Livermore Area
Recreation and Park District
An independent special district

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

MINUTES

October 14, 2026
5:00 p.m.

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

Directors Present:	Directors David Furst, James Boswell, Vice Chair Maryalice Faltings, Chair Philip Pierpont
Directors Absent:	Director Jan Palajac
Staff Present:	Joseph Benjamin, Recreation Manager Mathew L. Fuzie, General Manager (GM) Michelle Newbould, Administrative Assistant Rene Venus Dalusong, Executive Assistant
District Counsel:	Andrew Shen, Esq. with Renne Public Law Group
Others Present:	Larry Bird

1. **CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**: Chair Pierpont called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. All Directors were present except Director Palajac. Chair Pierpont led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**: Chair Pierpont opened the public comment period. No comments were received, and the public comment period was closed.

3. **PRESENTATION**
   - **3.1 Open Space Program Update**
     Staff updated the Board on Open Space Program offerings and seasonal activities (Supplemental Item 3.1).
4. **CONSENT AGENDA** (Motion):
   - **4.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on September 30, 2026.**
   - **4.2 General Manager's Monthly Update to the Board on Issues and Projects: October 2026.**

     GM Fuzie noted that Planning and Communications Manager David Weisgerber wrote the summation report.

MOTION: Director Faltings moved, and Director Boswell seconded, a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 4.1 and 4.2 as submitted. The motion passed by the following voice vote:

AYES:	Directors Furst, Boswell, Faltings, and Chair Pierpont (4)
NOES:	None (0)
ABSTENTIONS:	None (0)
ABSENT:	Director Palajac (1)

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5.1 District Conflict of Interest Code Amendments

The Board reviewed and discussed amendments to the District's Conflict of Interest Code.

Chair Pierpont opened the public comment period. No comments were received, and the public comment period was closed.

RESOLUTION: Director Pierpont moved, and Director Faltings seconded, a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2853, approving amendments to the District's Conflict of Interest Code. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors Furst, Boswell, Faltings, and Chair Pierpont (4)
NOES:	None (0)
ABSTENTIONS:	None (0)
ABSENT:	Director Palajac (1)

5.2 Memorial and Commemorative Gift Policy Update

The Board discussed proposed revisions to the policy, including eligible commemorative items and term limits, to clarify the guidelines for commemorative recognition.

- **ACTION**: Staff will bring a draft amended policy to the Board at a future Board meeting.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a) Director Boswell reported attending the October 5, 2026, Finance Committee meeting with Director Palajac. The Committee received an update on the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 audit and monthly financials. The Finance Committee agenda was included in the Board agenda packet.

b) Director Boswell reported attending the October 12, 2026, Personnel Committee meeting with Director Furst. The Committee reviewed the draft Board Appointee Performance Evaluation Policy and provided feedback. The Committee also received a Human Resources update on 2026 medical and health care rates, a topic carried over from the previous meeting. The Personnel Committee agenda was included in the Board agenda packet.

c) Vice Chair Faltings reported attending the October 14, 2026, Program Committee meeting with Director Furst. The Committee received an update on the Adaptive Recreation Program. Staff will provide an update to the full Board at a future meeting. The Committee agreed to move the November 11, 2026, meeting to November 18, 2026. The Program Committee agenda was included in the Board agenda packet.

d) Chair Pierpont reported attending the October 13, 2026, LARPD and East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) Liaison Committee meeting with Vice Chair Faltings. The Committee received updates from each district on its Master Plan and discussed the Vegetation Management Strategy, Doolan Canyon Regional Preserve site activation and planning, and Del Valle Ventek and traffic reduction improvements.

e) Director Furst reported attending the October 7, 2026, Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Alliance meeting. Guest speaker Tony Limoges, Superintendent of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD), provided an overview of the school district.
f) Director Palajac is absent and will provide a report on the October 5, 2026, LARPD Foundation meeting at the next Board meeting.

7. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DIRECTORS**:
   a) Vice Chair Faltings asked why the LARPD-LVJUSD-City of Livermore Intergovernmental Committee had stopped meeting. Director Furst explained that the City no longer wished to continue the meetings, and LVJUSD requested a pause due to organizational changes. GM Fuzie will ask the agency managers during their quarterly meetings whether they want to resume the meetings.
   b) Director Furst requested a copy of the LARPD and EBRPD Liaison Committee meeting agenda. Staff will email the agenda to the full Board.
   c) Director Boswell highlighted issues requiring attention, including ongoing litigation and land acquisitions.
   d) Chair Pierpont noted that the Board's approval of the Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan, originally scheduled at the next October Board meeting, was moved to the November Board meeting due to scheduling conflicts and other considerations.

8. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE GENERAL MANAGER**: GM Fuzie provided an update on the Zone 7 Chain of Lakes Conveyance System Project and the upcoming California Association for Park & Recreation Indemnity (CAPRI) Board meeting and retreat on November 11–12, 2026. LARPD will host the event and lead a tour of its facilities.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**: The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

APPROVED,

Philip Pierpont
Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

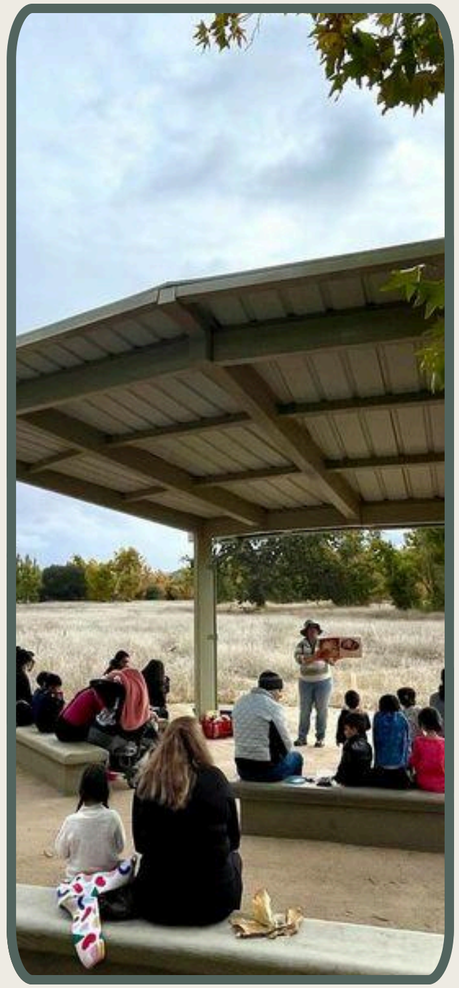
Mathew L. Fuzie
General Manager and
Ex-officio Clerk to the Board of Directors

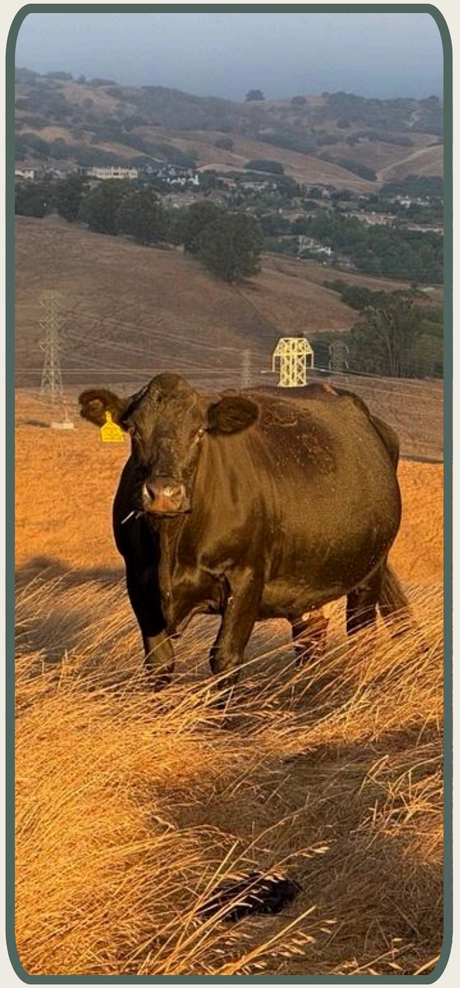
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LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

OPEN SPACE PROGRAMS

Wednesday, October 14, 2026











SUPPLEMENTAL ITEM 3.1
October 14, 2026

OVERVIEW

Open Space connects the community to nature through education, recreation, stewardship, and partnerships, creating meaningful outdoor experiences for all ages.



RANGER-LED PROGRAMS

INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS



Free ranger-led programs focused on local wildlife, habitats, and history.

BRUSHY PEAK HIKES



Ranger-led hikes at Brushy Peak Open Space Preserve for the public.

HOOT OWL PROGRAM



Participants explore local owls and nocturnal wildlife through guided hikes.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS



CLASSROOM PROGRAMS



FIELD PROGRAMS



HEALTHY WATERSHED SERIES

School-based programs serving public, private, and homeschool students through classroom and field learning experiences.

YOUTH PROGRAMS



SYCAMORE SPROUTS

Sensory play and outdoor exploration for ages 2-3.



JUNIOR RANGERS

Outdoor learning and stewardship experiences for ages 11-14.



RANGER EXPLORERS

Hands-on outdoor discovery and learning for ages 13-16.

INTERPRETIVE VISITS



OPEN SPACE CAMPS



COUNSELOR IN TRAINING

Volunteer training and experiences for ages 11-14. Offered during the Summer and Spring.



SUMMER NATURE CAMPS

Hands-on learning at Sycamore Grove Park during the summer, ages 4-12.



SPRING NATURE CAMP

Outdoor discovery and learning at Sycamore Grove Park for ages 7-10 during Spring Break.

OPEN SPACE CAMPS



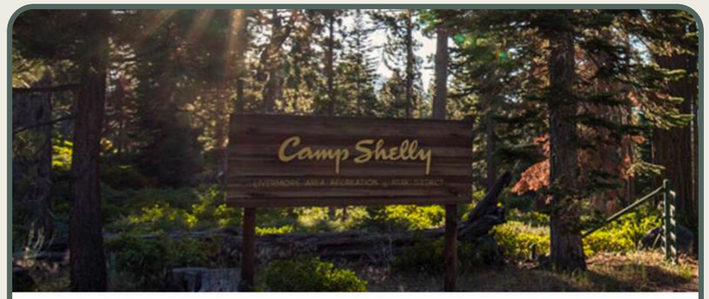
OVERNIGHT CAMPS

Overnight adventure camps at Camp Shelly with LARPD rangers for ages 11-13.



