



Livermore Area
Recreation and Park District
An independent special district

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

MINUTES

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

5:00 p.m.

Robert Livermore Community Center
4444 East Avenue, Livermore, California
Sycamore Room

Directors Present: Directors Jan Palajac, David Furst, James Boswell,
Vice Chair Maryalice Faltings, Chair Philip Pierpont

Directors Absent: None.

Staff Present: David Weisgerber, Community Outreach Supervisor
Jill Kirk, Community Services Manager
Julie Dreher, Finance Officer
Kelly McClanahan, Aquatics Supervisor
Kendahl Hettick, Financial Analyst
Marc Roberts, Land Agent / Planner
Mathew Fuzie, General Manager (GM)
Rene Venus Dalusong, Executive Assistant

District Counsel: Gary Bell, Esq. with Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC
Meghan A. Wharton, Esq. with Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC

Others Present: None.

1. **CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chair Pierpont called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. All Directors were present. Chair Pierpont led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Chair Pierpont opened public comment. No further public comments were received, and public comment period was closed.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA** (Motion):
 - 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on April 29, 2026.
 - 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting on May 4, 2026.
 - 3.3 General Manager's Monthly Update to the Board on Issues and Projects: May 2026.

MOTION:

Moved by Director Faltings, seconded by Director Palajac, approved the Consent Agenda Items 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3 as submitted, by the following voice vote:

AYES: *Directors Palajac, Furst, Boswell, Faltings, and Chair Pierpont (5)*
NOES: *None (0)*
ABSTENTIONS: *None (0)*
ABSENT: *None (0)*

4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

4.1 2026 Public Meetings in the Park Schedule Revision

The Board discussed moving the June 17, 2026 public meeting in the park from El Padro Park to Sunken Gardens Pump Track.

- **Direction:** The Board directed staff to move the June 17, 2026 Public Meeting in the Park from El Padro Park to Sunken Gardens Pump Track and change the time for the new Sunken Gardens Pump Track ribbon cutting ceremony from 6:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

4.2 Renew Special Tax 97-1 and Set the Rate for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

The Board adopted a resolution to renew Special Tax 97-1 and set the Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) rate at \$41.01 for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

RESOLUTION:

Moved by Director Palajac, seconded by Director Furst, adopted Resolution No. 2841, authorizing renewal of Special Tax 97-1 and setting the Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) rate at \$41.01 for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, by the following voice vote:

AYES: *Directors Palajac, Furst, Boswell, Faltings, and Chair Pierpont (5)*
NOES: *None (0)*
ABSTENTIONS: *None (0)*
ABSENT: *None (0)*

4.3 Public Hearing: Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Final Operating and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget

The Board approved the District's Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Final Operating and CIP Budget.

Public Hearing: A public hearing was held to receive public comment. Chair Pierpont opened public comment. No public comments were received, and the public comment period was closed.

RESOLUTION:

Moved by Director Boswell, seconded by Director Palajac, adopted Resolution No. 2842, approving the Final Operating and CIP Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: *Directors Palajac, Furst, Boswell, Faltings, and Chair Pierpont (5)*
NOES: *None (0)*
ABSTENTIONS: *None (0)*
ABSENT: *None (0)*

4.4 Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan Update Phase 4: Policy Discussion

The Board continued discussion of the Master Plan policy items from its May 4, 2026 workshop and focused on system condition standards and lifecycle-based funding for parks and facilities (Supplemental Item 4.4).

- **DIRECTION:** The Board provided direction on draft goals, policies, and implementation strategies for the continued development of the Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan update.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Director Boswell reported attending the May 4, 2026, Finance Committee meeting with Director Palajac. The Committee discussed the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget, changes to the Reserve Policy, and updates on the Playground Replacement Program, and March preliminary financials. The agenda was included in the Board agenda packet.
- b) Director Furst reported attending the May 11, 2026, Personnel Committee meeting with Director Boswell. The Committee received an update on recruitment and healthcare plans. The agenda was included in the Board agenda packet.
- c) Vice Chair Faltings reported attending the May 13, 2026, Program Committee meeting with Director Furst. The Committee discussed special events for the coming year, the soccer program, and Ravenswood Historic Site programming updates. The agenda was included in the Board agenda packet.
- d) Director Furst reported attending the May 13, 2026, Alameda County Special Districts Association meeting. The guest speaker, Timothy Burroughs, Executive Director of StopWaste (Alameda County Waste Management Authority) provided an overview of their activities.
- e) Director Furst reported attending the May 6, 2026, Chamber of Commerce Business Alliance meeting. The guest speaker, John Freeman, District Manager of California Water Service, provided an overview of the California Water Service Group.
- f) Director Palajac reported attending the May 4, 2026, LARPD Foundation meeting. The Foundation presented Rotary Grant awards and discussed agenda format strategies. She stated that at the next Foundation meeting, discussion will focus on the Wine Down in the Grove Fundraiser event planning, so an LARPD Board Liaison does not need to attend the meeting.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DIRECTORS:

