CONEJO RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
October 15, 2026
6:00 PM
HILLCREST CENTER
M I N U T E S

1. CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Cusworth called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and she led the flag salute.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Cusworth, Huffer, Nickles, Buss, and Orozco

Directors Absent:

Staff Present: Friedl, General Manager; Mooney, Parks and Planning Director; Smith, Management Services Director; Callis, Recreation and Community Services Director; and Broeker, Executive Assistant

Staff Absent:

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

4. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

George Lange, Mountains Recreation and Conservation (MRCA), provided the Board with the latest MRCA report.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Huffer, seconded by Buss, and carried 5-0 to approve the agenda as presented.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Minutes of October 1, 2026, Regular Board Meeting

B. Approval of Warrants
Accounts Payable Check Registers $561,949.36
Payroll $585,440.65

It was moved by Orozco, seconded by Buss, and carried 5-0 to approve the consent calendar as presented.

7. DEFERRED MATTERS

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

9. NEW ITEMS

A. Consideration of DRAFT Concept Plan for Conejo Creek West which includes various improvements to the existing park including, but not limited to: covered, lighted equestrian arenas, 12 pickleball courts, parking lot improvements, shaded picnic areas and trail and landscaping improvements

Director Mooney provided a report and background on the DRAFT Concept Plan for Conejo Creek West.

Phil Hof spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Allan Linderman spoke in support of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Alison Rollins spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Jeanette Welling spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Dave Dolnick spoke in support of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Victor Abrunzo spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Margaret DeRose spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Debbie Carloni spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Andy Thompson spoke in support of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Kevin Mitchell spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Jo Mitchell spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

JoAnn Carvallo spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Alex Schein spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Chris Reiber spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Barbara Thomas spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Maryjane Macleod spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Jack Koberling supports the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan to include an RC car track.

Bob Sarnelle supports the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan to include an RC car track.

Robert Nagele spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Jon (no last name listed) spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

LJ Scamahorn spoke in support of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Austin Sarnelle supports the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan to include an RC car track.

Elayne Boyston spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Laura Schultz spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Mark Aviles supports the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan to include an RC car track.

Kevin Michael spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

T. Moore spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Tyler Lindberg spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Nancy Huang spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Gerry Zucca spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Charlie spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Bryan McQueeney spoke in support of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Dan McElvany spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Phil Gach Junior spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Dennis Bays spoke in support of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Li Huang spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Robert Sullivan spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Erich Klem spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Elizabeth Zernick spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Vanessa Loftus-Brewer spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Nancy Tapley-Peck spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Jasmine Cohent spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Gia Michaels spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Mary Dempsey spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Diana Merville spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Kathrin Nolan spoke in support of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Katie Hutchinson spoke in support of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Allison Roelke spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Anne Marie Winic spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Tina Frugoli spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Ashley Kelly, via Zoom, spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Director Cusworth called for a break due to IT issues, at 8:21 pm.

Meeting resumed at 8:29 p.m.

Lisa Baca, via Zoom, spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Steven Lewis, via Zoom, spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

Director Mooney addressed comments and concerns that were stated during the public comments regarding item 9A.

Director Mooney answered questions from the Board.

It was moved by Huffer and seconded by Orozco and went 4-1 with Director Nickles opposing to:

1. Approve, for purposes of conducting studies, the DRAFT Concept Plan for Conejo Creek West (dated 9/29/26).

It was moved by Orozco and seconded by Huffer and went 4-1 with Director Nickles opposing to:

2. Authorize staff to proceed with environmental review of proposed changes along with associated update to the Conejo Creek Park Master Plan.

10. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

11. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Parks Division Report

Director Mooney conducted a community outreach meeting at the newly acquired Janss Road property with about 75-90 community members in attendance.

B. Recreation Division Report

No report.

C. Management Services Division Report

No report.

D. General Manager's Report

No report.

E. Director's Reports and Follow-up Meetings/Conferences Attended

No reports.

12. REQUEST FOR STATUS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT AGENDAS

Director Nickles requested comments from General Manager Friedl's attendance at the Conejo Valley Unified School District (CVUSD) Board of Directors meeting regarding possible construction of residential units on CVUSD land near their administrative offices.

13. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Brandy spoke in opposition of the updates to the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

14. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

15. ADJOURN

Cusworth adjourned the meeting at 10:31 p.m. to the next regular meeting on November 5, 2026.

Date: 11/5/24

Attest:

Raquel Broeker, Executive Assistant

Approved by:

Nellie Cusworth, Chair