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, NOVEMBER 16, 2026, 4:30 P.M.

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AGENDA

Posted Prior to 4:30 p.m.
Friday, November 13, 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. **STUDENT ATHLETE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**
   The Student Athlete Achievement Award recognizes Afterschool Sports participants who demonstrate excellence in academics, athletics, leadership, teamwork, sportsmanship, and character throughout the season.

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 October 19, 2026
   C. **Financial**
      Approval of Receipt of Bills and Invoices
   D. **2027 District Holiday Schedule**
      Approval of 2027 District Holiday Schedule
   E. **2027 Board Meeting Schedule**
      Approval of 2027 Board Meeting Schedule

   RECOMMENDATION: Approve Consent Agenda

   Motion_____ Second_____ Ayes_____ Noes_____ Abstain_____ Absent_____

9. **BOARD BUSINESS**

A. **Approval of Irrevocable Offer of Dedication for Public Highway Purposes, Resolution #51-26**

Staff recommend approval of irrevocable offer of dedication for the future right of way on Jenkins Road and future road bordering the north property line of future Austin Creek Park.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution #51-26, accepting the Irrevocable Offer of Dedication for the future roadways serving Austin Creek Park.

Motion_____ Second_____ Ayes_____ Noes_____ Abstain_____ Absent_____

B. **Approval of Proposed Revision to Chapter 6 of NOR Policy Manual, Finance Policy #6-100 "Cash Collections" to Pass through a "Service Fee" from Credit Card Companies to NOR Customers for Credit/Debit Card Payments, Effective February 1, 2027," Resolution #52-26**

Staff requests Board approval of Resolution #52-26, revising Chapter 6 of the NOR Policy Manual, Finance Policy #6-100, "Cash Collections," to authorize the District to pass through credit/debit card processing fees to customers who make payments using these methods.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution #52-26, authorizing the District to pass through credit/debit card processing fees to customers who make payment using these methods, effective February 1, 2027.

Motion_____ Second_____ Ayes_____ Noes_____ Abstain_____ Absent_____

C. **Approval of Employee Medical Insurance Renewal with Kaiser Permanente, Resolution #53-26**

Staff requests Board approval of annual renewal of the District's employee medical insurance coverage with Kaiser Permanente.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution #53-26, authorizing the renewal of the District's employee medical insurance coverage with Kaiser Permanente.

Motion_____ Second_____ Ayes_____ Noes_____ Abstain_____ Absent_____

D. **Approval of Resolution #54-26 Authorizing the Purchase of Playground Equipment for Liberty Park Through Omnia Partners Contract #2017001134**

Staff requests Board approval to utilize Omnia Partners Contract #2017001134 "Piggyback" Bid/Proposal for the purchase of grant-funded playground equipment for Liberty Park.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution #54-26, authorizing the purchase of grant-funded playground equipment for Liberty Park.

Motion_____ Second_____ Ayes_____ Noes_____ Abstain_____ Absent_____

E. **Adoption of the Revision of Ordinance #8-102, Rules and Regulations Governing Use of North of the River Recreation and Park District Parks and Facilities, Resolution #55-26**
Staff requests Board approval of revision of Ordinance #8-102, Rules and Regulations Governing Use of NOR Parks and Facilities for the use of outdoor recreational putting greens.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution #55-26 adopting the revisions to Ordinance #8-102 and for the inclusion of defined golf areas within policy.

Motion_____ Second_____ Ayes_____ Noes_____ Abstain_____ Absent_____

F. **Discussion Regarding the Future Development of Austin Creek Park**
Staff shall provide a report on the planning proceedings of future 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 November.

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

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