- a) Director Boswell briefly talked about the history of the Friendship Center and the services it provides.
- b) Chair Pierpont announced that LARPD staff will be at the Livermore Downtown Street Fest event to promote sign-ups for the new Soccer Program.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE GENERAL

MANAGER: GM Fuzie reminded the Board about the upcoming California Association of Recreation and Park Districts conference on May 27 – 30, 2026 to be held in Monterey, California.

8. OPEN SESSION DISCLOSURE REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEM 9.1 (Gov. Code, § 54957.7)

Chair Pierpont announced Closed Session Item 9.1 as listed on the agenda.

9. CLOSED SESSION

9.1 Conference with Legal Counsel; Existing Litigation (Gov. Code, § 54956.9, subd. (d)(1).)

The Board of Directors finds, based on advice from legal counsel, that discussion in open session will prejudice the position of the District in the litigation.

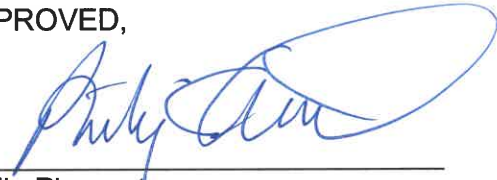
Name of Case: Livermore Area Recreation and Park District v. East Bay Regional Park District

Names of Parties: Livermore Area Recreation and Park District; East Bay Regional Park District; Melissa Wilk, in her capacity as the Alameda County Auditor-Controller
Case No.: San Francisco Superior Court Case No.: CPF-25-519308

The Board agreed without motion and by unanimous consent to continue this item to a future meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

APPROVED,



Philip Pierpont
Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:



