



Bear Mountain Recreation and Park District
A Special District
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, May 21, 2026
David Head Building
10300 San Diego Street
Lamont, California 93241
(www.bearmntnprk.com)

MINUTES

1. REGULAR SESSION
2. CALL TO ORDER

The regular board of directors meeting of Bear Mountain Recreation and Park District was held Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 6:30 pm in the David Head Center at 10300 San Diego Street, Lamont, California. The district is a political subdivision in the State of California.

Present: Chairman Jesus Perez, Vice Chairman Fernando Alonso, Director Denise Loza and Director Vega.

Staff Present: District Manager Mrs. Cervantes, Legal Counsel Mr. Hodges, Office Managers. Alcala, Mrs. Gonzalez and Maintenance Supervisor Mr. Villalpando.

3. FLAG SALUTE

Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m. Flag Salute: Vice Chairman Mr. Alonso

4. APPROVE AGENDA AS FORM

MOTION by Director Vega motioned for approval of the agenda as to form. Second, by Director Alonso. Approved 4 ayes, 0 absent 0 noes 1 vacancy.

5. PRESENTATIONS- None

6. PUBLIC COMMENT- None

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Items are considered routine, non-controversial and approved in a single motion. A board member may request to have an item removed from the consent calendar for discussion to be deferred. (May include Minutes, Financials, Resolutions, and Policy & Procedure matters).

- 7.1 Minutes
- 7.2 Pre-signed Vouchers
- 7.3 List of Bills
- 7.4 Review of District's Financial Accounts
- 7.5 QuickBooks Reports- Aged payables, balance sheet, profit, and loss.
- 7.6 Events- Schedule for David Head Center
- 7.7 Events- Senior Center

Chairman Mr. Perez- wants to note the minutes didn't get recoded but all the motions were reviewed and approved by the board.

MOTION by Director Alonso motioned for approval of the consent agenda 7.1-7.7. Second, by Director Vega. Approved 4 ayes, 0 absent 0 noes 1 vacancy.

8. DEPARTMENTS REPORTS:

General Manager Report:

- 8.1 **Maintenance -Mr. Villalpando-** irrigation and mowing have remain our primary focus at Weedpatch Park graffiti has been taken care of weed removal has been taken care as well, SiteLogic is on the final stages of completing the solar installation I will be scheduling a walkthrough in the next week or two Director Alonso- have we got any response to all the solar panels **Mr. Villalpando-** I told them we had questions I was told that at the walkthrough they would have answers for us Mr. Alonso – I have a question for our legal counsel in our contract with them regards to security for all the equipment regarding the solar panels are we the ones responsible completely we had pointed out that other equipment here that they had screwed into the side of the wall its easily accessible to everybody would it be up to them to take of it with a fencing **Mr. Hodges-** that would be a change order on the contract , have they done a change order **Mr. Villalpando-** no not yet that is something they want to **finalize Mr. Hodges-** that would be outside the scope of what they wanted in there original plans so there would be some type of negotiation or some type an order I haven't seen one come through yet if they turn it over to you as is right now as soon as they turn it over once there's no incompleation it would be your responsibility so I would recommend prior of them turning it over that we get them to secure it with light bulbs and some m metal housing surrounding or something like that **Mr. Villalpando-** I think on that final walkthrough they will be okay with that **Mr. Perez-** I definitely want to thank our maintenance staff because there are moments during construction that we have to be present and that obviously takes focus away from our daily duties I'm very happy

that you reached this pint of the project I want to thank the maintenance staff too in there part in having a very successful Easter Activities.

8.2 Recreation- Mrs. Cervantes- Mrs. Gonzalez- I want to that everyone and Director Vega and Director Loza for coming out and bringing playdough for the kids and Supervisor David Couch for the jumper, Mr. Villalpando for helping me with the heavy stuff it was a hole team effort it was nice getting help from everyone, we did 5,000 eggs and that's not enough so Mrs. Cervantes gave me the idea to go get the eggs on sale we were able to get 10,000 eggs for 125 dollars now my only stress is getting the candy I'm going to start in January finding donations for candies cause that's the most expensive part, they ladies from the walking group and seniors helped me with the eggs so I would like to thank them too, for baseball we are going to have a baseball training with Coach Martinez form Arvin High School he will be giving the kids a little training and Mr. Villalpando is fixing the fields really nice our Jr. Giants League starts on June 15th so far we have 65 kids registered we are doing pretty good **Mr. Alonso-** it looked amazing and the basketball game that was set up it looked great I was wondering if it was rented out but no it looked great

