

ORANGEVALE RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors March 19, 2026

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orangevale Recreation and Park District was held on March 19, 2026 at the District Office. Director Brunberg called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Directors present: Brunberg, Stickney, Meraz, Montes, Presinal
Directors absent: None
Staff present: Becky Herz, District Administrator
Horacio Oropeza, Park Superintendent
Jason Bain, Recreation Supervisor II

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** On a motion by Director Montes, seconded by Director Stickney, the agenda was approved by a vote of 5-0-0 with Directors Stickney, Presinal, Brunberg, Meraz, and Montes voting Aye. There were no Nays or Abstentions.
MOTION #1

5. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION** No one wished to address the Board during public discussion.

6. **MINUTES** Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 19, 2026 (pg. 3-12)
MOTION #2
 - a) On a motion by Director Montes seconded by Director Brunberg, the minutes were approved by a vote of 4-0-1 with Directors Stickney, Meraz, Brunberg, and Presinal voting Aye. Director There were no Nays, Director Montes Abstained.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**
MOTION #3
 - a) Confidential envelope – Attorney Billing Sep -Dec 2025: On a motion by Director Montes, seconded by Director Stickney, the Attorney Billing, Sept. – Dec. 2025 was approved by a vote of 5-0-0 with Directors Stickney, Presinal, Brunberg, Meraz, and Montes voting Aye. There were no Nays or Abstentions.

 - b) Communication with Cody Smart – Public Records Act Request (pg. 13-14): Requesting information on playground bark.

 - c) Orangevale View Articles February 13 & 27, 2026 (pg. 15-16): Admin. Herz stated that Foreman Fuhlrodt was awarded the “Sunshine Award” from SMUD at the Best of Orangevale Award Ceremony. Both Hometown Heroes, Chuck West and Brad

Squires who were honored at the event have ties to OVparks. OVparks won best park and best municipal district.

**8. CONSENT
CALENDAR**

MOTION #4

- a) On a motion by Director Montes, seconded by Director Stickney, the consent calendar was approved by a vote of 5-0-0 with Directors Stickney, Presinal, Brunberg, Meraz and Montes, voting Aye. There were no Nays or Abstentions.

**8.1. CONSENT
MATTERS
GENERAL FUND**

- a) Ratification of Claims for February 2026 (pg. 17)
b) Budget Status Report for February 2026 (pg. 18-19)
c) Revenue Report for February 2026 (pg. 20): Revenue for February does not appear on report because of the month end cutoff date being on the weekend. It will appear on March Revenue Report.

**8.2. OLLAD
CONSENT
MATTERS**

- a) Ratification of Claims for February 2026 (pg. 21-22)
b) Budget Status Report for February 2026 (pg. 23-24)

**8.3. KENNETH GROVE
CONSENT
MATTERS**

- a) Ratification of Claims for February 2026 (pg. 25)
b) Budget Status Report for February 2026 (pg. 26)

**9. NON-CONSENT
MATTERS
GENERAL FUND**

MOTION #5

- a) Ratification of Claims for February 2026 (pg. 27):
On a motion by Director Presinal, seconded by Director Brunberg, the non-consent calendar was approved by a vote of 4-0-1 with Directors Stickney, Presinal, Brunberg, and Meraz, voting Aye. There were no Nays, Director Montes Abstained.

**10. STANDING
COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

- a) Administration & Finance – March 11 Meeting Recap. (pg. 28). The topic of Orangevale History Project’s request to extend their lease was discussed. An addendum to the current lease and suggestions from the committee will be brought to the April Board Meeting. OVparks OPPM was reviewed and updates will also be brought to the Board at the April 16th meeting. The preliminary budget will be reviewed at the April committee meeting.
- b) Maintenance & Operation – Meeting to be scheduled in April.
- c) Recreation Committee – March 11 Meeting Recap. (pg. 29-30). Michael Cole attended the meeting and shared information about a nonprofit he is launching called Orangevale Fair Oaks Arts. The organization aims to introduce art initiatives into the community, which could create future partnership opportunities with OVparks. Marga Brunner from Orangevale Farmers Market and Anthony Garcia from the Orangevale Chamber met with the committee to discuss the upcoming rental. The market will run through September rather than October like they have in the past.

A rental application for a drive-in movie event was also reviewed. Additionally, Clipped in for Life has submitted an application to hosting a cyclocross event in October. Event details and the course map were discussed. The Committee recommends adjusting the proposed map to exclude the nature area. Planning for the tee pad resurfacing project at Shady Oaks Disc Golf Course is currently underway. Additionally, the committee discussed beginning collaboration with the unofficial Shady Oaks Disc Golf Club, with the goal of helping them become an official organization to allow for a more formal partnership. Also discussed at the meeting was expanding senior programming and reviewing the fees for all senior events, to reduce the subsidy.