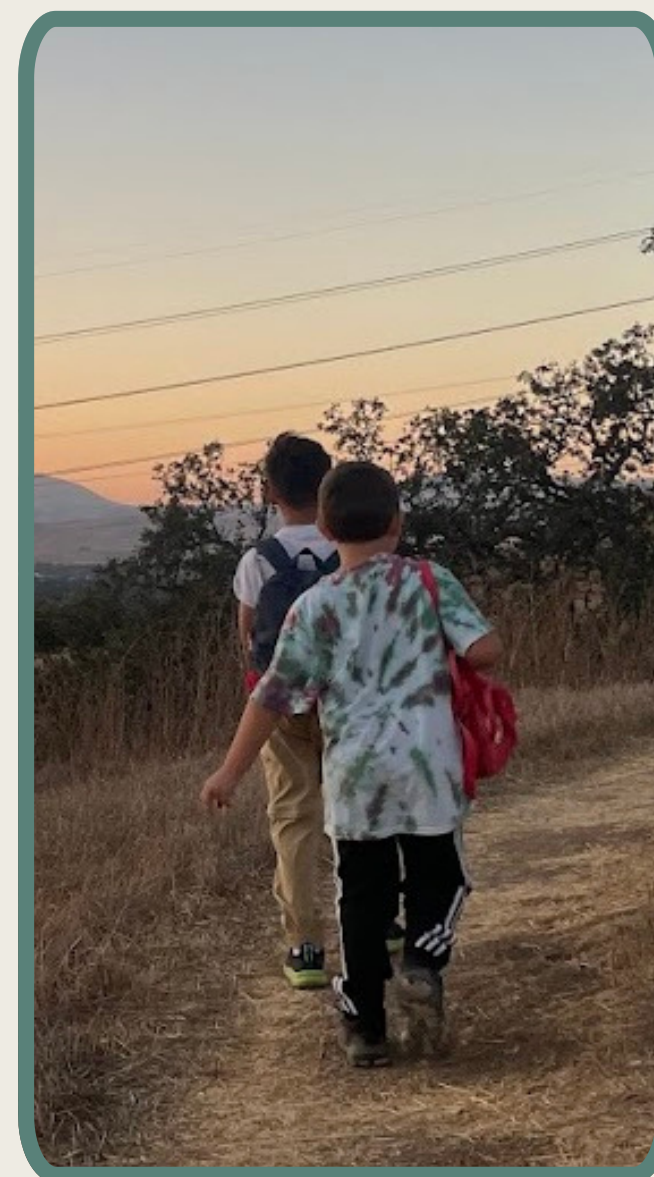
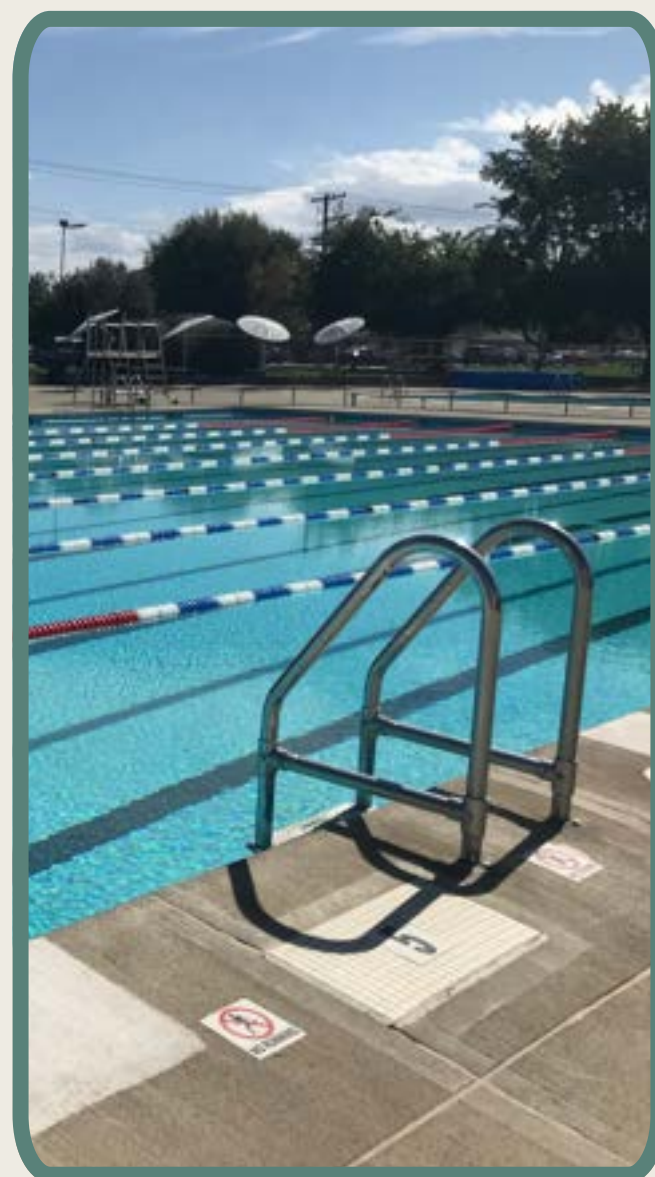
Mathew L. Fuzie
General Manager and
Ex-officio Clerk to the Board of Directors

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LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan Update



