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**REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

Thursday, April 16, 2015

(Approved at May 21, 2015 Board Meeting)

6:30 PM

The Calwa Recreation and Park District Board of Directors welcomes you to its meetings and encourages you to participate. This agenda contains a brief general description of each item that will be considered by the Board.

Disclaimer: This agenda includes proposed actions and activities with respect to each agenda item as of the date of posting. As such, it does not preclude the Board from taking other actions on any item on the agenda that is different or in addition to what may have been recommended.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.

INVOCATION

Board Member Garcia gave the invocation.

FLAG SALUTE

1. ROLL

Board Members Present: Chairwoman Mary L. Rosales, Vice Chairman Raul Guerra (came in at 6:44PM) and Board Members Sandra Celedon, Paul H. Garcia and Felicia Salcido (came in at 6:37PM)

Also present were District Administrator Luis Mendoza and District Counsel Paul Pimentel

2. ACTION ITEM: APPROVE THE AGENDA

Board Member Garcia made a motion to approve the agenda.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion: P. Garcia
Rosales: Yes

2nd: S. Celedon
Guerra: Absent Celedon: Yes

Vote: 3-0 by the following vote:
Garcia: Yes Salcido: Absent

3. SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Calwa Park Beautification Day Volunteers

Administrator Mendoza gave an overview of the projects seven volunteers completed at the March 21st event, including the planting of 15 trees donated by Belmont Nursery, leveling of Soccer Field #1 and filling of gophers holes. Chairwoman Rosales presented certificates of appreciation to the

volunteers who attended the meeting, including Patricia Gaytan, Anthony Gonzalez and Angel Hernandez.

Board Member Celedon and audience member Patricia Gaytan suggested that the District explore grants and volunteer partnerships with the GAP, National Parks Association and the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District.

4. ACTION ITEM: APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. March 20, 2015

Board Member Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes of March 20, 2015.

ACTION TAKEN:

**Motion: P. Garcia 2nd: S. Celedon Vote: 4-0 by the following vote:
Rosales: Yes Guerra: Didn't Vote Celedon: Yes Garcia: Yes Salcido: Yes**

B. March 26, 2015

Board Member Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes of March 26, 2015.

ACTION TAKEN:

**Motion: P. Garcia 2nd: F. Salcido Vote: 4-0 by the following vote:
Rosales: Yes Guerra: Yes Celedon: Abstain Garcia: Yes Salcido: Yes**

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: District Administrator's Report

Administrator Mendoza reviewed the material contained in the agenda packet memo including the District's calendar of events posted on the website www.calwarecreation.org; a preliminary schedule of summer programs and the hiring of a temporary worker to staff those activities; a report on completion of the District's water system reconfiguration; and an update on the remodeling of the outdoor community center restrooms.

Board Member Garcia suggested that Administrator look into getting transportation for the River Camp from Fresno County EOC; Board Member Celedon suggested the Boys & Girls Club.

Board Members expressed concern about the cost to maintain the District's marquee on Church Avenue.

Board Member Garcia shared his frustration that the City of Fresno has taken so long to process the District's plan and permit to remodel the outdoor community center restrooms.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Financial reports

1. Account reconciliations for March

Administrator Mendoza reviewed the material presented in the agenda packet and explained expenses that appeared to be out of the ordinary.

2. Current account balances

Mr. Mendoza reported account balances as follows: \$55,895.89 in the Fresno County Account, \$6,935.46 in the Bank of the West – Payroll Account and \$5,902.66 in the Bank of the West – Income Account.

3. FY2015 Financial Snapshot

Administrator Mendoza gave an overview of the expenses through April 15, 2015 and his projections through the end of the fiscal year.

B. ACTION ITEM: Discussion and direction on draft bylaws for the Calwa Recreation & Park District Board of Directors

D.A. Mendoza reviewed the history of the board's request to re-write the bylaws, including their direction to have him use the resources available through the California Special Districts Association. He indicated that the draft before the board was generated by reviewing and taking the best parts of the bylaws from other special districts throughout the state. He went over the different articles included in the draft.

Board Member Garcia indicated that he liked the majority of what was in the new draft bylaws but suggested that a subset of the Board meet to discuss changes and return to the full Board to formalize those changes. Counsel Pimentel asked whether Mr. Mendoza intended to have the 3/5 fraction of the vote requirement to adopt revisions to the once-adopted bylaws. When he answered in the affirmative, Mr. Pimentel asked the board to be cognizant of the fact that it will take a super-majority of the board (4 out of 5) to change anything in the bylaws, including the provision for Director stipends.

Vice Chairman Guerra reminded the Board that a committee of the Board was established several years earlier and discussion ensued about that committee's membership and status. Having the facts unclear, the Board asked Administrator Mendoza to review meeting minutes to determine the membership of the committee. Members then agreed to send their suggestions to Mr. Mendoza who would return to the board at the next regular meeting with an updated version of the bylaws and an agenda item to determine how they will be handled. Counsel Pimentel advised that a motion was not necessary for Mr. Mendoza to carry out the Board's direction.

7. UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.** The public may address the Calwa Recreation and Park District Board on any item of interest within the jurisdiction of the Board, even though it is not on the agenda. The Board will listen to the comments presented; however, in compliance with the Brown Act, the Board may only briefly discuss the item, but it cannot take any action at the meeting. The purpose of the discussion is to permit a member of the public to raise an issue or problem with the Board or to permit the Board to provide information to the public, provide direction to its staff, or schedule the matter for a future meeting. All speakers are requested to wait until recognized by the Board Chairman.

Public Comment Time Limitations: All comments are limited to three (3) minutes per individual, with a fifteen (15) minute maximum per group, per item, per meeting.

Patricia Gaytan asked that she be kept informed of future volunteer events and inquired about the projects scheduled for the summer. Mr. Mendoza responded that the restrooms should be done by summer but that the District did not have the funds needed to re-open the kiddie pool. He advised that he was looking for donations and grants which could be used for the regular and kiddie pool.

The Board then went into the Closed Door Session at 7:59 PM.

B. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. CLOSED SESSION

A. ACTION ITEM: Public Employment, District Counsel, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

When the Board returned to Regular Session, Chairwoman Rosales announced that the Board took no action in the Closed Door Session.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 PM.

Minutes approved at May 21, 2015 Board Meeting