



Bear Mountain Recreation and Park District
A Special District
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, January 15, 2026
David Head Building
10300 San Diego Street
Lamont, California 93241
(www.bearmntprk.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, December 18, 2025, at 5:30 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 Francis Vega.

Staff Present: District Manager Mrs. Cervantes, Office Manager Mrs. Alcala, Recreation Coordinator Mrs. Gonzalez and Maintenance Supervisor Mr. Villalpando

Absent: District Council Mr. Hodges

3. FLAG SALUTE

Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m. Flag Salute: Vice Chairman Mr. Alonso

4. APPROVE AGENDA AS FORM

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

5. PRESENTATIONS- None

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT- Mrs. Delfina Antonio Pablo-** I here to request permission from the board to have my food truck out in the park I have all my paperwork on file including my permits and insurance, I have heard that there is someone that doesn't like people to come and sell so I don't want to have any kind of problems if I come and sell that's why I'm hear to inform myself if I'm able to sell **Mr. Perez-** at this time I would like to take your information and give it to our general manager **Mr. Alonso-** you had a made a comment about being kicked out is this a recent occurrence or is it something you heard **Mrs. Cervantes-** who told you to leave **Mrs. Delfina-** I man that sells out here he said he pays for permission with the parks and he told my employee to leave, that's why I'm here to see what I can do to sell out hear **Mr. Perez-** thank you for coming out please leave your information with the district manager

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
- 7.8 Approve District Manager accrued vacation pay at the end of the year.

MOTION by Director Alonso motioned for approval of the consent agenda 7.1-7.8. Second, by Director Loza. Approved 4 ayes, 0 noes 1 vacancy.

8. DEPARTMENTS REPORTS: General Manager Report:

- 8.1 **Maintenance -Mr. Villalpando-** first of all I want to thank you for the food it was delicious, for Bear Mountain Park the soccer goals have been removed and stored for the next soccer season we also spread out wood chips in the playground, solar lights have also temporarily installed on the north east side of the park by the walkway and so far by the way things look I will be installing the rest of them **Mr. Perez-** is there one we can see tonight **Mr. Villalpando-** yes there is **Mr. Perez-** if anyone wants to join us to see it tonight to see it **Mr. Villalpando-** I also got estimates for floating letters for the front of the building the estimate came out 2,685 they would be 12 inch floating letters it would read Bear Mountain Park and on the bottom it would say Bear Mountain Recreation and Park District and the C-Train a few months ago I proposed I was wondering if it was okay to have the put were the basketball court is, I was looking at the surface to repair that basketball court its kind of in bad shape so I was wondering if we can set our C-Train on that and have an actual fenced of yard and for

Weedpatch Park it has been heavenly graffiti I'm color matching the paint that way we can get it cover as soon as possible insurance suggested that we start removing the playground that is thereto see what feedback we get from the public and then start informing them what are plans are that was just a suggestion not something we have to do, the pools remain close and the palm trees in the pools have been cut down for the solar project **Hector-** we don't want to take from the community removing that basketball court will take form the kids and have them go somewhere lese and going back to Weedpatch Park I did grow up in Weedpatch Park I do try to go back as much as I can and for the last months I've seen that the park abandoned I know years ago we were talking about a grant I think there's a lot that needs to be done in Weedpatch Mr. Perez- in our directors time we can talk about the approval for the money

- 8.2 Recreation- Mrs. Gonzalez-** I want to thank Juan and Gabriel for helping out with our activities and the Haunted House Juan and Gabriel had amazing ideas and on the Christmas Parade we got first place in Arvin and our next goal is to create a basketball league we are planning to get Haven Drive and Mtn View gyms since its going to be our first year we are going to do the ages between 10-14 the flyer I have it but is still a working prosses we want to make sure we have all the rules the uniforms are going to be double sided and they are going to have the Bear Mtn Logo but as soon as we get the okay and Mtn View and Haven Drive are charging us 40 dollars an hour to use there gym for now its going to be 150 dollars per player **Mr. Villalpando-** we are going to alternate back in forth between Arvin in Lamont, some days Arvin kids will have to come play here and sometimes Lamont kids will have to go play in Arvin depending how many kids we get and how many hours we rent the gym neutral site will be the best thing it will be a Bear Mountain Recreation Program for both communities **Mr. Perez-** I know for the gym at Sunset Middle Scholl it was built with the community in mind so the community has access to that gym free but I'm thinking since we are a government agency ourself we have to formally **Mrs. Gonzalez-** the girls from Arvin High use it during that time and we don't want to step in anybody's toes I also want to thank Mr. Perez for giving out toys to our kids at the Haunted House

