek Park

At the request of the Board, more discussion regarding the planning process of Austin Creek Park is desired

10. STAFF REPORTS

- A. General Manager**
- B. Capital Improvement Projects**
- C. Financial**
- D. Personnel**
- E. Parks Division**
- F. Recreation**
- G. Community Relations**
- H. Training**

Reports Received and Filed.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received in September.

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

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

GARRISON MORATTO
JEFF CHUDY
JENIFER VANALSTEIN
BOB SMITH
RYAN SKIDMORE

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Open Executive Session: _____p.m.

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

Close Executive Session: _____p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at _____p.m. to the next meeting of the Board of Directors of North of the River Recreation and Park District scheduled on October 19, 2026, 4:30 p.m. at the RiverLakes Ranch Community Center and District Administrative Complex.

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