Phase 4: Board Policy Discussion Continued

Wednesday, May 13 Board of Directors Meeting

TODAY'S OBJECTIVE

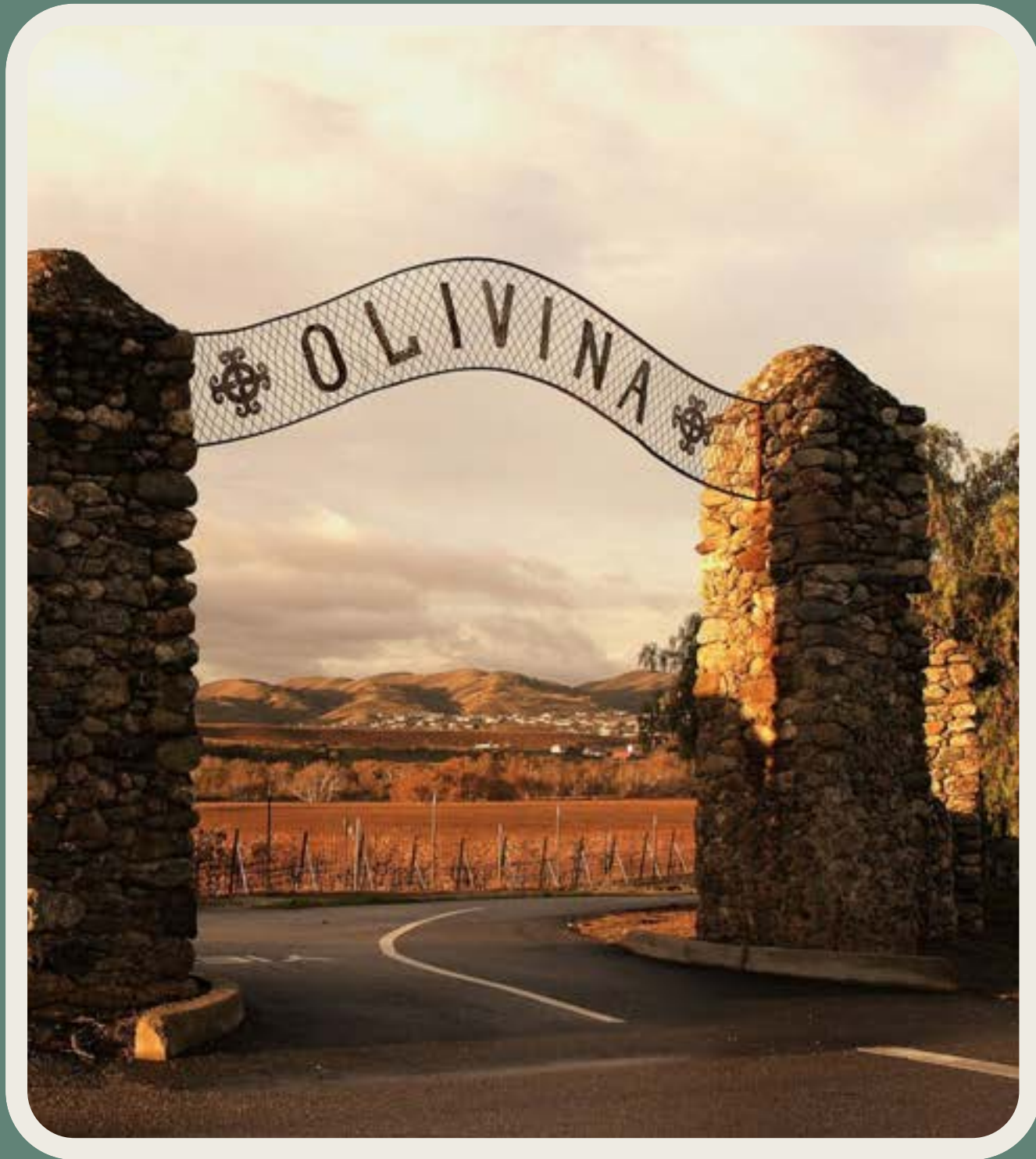
Continue policy discussion
from the May 4 workshop.

Focus On:

- **System Condition Standard**
- **Lifecycle-Based Funding**



WORKSHOP FORMAT



Each policy question will follow the same format.

- Key question
- Brief context
- 3 approaches for consideration
- Board discussion for each topic
- Staff summary of direction

POLICY QUESTION 7:

What level of system condition should the District maintain across its parks and facilities?



PARKS AND FACILITY CONDITION MATRIX



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YELLOW: Asset is functional but shows wear; repairs, refurbishment, or upgrades will be needed to restore optimal condition.



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***Note:** Red condition does not indicate unsafe conditions; safety issues are addressed immediately.*



CURRENT SYSTEM CONDITION



12%

of LARPD's managed Parks
and Facilities currently
assessed in "Red"
condition.

Q7: APPROACHES PARKS AND FACILITIES CONDITION STANDARD:

HIGH STANDARD (0% Red)

Maintain a high system standard by eliminating “red” conditions over time with sustained reinvestment

MANAGED STANDARD (10-15% Red)

Maintain a defined level of “red” conditions over time, while prioritizing higher-risk or foundational assets.

REACTIVE APPROACH

Address “red” conditions primarily as they arise, without a defined long-term target for overall system condition.

POLICY QUESTION 8:

How should the District fund ongoing maintenance and replacement over time?