COMMUNITY OVERNIGHT CAMPS

Family-style outdoor camping at Camp Shelly with ranger-led activities.



CAMP SHELLY

Tahoe campground, facilitated by LARPD Open Space Staff.

OPEN SPACE CAMPS



Sycamore Science Camp
Ages 4-12



Sycamore Science Camp
Field Trips

Hands-on science camps and field trips, offered during fall and winter/spring, fostering discovery.







VOLUNTEERS

Open space volunteer opportunities include native garden workdays and open space workdays offered from fall through spring, plus year-round seasonal events such as the Holiday Carnival, Applefest, Egg-stravaganza, Sycamore Scares, and Earth Day.

SPECIAL EVENTS



Year-round special events such as Holiday Carnival, Great Yule Log Hunt, Mushroom Madness, Egg-stravaganza, Earth Day Celebration, Applefest, and Sycamore Scares.

NATURAL RESOURCES



- Grazing Pilot Program
- Volunteer Projects
- Invasive Plant Removal
- Poison Oak Abatement
- Trail Maintenance
- Prescribed Burns

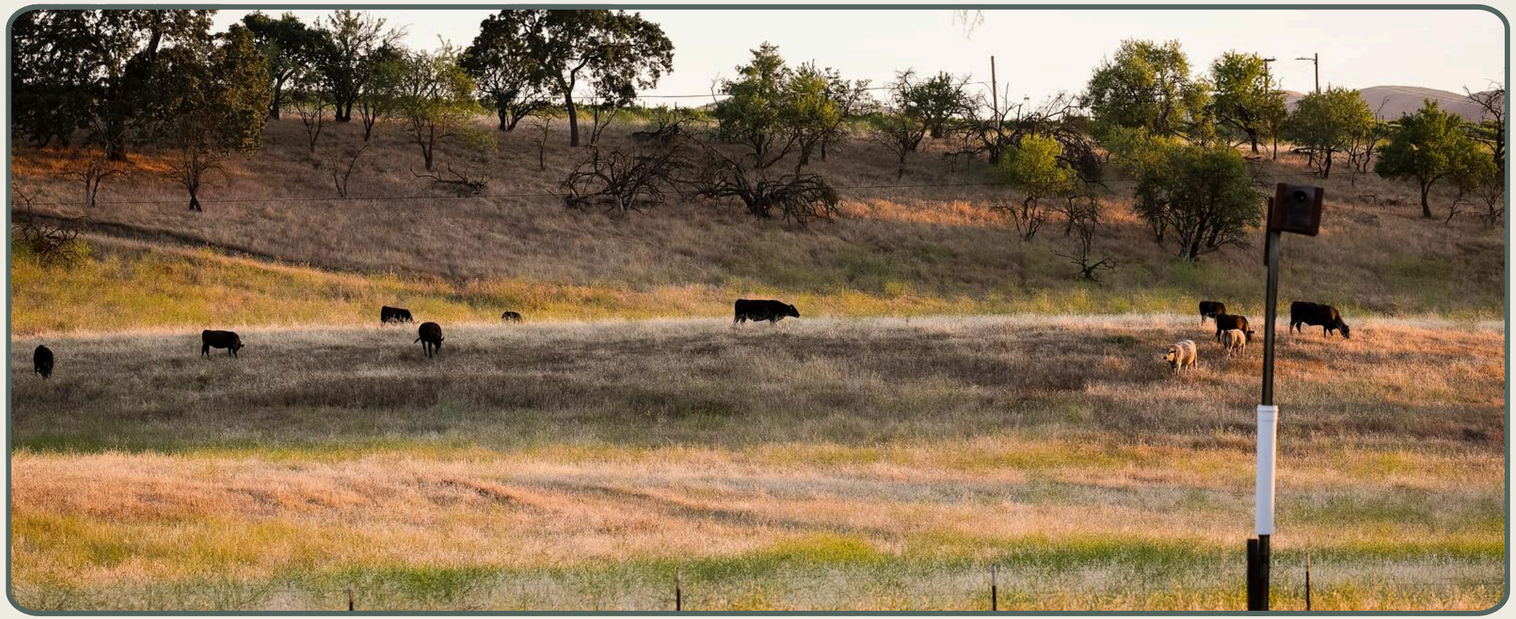
PARTNERSHIPS



- Quest Science Center
- City of Livermore Public Library
- Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD)
- Las Positas College
- Tri-Valley Conservancy
- Livermore Pleasanton Fire Department

NEW PROGRAMS

- Junior Explorers
- Counselor in Training
- Twigs
- Destination Shelly Camps
- Science Camp
- Grazing Pilot Program



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PROGRAM REVENUE GROWTH

QUESTIONS?