8.3 District Manager-

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

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

Mrs. Cervantes- we did have our CAPRI insurance walkthrough we should be getting that report by next month ill bring it to the board as soon as we get that report and talking about the grant I been back and forth with James Golden from the County originally what they wanted was for us to hire somebody to do the administration of the grant and then they want us to hire an engineer for the grant so the first thing I did was post RFP for the administration we don't have anybody that has applied for it so I'm going to repost it he said that I need to get three bids for the RFP so I need to go look for an agency see if there interested so until we get someone to do the administration and engineering we are not going to be able to move forward so that's where we are at this will be discussed under the solar project for us to move forward with the plans **Mr. Alonso-** this has been an ongoing issue I understand how the perception that we have abandoned Weedpatch Park it has been really long and annoying prosses with the back in forth

9. CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

9.1 Committee Meetings- None

10. DISTRICT BOARD MATTERS:

10.1 Discussion: 2026 Holiday Schedule

Potential Action: Approve 2026 Holiday Schedule

MOTION by Director Loza motioned for approve 2026 Holiday Schedule seconded by Director Vega. Approved 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 vacancy.

10.2 Discussion: 2026 Board Reorganization

10.3 Discussion: 2023 Board Committees

10.4 Discussion: Drawing Sitelogiq Solar Project

Potential Action: Approve Drawing for the Sitelogiq Solar Project

MOTION by Director Alonso motioned for approve Drawing for the Sitelogiq Solar Project seconded by Director Loza. Approved 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 vacancy.

10.5 Discussion: Arvin and Lamont Pool

11. CLOSED SESSION: None

MOTION by Director Alonso motioned for approve Investment Policy seconded by Director Loza. Approved 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 vacancy.

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13. DIRECTORS TIME:

Francis Vega- glad we had so many people and it was a great dinner

Denise Loza- thank you everyone for being here tonight and thank you for our dinner

Fernando Alonso- thank you everyone for coming tonight, food was great I want to thank our staff and like I said previous Weedpatch looks abandoned me being here for a couple of years this is my second term everyone that works here at the parks regardless of whatever path we take the pools or anything else that comes up everybody here has the best intentions for the community we all want to see it grow I'm happy to be part of that team Happy Holidays Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Jesus Perez- two years on our board I remember you sitting in our audience since 2016 his been informed his been coming to the meetings and he put his name on the hat and the community got him here I can tell you I'm very proud of our board I'm happy to have him its not like I'm walking away I wont be here until the community stops voting for me I don't put up sings so once they say you're gone I'm gone I want to be here ill continue to be here for the first time in many years we did experience the death of our Director Rodriguez I can say this finally after 10 years if for whatever reason I'm not here anymore our board and prepared willing and able to take my place if for whatever reason that I win

a million dollars and decide to move from here I keep praying to god but I have to buy the ticket I really mean that as a high complement to the board I know that when I say we appreciate and that we have full confidence in our staff and I hope that we been able to show you guys that we have in a 10 year snap chat of were we were and were we are now one of weakest area has been recreation and we identified that we were able to invest now we created a budget and we hired a person that was helping us but also had a fulltime job and we were able to provide her a fulltime job and she has surprised me with today's presentation she has also delivered results she has also been able to represent us very well in the community and that is our recreation department thank you for that I know that we gotten our finance going we have to tried to do our best to let you guys know how special you guys know with recreation being one of our weakest department in our budget not because of our staff our budget was like seven percent and now with this I felt that we can push back to that 33 percent of it and we had to do the investment of needing to hire a fulltime person thank you for stepping into that role thank you for putting up with all the cold rain and the very hot summer days that you have experience the parents the kids that bring a smile to all of our faces our maintenance staff I walk a little bit taller in the community because of you guys because all of you guys people will see the maintenance of it and I'm sorry that I haven't had the opportunity to walk as tall in Weedpatch there has been some obstacles but I promise you that we will walk together in Weedpatch will make sure that when the opportunity first presents itself we are going to make it look great like in our hall with all the upgrades and we were under budget thanks to our staff that went out and found the solutions so they are making us look good we appreciate you guys our office staff keeps us going and our administrative staff has had many challenges this year thank you guys for putting up with that new system that somebody at the county put in I know for us we haven't got paid regularly but because of that system I know that the office the administrative staff without them **Mr. Villalpando-** lost without them **Mr. Perez-** with that said I probably at my 10 minute cut off we came in here looking were we can do better I'm happy to report that our general manager represent Lamont at the State of California level the state of California has elected indemnity group makes our insurance a lot cheaper so our general manager she represents us at the state level at the county level she's a county commissioner for the parks so she is representing us she has an ear out at the county as well and here locally in Lamont she is also member and a part in the Comite Progreso De Lamont and I'm sure you have to have abstain when you made a vote but because of the CPDL the have donated to Lamont over 100 thousand dollars in the last three to five years thank you Bear Mountain is proud of you **Mrs. Cervantes-** thank you **Mr. Pere-** you are a distinguish member at the state, county and local level and very well respected and loved in Lamont we love you guys

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Director Vega motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Seconded by Director Loza. Approved 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 vacancy.