



Parks Measure M Citizens Oversight Committee

Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 5:30-7:30pm

This meeting will be held in person at the Armando Flores Room of the
Rohnert Park-Cotati Library
6250 Lynne Condé Way, Rohnert Park, CA 94928

Public Comment During the Meeting: *You may email public comment to parkspublicmeetings@sonoma-county.org. All emailed public comments will be forwarded to all Committee Members and read during the meeting for the benefit of the public. Please include your name and the relevant agenda item number to which your comment refers. In addition, if you have joined as a member of the public through the Zoom app, or by calling in, there will be specific points throughout the meeting during which live public comment may be made via Zoom and phone.*

Disabled Accommodation: *If you have a disability which requires an accommodation, an alternative format, or requires another person to assist you while attending this meeting, please contact Regional Parks at (707) 565-2041 at least 48 hours in advance to ensure arrangements for accommodation or e-mail us at parkspublicmeetings@sonoma-county.org at least 2 business days before the meeting.*

Committee Members

Leslie Graves (District 1) – Vice-Chair.
John Mills (District 2)
Chris Borr (District 3)
Carol Eber (At Large) - Chair.

Meredith Rennie (District 4)
Justin Lindenberg (District 5)
Vacant (At Large)

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1. **Welcome and Land Acknowledgement**– Bert Whitaker, Director, Regional Parks

The County of Sonoma recognizes that we are on the ancestral lands of the Coast Miwok, Pomo, and Wappo who are the original caretakers of this area. We respectfully acknowledge the Indigenous peoples who have been stewarding and maintaining relationship on this land as knowledge keepers for millennia. The County of Sonoma is dedicated to understanding and educating the public about historical and ongoing connections between land conservation and social inequities. This includes the histories of genocide, forced removal and displacement, and broken promises with Indigenous peoples as a part of American history. Indigenous people are not just in our histories. We strive to optimize Indigenous voices to share their own history, as to not perpetuate another form of being silenced. While recognizing the past, we honor the resiliency of Native people still in their ancestral territories in relationship with their land and culture.

This acknowledgement does not take the place of authentic relationships with Indigenous communities, but serves as a gesture in respect to the land we are on.

2. **Comments from the Public – Public may address the Committee on matters that are not on the agenda**

Members of the public wishing to suggest an item for a future Committee agenda may do so during this public comment period. The Ralph M. Brown Act (the State local agency open meeting law) prohibits the Committee from acting on any matter that is not on the agenda. Speakers are limited to three minutes each; the Committee Chair may adjust the time limit in light of the number of anticipated speakers.

3. **Approval of the Minutes** - of the February 13, 2024 meeting of the Parks Measure M Citizens Oversight Committee meeting

4. **Reports and Updates: Robert Gonzalez, Fiscal and Administrative Services Officer, Sonoma Regional Parks; Bert Whitaker, Director, Sonoma Regional Parks; and City Representatives**

- External Auditor Report – Robert Gonzalez, Fiscal and Administrative Services Officer, Sonoma Regional Parks
- Review Quarterly Revenue reports – Robert Gonzalez, Fiscal and Administrative Services Officer, Sonoma Regional Parks
- Projected FY 24-25 Projects – City Representatives and Bert Whitaker, Director of Sonoma Regional Parks

5. **Adjournment**

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