8.3 District Manager-

a) **Written Communications- Mrs. Cervantes- None**

b) **Oral Communications- Mrs. Cervantes- None**

Mrs. Cervantes- I receive an email from James Golden regarding the CBDG Grant so his still waiting for us to get a response on the RFP I did mail out packets to the list that Mr. Hodges provided to me and one additional on that had done engineering for the walking path I have not received anything back on Easter I did speak to Supervisor David Couch to see if there's anything that they can help us with but right now I don't know how to move forward were stuck and CBDG said the ball is in our part because we are waiting on the RFP but nobody is responding and nobody is reaching out so I'm not sure what is going to happen with that situation so I did send out an email to James and told him were we are at so I need to hear back from him and I told him in the past when we have done CBDG grants county has aways taken care of everything all we do is sign an agreement an they move forward with everything **Mr. Perez-** our staff has contact and sent the packages to those contacts and we haven't had a response I think that helps the argument that is something that they don't let us do ourself **Mrs. Cervantes-** I'm already working on the audit stuff I met with the accounting this weekend we were here from 10am-4pm working on trying to get everything updated I also been meeting with Elsa and Maite from county on the accounting reports from the county is still a work on progress but we are getting there slowly I also had a couple of meeting with the CPL

9. CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

9.1 Committee Meetings- Mrs. Cervantes- we met Mr. Perez and Mr. Alonso; we went over some of our budget items and we went over the priorities that we wanted to submit to Malissa Hurtado on their budget for projects that we wanted to complete so that was done and submitted Mr. Perez- when I went to Sacramento I had dinner with Malissa when I perceive the right time to ask I asked for money for the pool in Arvin not saying that that's the way the board wants to go but just incase just ask for it she said Prop4 that there is money in Prop4 I related that information with our general

manager so its something we have to look at when our staff has time please look into that **Mr. Hodges-** Prop4 is a safe drinking water wild fire prevention and clean air bond act **Mr. Perez-** it doesn't seem like it will fit

MOTION by Director Loza motioned to approve committee meeting on March 24, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. Second, by Director Loza. Approved 4ayes, 0 absent 0 noes 1 vacancy.

10. DISTRICT BOARD MATTERS:

10.1 Discussion: Volunteer Handbook- Updated

Potential Action: Approve the updated Volunteer Handbook

MOTION by Director Alonso motioned for approve the updated Volunteer Handbook. Second, by Director Loza. Approved 4 ayes, 0 absent 0 noes 1 vacancy.

11. CLOSED SESSION: None

12. DIRECTORS TIME:

Francis Vega- this was my first experience doing the Easter Egg Hunt it was really nice seeing all the kids out here some of them were coming late and they were encouraging them to go out and get in line so they can go in and look for eggs and o love the basketball game that was so cool I though it was really nice you guys did a really good job

Denise Loza- the Arvin and Lamont both Easter Egg Hunt was good everyone did an amazing job

Fernando Alonso- I want to thank everyone for continuing had work and drive home safely.

Jesus Perez- I want to thank the staff because we did have another activity another event on the side and it was not chaotic I'm not going to say it wasn't but from the outside looking in it didn't look like it everything seem fair, fun entertaining and with that bouncy house it kind of elevated the event as well it was awesome the district counsel will like to say some words **Mr. Hodges-** I was just going to make a recommendation to the board that you try to attend one of the three special leadership academy May 11-14 in Sand Diego, July19-22 San Rafael and September 13-16 San Luis Obispo so I recommend getting with the District Manager and getting booked on one of those whatever works with your scheduled very beneficial to the board there refresher if you've already been if you never been there they are very good for your growth in your position in the board **Mr. Perez-** thank you Mr. Hodges they are really good **Mr. Hodges-** the board is allocated a certain amount of money each year for this its not like you are spending money that is not allocated for this you should take advantage of that and go **Mr. Perez-** on that topic I would like to report back to the board I did attend the Legislated Days and I'm under the assumption I mean toward our staff this is something that CARPD pays for me they are reimbursing me for the hotel so I'm going to complete the millage form once that is complete it alleviates all financial burden of myself for that bit of travel but I did want to report back that there are a few items of concern not necessarily to parks and recreation but for special districts getting to participate in the Legislated Days what I found is that we are doing a very good job of engaging with our local electives when we went up there I think they were a little bit taken

back to the relationship that we already established with our local electives and so much so that some of those local electives attend the afterhours activities for CSDA and they were out of Kern so I will say this some years ago I didn't have the best perspective of Legislative Days cause they were sending us to meet with elected officials in different areas of California so one suggestion that was made by myself of back in 2017 I saw this past week they have implemented that they send special districts they send them to their local electives so they also group you up with people with your own county or geographical areas so that was a positive outcome.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Director Vega motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Seconded by Director Loza. Approved 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 vacancy.