

**CONEJO RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING
February 19, 2026
5:30 PM
HILLCREST CENTER
M I N U T E S**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Cusworth called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and she led the flag salute.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Directors Absent:

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

Staff Absent:

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

RideOn – Equestrian Facility Review

Bryan McQueeney and Sara Jones gave an overview of RideOn's programs and resources including lessons, Cal Lutheran wellness classes, evacuation sites, Trail Fest, Turner Syndrome Camp, CRPD Therapeutic Camp, and COSCA Trail education days.

Jones and McQueeney answered questions from the Board.

4. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Allan Linderman of Newbury Park, a pickleball instructor and President of the Ventura County Pickleball Club gave statistics on the average number of pickleball players in the area relative to available courts. Linderman spoke on his concern of the waitlists for pickleball programs and advocated for new courts to be part of the Conejo Creek West Master Plan.

George Lange, CRPD representative for the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, shared a flyer with Staff and Board about the Randall Preserve.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Minutes of February 5, 2026, Regular Board Meeting

B. Approval of Warrants

Accounts Payable Check Registers \$416,671.19

Payroll \$570,000.00

It was moved by Huffer, seconded by Orozco, and carried 5-0 to approve the consent calendar, with a correction from Nickles.

7. DEFERRED MATTERS

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Selection of Financial Advisor to Assist Conejo Recreation and Park District in Securing Funds for Purchase of 401/403 West Hillcrest Drive (aka Fireworks Hill)

Smith informed the Board that the District has received three proposals from qualified firms suggesting two financing options. The Finance and Audit Committee picked two firms to interview resulting in the selection of Urban Futures Incorporated (UFI).

B. Review and Update as Needed Five Year 2024-2028 Strategic Plan and Goals and Objectives for 2026

Friedl opened the discussion to review the Strategic Plan and Goals and Objectives. The Board reviewed the mission and vision statements and discussed each goal one by one. Friedl and the Board discussed which goals should be included in the Goals and Objectives for the year ahead.

9. NEW ITEMS

10. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Recreation Highlights

B. Fall-Winter Program Enrollment Summary

C. Park Dedication Fees

D. Budget Performance Report – January 2026

11. DEPARTMENT REPORTS-

A. Parks Division Report

No report. Mooney answered Nickles questions regarding Parks relationship with Ranch Potrero.

B. Recreation Division Report

No report.

C. Management Services Division Report

No report.

D. General Manager's Report

Friedl shared that the Chumash Indian Museum will be taking a short hiatus. Friedl suggested a cancelation of the March 5th meeting due to minimal urgent business. Friedl will be out of the office from February 20th – March 3rd, Callis will be acting GM.

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

Director Huffer attended the CLU Economic Forecast, the Finance and Audit Committee meeting, the Field Allocation meeting; Director Buss attended the Finance & Audit Committee meeting and the Field Allocation meeting; Director Nickles attended the COSCA board meeting; Director Cusworth attended the Chamber meeting; Director Orozco had nothing to report.

- 12. REQUEST FOR STATUS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT AGENDAS**
- 13. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**
- 14. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION**
- 15. ADJOURN**

Cusworth adjourned the meeting at 9:21 p.m. to the next regular meeting on March 19th, 2026 (thereby canceling the meeting scheduled for March 5th, 2026).

Date: _____

Attest:

Approved by:

Raquel Broeker, Executive Assistant

Nellie Cusworth, Chair