FACILITY LIFE-CYCLE

BUILD

MAINTAIN

DECLINE

REPLACE



LIFE-CYCLE COST ANALYSIS (LCCA)



- ACQUISITION
- OPERATIONS
- MAINTENANCE / REPAIR
- REPLACEMENT
- END-OF-LIFE

Q8: APPROACHES FOR CONSIDERATION

PLANNING FOR LIFE-CYCLE COSTS

LIFE-CYCLE BASED FUNDING

Identify and plan for the full lifecycle cost of facilities, with a goal of funding these costs over time through structured and predictable funding strategies

HYBRID APPROACH

Incorporate lifecycle cost planning into decision-making while balancing available funding and competing priorities, without fully funding all lifecycle costs

PAY-AS-YOU-GO APPROACH

Address maintenance and replacement needs as they arise based on available funding, without a formal lifecycle-based funding framework

NEXT STEPS:

Board feedback on draft sections at the June 24, 2026 Board Meeting.

Parks and Facilities Visual Matrix

Working Draft - 05-13-2026

This matrix summarizes staff assessments of park and facility amenities using a green/yellow/red system to indicate current condition and maintenance needs. It is intended to help identify trends, highlight strengths, and inform future planning and budgeting priorities.

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Community Parks											
Overall		Acreage	Owner	Buildings and Structures	Irrigation System	Paths / Hardscape	Turf / Landscape	Courts or Synthetic Fields	Parking Lot	Key Issues	Deferred Maint. \$
1	Bruno Canziani Park	Yellow	14.7	LARPD	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Irrigation under investigation.	\$ -
2	Cayetano Park	Green	29.4	City	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Synthetic turf replaced in 2024	\$ -
3	Ernie Rodrigues Sports Field	Green	11	LARPD	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green	White	New Scoreboard Needed	\$ 45,000
4	Independence Park	Yellow	17	City	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Irrigation Pump and Playground Replacement	\$ 330,000
5	Max Baer Park	Yellow	11.8	LARPD	White	Yellow	Green	Yellow	White	Jane Addams Parking Lot, New scoreboard needed	\$ 57,000
6	May Nissen Park	Green	12	City	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Parking Lot. Swim Center listed separately	\$ 150,000
7	Robert Livermore Park	Yellow	29.86	City	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Red	Tennis Court Resurfacing, Backflow Replacement	\$ 58,000
8	Robertson Park	Green	110.33	LARPD	Red	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Bathrooms/Fieldhouse Upgrades Needed. Picnic Tables/benches need replacing.	\$ 250,000
9	Springtown Community Park	Green	90	City	Green	Green	Green	Green	White	New park/under construction. Open in 2026	\$ -
10	William "Bill" Payne Park	Green	17	City	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Backflow replacement needed	\$ 8,000
Community Deferred											\$ 898,000

Neighborhood Parks											
Overall		Acreage	Owner	Play Equipment	Irrigation	Paths/Hardscape	Turf/Landscape	Key Issues		Deferred Maint.	
11	Al Caffodio Park	Yellow	2	City	Red	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Play equipment nearing end of life	\$250,000	
12	Almond Avenue Park	Red	6	City	Red	Red	Red	Red	Extensive gopher damage; aging infrastructure	\$410,000	
13	Altamont Creek Park	Yellow	6	LARPD	Red	Yellow	Green	Green	Small playground nearing end of life	\$250,000	
14	Big Trees Park	Green	4.2	LARPD	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Older Path Sections; Eucalyptus tree concerns		
15	Bill Clark Park	Yellow	1.2	City	Green	Yellow	Red	Yellow	ADA pathway and lifted concrete. Playground replaced in 2024	\$150,000	
16	Bothwell Park (Recreation Grounds)	Green	2.13		Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Backflow pressure under investigation	\$1,500	
17	Christensen Park	Red	8.24	City	Red	Red	Red	Yellow	Major irrigation and playground deficiencies	\$610,000	
18	El Padro Park	Yellow	5.54	City	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Playground replacement scheduled	\$250,000	
19	Hagemann Park	Red	7.2	City	Red	Red	Red	Red	Critical irrigation and pathway condition	\$630,000	
20	Ida Holm Park	Green	6	City	Green	Green	Green	Green	Playground replaced in 2024		
21	Jack Williams Park	Green	4.52	City	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Playground replaced in 2024		
22	Karl Wente Park	Green	3.38	City	Green	Yellow	Red	Yellow	School connection pathway needs renovation		
23	Lester J. Knott Park	Yellow	5.2	City	Red	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Playground scheduled for replacement	\$250,000	
24	Livermore Downs Park	Yellow	4.5	LARPD	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Asphalt path and parking restriping		
25	Maitland Henry Park	Yellow	5	City	Yellow	Green	Red	Yellow	Pathway condition deteriorating	\$150,000	
26	Marlin Pound Park	Yellow	9	City	Yellow	Green	Green	Red	Significant rodent/turf issues		
27	Mocho Park	Green	3.3	City	Green	Green	Green	Green	Playground replaced in 2025		
28	Northfront Park	Yellow	1.1	LARPD	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	General lifecycle aging		
29	Pleasure Island Park	Green	7.5	City	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Playground replaced in 2019, Picnic area expansion in 2025		
30	Ralph T. Wattenburger Park	Red	5	City	Red	Red	Green	Red	Turf renovation and pump replacement needed; playground replacement scheduled	\$330,000	
31	Ravenswood Neighborhood Park	Yellow	3.3	City	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Walkway deficiencies	\$50,000	
32	Summit Park	Green	4.2	City	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Minor lifecycle needs		
33	Sunset Park	Green	6	City	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Playground replaced in 2019		
34	Tex Spruiell Park	Green	9.8	City	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Playground replaced in 2025		
35	Vista Meadows Park	Yellow	5.7	City	Yellow	Red	Green	Yellow	Gopher issues; irrigation aging		
Neighborhood Deferred											\$3,331,500