- d) Personnel & Policy – No Report.
- e) Government – No Report.
- f) Planning Committee – No Report.

- g) Trails Committee – Feb 24 Meeting Recap. (pg. 31).
The Trails Master Plan was finalized, and will be reviewed later in the agenda for final Board approval.

- h) Ad Hoc Committee – Legal Service Report Out – No Report.

11. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- a) Monthly Activity Report – February 2026 (pg. 32-38). Admin. Herz shared that she is working with CPRS to start up a new taskforce that brings Board Members and District Administrators together in a group called the Advocacy Section. Admin. Herz attended a CSDA workshop for navigating governments and financial training for special districts. Managers Bain, Woodford and Admin. Analyst Myren attended the Financial Sustainability Certification program. Manager Bain said that it provided a different way of looking at how OVparks subsidizes programs. Administrator Herz recommended conducting a cost assessment workshop with Recreation staff prior to the new year. The purpose of this workshop would be to evaluate District values and identify which programs would provide the greatest benefit to the community and may warrant subsidization. Admin. Herz shared that seventy people attended OVparks Best Friends Bash.

Administrator Herz reported that the groundbreaking ceremony for the new shade trees, donated through the OV Parks Fund, has taken place. Supt. Oropeza reported that the trees are doing well, although there are signs of transplant shock, there is visible new growth on the limbs. He also stated that he and Admin. Herz have been discussing including the planting of additional trees as one of the Big Day of Service projects.

The second year of Ties & Tiaras had 40 participants, which was almost double the number of those who attended last year. Manager Bain shared that OVparks hired a new swim coach. Coach Oscar Pinto, who swam for American River College and coached under the former UC Davis swim coach with the Davis Aquamonsters. Admin. Herz shared that Collette cancellations due to international travel concerns have had an effect on the monthly revenue.

Superintendent Oropeza stated that the Parks Department has been working on weed control, bollards, posts, fencing, and mowing. The fields have been aerified and are ready for seeding. The pool women's bathroom project is almost complete. The men's restroom will not be able to be completed prior to summer. Admin. Herz added that unless staff can install one more showerhead outside, the District will not be able to cap the shower in the men's restroom, due to mandated shower-per-swimmer ratios.

Admin. Herz shared photos of OVparks' Best Friends Bash, a photo of the staff who attended the Financial Sustainability course along with the instructor, Foreman Fuhlrodt receiving his award at Best of Orangevale event, a photo of the demolition of the women's restroom at the pool, breaking ground for the new trees, OVparks' Ties & Tiaras, and Winter Youth Basketball. The next events coming up are the Rummage Sale and Open House.

- b) Review Proposed Big Day of Service Projects (Verbal). Admin. Herz shared the current project list for Big Day of Service includes Rock Painting Project, Youth Center Park Project, Kenneth Grove Erosion and Improvement Beautification Project, OVparks Community Center Park Project and Community Park Painting Project. Rocks will be replenished at the Pecan Park rock garden; the bleachers and backstops will be painted at the OVparks Youth Center Park along with the repair of the fencing on the right side of the ball field. OVparks Community Center Park will have new bark placed around the building, along with some planting and possibly the addition of another component involving SMUD which would include the planting of shade trees in front. The Kiwanis Club will be painting the fence and exterior of the bathroom at Community Park near the soccer field.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Board Member Updated – SB 827 (verbal): Board members who could not take the class on March 4th because it was full will be able to take an “on demand” class. Admin. Herz will be emailing information when it is available. There will be a live webinar offered in June as well. Existing board members have until January 2028 to complete the class.

- b) Wildfire Prevention Update (verbal): Two areas of the targeted Wildfire Prevention Project have been completed. Director Stickney expressed his concern for the area North of the Community Center where the weeds are quite tall. Supt. Oropeza stated that the area will be addressed when the conditions are right for mowing. The mowing is scheduled only twice per year, so that staff can focus on regularly used park areas. Director Stickney stated that he would like the cyclone fence removed from that area. Admin Hers stated that the fence removal is on the “Deferred Maintenance List.” Sacramento Conservation Corps Wildfire Prevention Projects in the main part of the nature area and smaller area between the walkway and the school are both complete. The next area they will be working in is Shackleton Woods.

13. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Approval of the Updated Orangevale Recreation & Park District Trails Master Plan Attachment 1: 1999 TMP; Attachment 2: Proposed 2026 TMP. Admin Herz will replace the logo on the cover with a high-resolution image and remove the border. Goals and policies are updated, and trail rules have been specified so they can be published and posted. To preserve the history of the TMP, the existing map is included along with more accurate trail maps drawn by an OVparks office staff who is an architecture major. An outline of trail specifications is included in addition to information about the Trails Committee and the strategies that are being implemented over the next four years and beyond to maintain the trails and a current inventory of OVparks trail system.

MOTION #6

On a motion by Director Brunberg seconded by Director Montes, Approval of the Updated Orangevale Recreation & Park District Trails Master Plan Attachment 1: 1999 TMP; Attachment 2: Proposed 2026 TMP was approved by a vote of 5-0-0 with Directors Stickney, Meraz, Brunberg, Presinal, & Montes voting Aye. There were no Nays or Abstentions.

- b) Approval of Agreement with Kathy and Jason Hartshorne to Hold a Drive-in Movie Event in Orangevale Community Park on September 19, 2026 (pg. 39-50)

MOTION #7

On a motion by Director Stickney seconded by Director Brunberg, the Approval of Agreement with Kathy and Jason Hartshorne to Hold a Drive-in Movie Event in Orangevale Community Park on September 19, 2026 (pg. 39-50) was approved by a vote of 5-0-0 with Directors Stickney, Meraz, Brunberg, Presinal, & Montes voting Aye. There were no Nays or Abstentions.

- c) Approval of agreement with Common Kettle, LLC to Hold the Orangevale Farmers Market at the Orangevale Community Center Park on Designated Thursdays in 2026 (pg. 51-68). A fee

of \$20 a day is included in the contract if signage on Hazel Ave. is not removed. The rental fee is \$143 per rental which supports the expense for hosting the event.

MOTION #8

On a motion by Director Montes seconded by Director Presinal, the Approval of agreement with Common Kettle, LLC to Hold the Orangevale Farmers Market at the Orangevale Community Center Park on Designated Thursdays in 2026 (pg. 51-68) was approved by a vote of 5-0-0 with Directors Stickney, Meraz, Brunberg, Presinal, & Montes voting Aye. There were no Nays or Abstentions.

- d) Approval of the Draft RFP for Legal Services – District Counsel (pg. 69-75). Recommended RFP was reviewed at the ad hoc meeting with the ability to make small changes to fit the process.

MOTION #9

On a motion by Director Montes seconded by Director Brunberg, the Approval of the Draft RFP for Legal Services – District Counsel (pg. 69-75) was approved by a vote of 5-0-0 with Directors Stickney, Meraz, Brunberg, Presinal, & Montes voting Aye. There were no Nays or Abstentions.

- e) Approve a \$7,500 Payment to Wide Open Walls from the Kenneth Grove Assessment Budget. (verbal)

MOTION #10

On a motion by Director Brunberg seconded by Director Meraz, the Approval of a \$7,500 Payment to Wide Open Walls from the Kenneth Grove Assessment Budget. was approved by a vote of 3-1-1 with Directors Meraz, Brunberg, Presinal, voting Aye, Director Stickney voting Nay and Director Montes Abstaining.

14. DIRECTORS'S AND STAFF'S COMMENTS

Supt. Oropeza would like to thank the staff for their hard work in getting the parks and pool ready for the public.

Admin. Herz expressed excitement about the Trails Master Plan being passed. She is very pleased with how the staff has been collaborating and appreciates the effort everyone has put into learning and implementing the new Bamboo software rollout.

Director Montes shared that Palooza is scheduled for May 29–31. She expressed her gratitude and well wishes to all staff.

Director Presinal would like to extend her gratitude to all the staff.

Director Meraz emphasized the importance of communicating with the County of Sacramento prior to any development that may affect our trails and ensuring that trails are included in developer agreements.

Director Brunberg expressed enthusiasm about the new Trails Master Plan.

15. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- a) Extending the Lease Agreement with the Orangevale History Project.
- b) Updating Orangevale Recreation & Park District Operations Policies & Procedure Manual. First draft of the OPPM will be brought to the April meeting.
- c) 2026/27 CIP Priorities. A list of CIPs will be determined at the upcoming Maintenance Committee meeting and the beginning phases of the PMMP will be reviewed. The CIP list will be presented at the next board meeting in April.

19. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #

With no further business to discuss, the general meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned at 8:14 p.m. On a motion by Director Brunberg, seconded by Director Montes, the adjournment was approved by a vote of 5-0-0 with Directors Stickney, Presinal, Brunberg, Meraz, and Montes, voting Aye. There were no Nays or Abstentions.

Sharon Brunberg, Chairperson