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, AUGUST 17, 2026, 4:30 P.M.

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AGENDA

Posted Prior to 4:30 p.m.
Friday, August 14, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER _____P.M

2. ROLL CALL

Governing Board Member	Present	Absent
Jenifer VanAlstein, Chairperson	______	______
Janett Miller, Clerk	______	_____
Bob Smith	______	______
Ryan Skidmore	______	______
Garrison Moratto	______	______
Jeff Chudy	______	______
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 August.

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 July 20, 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. **Approval of Change Order for Zone Change and Annexation of Austin Creek Park, Resolution #40-26**
      Per Finance Policy 6-108, change orders to existing contracts exceeding 10% of the contract shall be brought to the Board of Directors. Staff recommend approval for additional hours needed to continue the annexation of Austin Creek Park into the City of Bakersfield following

the Zone Change.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Resolution #40-26 authorizing the additional staff hours and associated change order necessary to complete the Zone Change and annexation of Austin Creek Park into the City of Bakersfield.

Motion_______ Second_______ Ayes_______ Noes_______ Abstain_______ Absent_______

B. Approval of Agreement with Lennar Homes of California, LLC for the Development of future Marcona Preserve Park and future Raven Way Park, Resolution #41-26
Staff recommends Board approval of agreement with Lennar Homes of California, LLC for the development of park sites within the Marcona Preserve community.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Resolution #41-26 authorizing the agreement with Lennar Homes of California, LLC for the development of future Marcona Preserve Park and Raven Way Park.

Motion_______ Second_______ Ayes_______ Noes_______ Abstain_______ Absent_______

C. Authorization to Accept San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Public Benefit Grant Program Purchase, Resolution #42-26
Staff requests Board approval to complete the grant purchase with San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) for zero-emission landscaping equipment.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Resolution #42-26 authorizing the grant purchase with SJVAPCD for zero-emission landscaping equipment.

Motion_______ Second_______ Ayes_______ Noes_______ Abstain_______ Absent_______

D. Approval of Three-Year Professional Service Agreement with O'Connor & Company to Conduct Annual Financial Audit for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Through 2027-2028, Resolution #43-26
Staff requests Board approval of a three-year Professional Service Agreement with O'Connor & Company to provide annual financial auditing services.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Resolution #43-26 authorizing the three-year Professional Service Agreement with O'Connor & Company for annual financial auditing services.

Motion_______ Second_______ Ayes_______ Noes_______ Abstain_______ Absent_______

E. Discussion Regarding Planning Schedule for Austin Creek Park
At the request of the Board, staff is to provide an update on the timeline for planning and development of Phase 1 of Austin Creek Park.

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 August.

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. 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 September, 21, 2026, 4:30 p.m. at the RiverLakes Ranch Community Center and District Administrative Complex.

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