



Parks Measure M Citizens Oversight Committee

Meeting Agenda

Monday, January 27, 2025 5:30-7:30pm

This meeting will be held in person and recorded
400 Aviation Blvd. Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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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)
Nate Luna (At Large)

Agenda

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement– Melanie Parker, Deputy 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. Call to Order/Roll Call

3. 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 considering the number of anticipated speakers.

4. Swearing in Nate Luna, at large committee member

5. Approval of the Minutes

Approval of the November 12, 2024, minutes of the Parks Measure M Citizens Oversight Committee meeting.

6. Reports and Updates: Robert Gonzalez, Fiscal and Administrative Services Officer, Sonoma Regional Parks and Melanie Parker, Deputy Director, Sonoma County Regional Parks

Review first quarter Measure M disbursement report (addressing inconsistencies raised by committee member Graves).

Review second quarter Measure M disbursement report.

Report on visible successes of Parks for All Measure M investments – All jurisdictions.

7. Action Items

Approve Amended Measure M FY 2023-2024 Annual Report

Elect Chair and Vice-chair for 2025 per the bylaws

8. Adjournment

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