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	Open Space Parks	Overall	Acreage	Owner	Trails	Habitat and Restoration	Visitor Amenities	Key Issues	Deferred Maint.
36	Brushy Peak Park		507	LARPD				Ongoing stewardship and maintenance	
37	Garaventa Wetlands Preserve		24	LARPD				Habitat-focused preserve	
38	Holdener Open Space		55.89	LARPD				General open space maintenance	
39	Murrieta Meadows		11	LARPD				Trail maintained by LARPD; tree pruning by City	
40	Sycamore Grove Park		847.33	LARPD				Aging 1930s-era structures with limited functionality; Building demo and walkway repair	\$60,000
								Open Space Deferred	\$60,000

	Special Use Facilities	Overall	Acreage	Owner	Facility Condition	Site Infrastructure	Key Issues	Deferred Maint.
NA	Barn, The		0.5	City			No longer is use	
41	Camp Shelly in Lake Tahoe		8	USDA			Water system in good shape	
42	Carnegie Library		0.1	City			Lift repair; City maintains grounds	\$150,000.00
43	Hal Chesnutt Memorial Field		10	City				
44	Ravenswood Historic Site		29.7	City			Porch dry rot and pathway deficiencies	\$ 50,000.00
45	Sunken Gardens Skate Park		11	LARPD			New pump track in 2026	
46	Veterans Building Grounds		0.67	County			General lifecycle maintenance	
							Special Use Deferred	\$200,000

	Recreation and Support Facilities	Overall	Sq Footage	Own/Maintain	Major Systems	Site Infrastructure	Key Issues	Capital Needs
47	Bothwell Recreation Center		13,000	LARPD			Aging facility in poor overall condition; immediate need is feasibility study	\$20,000
48	Christensen Preschool		960	City			Aging facility with significant building deficiencies	\$200,000
49	Jane Addams Preschool		3,100	LARPD			Parking lot deterioration	\$5,000
50	Little House Preschool		2,600	LARPD			ADA accessibility concerns; no accessible ramp	\$10,000
51	May Nissen Preschool		1,200	City			Building is 62 years old; amenities recently updated	
52	May Nissen Swim Center		33,000	City			Facility in need of major renovation, Immediate need is feasibility study	\$20,000
53	R.E. Merritt Building		10,400	LARPD			Administrative support facility; General lifecycle maintenance anticipated	
54	Robert Livermore Aquatic Center		52,000	LARPD			Recently renovated facility; long-term roof replacement anticipated	
55	Robert Livermore Community Center		85,000	LARPD			Roof nearing replacement	\$1,000,000
							Recreation and Support Deferred	\$1,255,000

	ESS Buildings	Overall	Sq Footage	Owner	Major Systems	Accessibility and Site	Notes	Deferred \$
56	Altamont Creek		2400	LARPD			Roof and siding nearing replacement	\$70,000
57	Arroyo Seco		2400	LARPD			General lifecycle maintenance needs	
58	Croce		2400	LARPD			One older building and one newer structure (2015)	
59	Jackson		2880	LARPD			Deck and ramp deficiencies	\$40,000
60	Michell		4200	LARPD			New building 2020	
61	Rancho		2880	LARPD			General aging and lifecycle needs	
62	Smith		2400	LARPD			Siding and flooring showing signs of wear	
63	Sunset		2400	LARPD			Aging siding and exterior components	
							ESS Sites Deferred	\$110,000

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