



## LAGUNA GRANDE REGIONAL JOINT POWERS AGENCY

### A G E N D A

REGULAR MEETING  
Seaside Council Chamber  
440 Harcourt Avenue  
Monday, August 11, 2025  
6:00 PM

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#### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

#### 2. **ROLL CALL – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

David R. Pacheco  
Kevin Raskoff  
Gino Garcia

Chair  
Board Member  
Board Member

#### 3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 15, 2025 REGULAR MEETING**

**5. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE PERMITTING PROCESS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRAIL MAINTENANCE AND VEGETATION STRATEGY**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Receive the update on the permitting process.

**B. DISCUSSION ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAGUNA GRANDE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that the Laguna Grande Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Board provide direction on the development of a commemorative plan to recognize the JPA's 50th anniversary in 2026, including celebratory events, historical documentation, and public outreach initiatives.

**6. REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

**7. REPORTS FROM STAFF**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:  
October 14, 2025  
6:00 p.m.

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**DRAFT MINUTES**

LAGUNA GRANDE REGIONAL  
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**AGENDA**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

David R. Pacheco    Chair  
Kevin Raskoff      Board Member  
Gino Garcia        Board Member

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Diane Nielson

**4. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE PERMITTING PROCESS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRAIL MAINTENANCE AND VEGETATION STRATEGY**

Presentation: Beth Matz (BFS Landscape Architects) – Project updates since January meeting, Individual Municipality Updates, Timeline.

Applications submitted to numerous agencies (Army Core of Engineers/Water Control Board/Cal Coastal Commission/Cal Department of Fish & Wildlife/AMBAG). ACOE continues to review. Meeting in February w/JPA design team to discuss Southwestern Pond Turtle & Cal Red-Legged Frog. Water quality control board will permit under restoration act. Permitted as restoration, not as a capital improvement project, which gives more leeway in terms of fees and scope due to environmental benefit. Met in with JPA in March and April to discuss the applications and environmental results. CCC: Resubmitted based on their responses in April-They are set to respond in May, followed by Public Comment period to end in June. RWQCB: Application should be reviewed/decided upon in May 2025. Southwestern Pond Turtle not currently federally protected, but, thoughts are it will be this Summer. Best to ensure that any possible issues with the protected species are

planned for/dealt with ASAP in order to keep from running into a hard stop during the construction/restoration process.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Esther

BOARD COMMENTS FOR THIS ITEM:

Pacheco: If the necessary documents/grants/funding are not in place prior to July meeting, how would we proceed? Dan Meewis: Board can cancel July meeting and call a special meeting in August.

Pacheco: Can the current situation with Federal funding affect this project? DM: This is STATE funded. Changes in Federal funding will not affect this project.

Raskoff: Rough estimate for the design process? DM: 3-5 months. Beth Matz: Trails rehab/resurfacing: 3-5 months. Vegetation/removal of invasive species: Far longer—2+ years.

Raskoff: Can maintenance work begin sooner in order to make sure that the grant funds are spent sooner? DM: These grants focus on the CREATION of trails, but, preparatory work may be covered if all municipalities can put proper funds in place.

Pacheco: Walkways alongside the lake are unsafe as they stand. Need to be a focus in the near future. Can we discuss the safety and cleanliness of the Lake and the path directly around it at the next meeting?

Garcia: Monterey depends on the input from the community (report through website/staff/etc) to keep up on clean-up issues/opportunities. Let's all work together to pass along observation and information to work together as one unit.

Pacheco: Could we look at bringing back a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary item to the next meeting? A community tie-in/event to clean up the park/beautify/etc? Collaborative effort between cities/municipalities?

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 6:55 PM

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Paul Ensley, Clerk**

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**David R. Pacheco, Chair**



## LAGUNA GRANDE REGIONAL JOINT POWERS AGENCY

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### AGENDA REPORT

**ITEM:** 5.A.  
**TO:** Agency Members  
**FROM:** Dan Meewis, Assistant City Manager  
**DATE:** August 11, 2025  
**SUBJECT:** **PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE PERMITTING PROCESS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRAIL MAINTENANCE AND VEGETATION STRATEGY**

#### PURPOSE & RECOMMENDATION

Receive the update on the permitting process.

#### BACKGROUND

At the February 12, 2024, Laguna Grande Joint Powers Agency meeting, the Board requested to have a special meeting on March 11, 2024, to receive an update on the permitting process. During that meeting, JPA staff presented the process where the City of Seaside would be taking the lead in obtaining the permits. Staff recommended amending the contract with Belliniger Foster Stiemz (BFS) for the trail maintenance and vegetation strategy to include obtaining all the necessary permits to implement the plan. The JPA board did approve a recommendation to amend the contract with the additional costs for the permitting services.

Since the City of Seaside will be taking the lead on this portion of the project, the amended contract needed to go to the City of Seaside City Council for approval of the contract amendment. The item was placed on the March 7, 2024, City Council Agenda and was approved. The amendment was signed by (BFS) on March 18, 2024, and submitted to the City of Seaside for execution, and was then submitted through the City of Seaside's routing system. The contract was executed on March 28, 2024, and submitted to (BFS).

The City of Seaside staff has issued invoices to the City of Monterey and The Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District for the additional funds needed for the permitting process, and have received the funds and has made the initial payments to get the project started. Prior to the approval of the contract amendment, JPA staff met with BFS, and their consultant EMC to review a preliminary timeline for the permitting process. Each permit has its own specific timeline. However, the estimated completion of this process is February 2025.

At the April 8, 2024, July 22, 2024, October 14, 2024, January 13, 2025, and April 14, 2025 meetings, BFS provided a brief update on the project status, and reviewed the tentative timeline which will take the project into the early part of 2025. There has been a good process on the project. However, there is a slight delay in getting meetings with outside agencies. There have also been some delays due to new requirements found throughout the permitting process.

BFS will provide an update on the project status and the milestones that have been completed since the April 14, 2025, meeting.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None

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## LAGUNA GRANDE REGIONAL JOINT POWERS AGENCY

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### AGENDA REPORT

**ITEM:** 5.B.

**TO:** Agency Members

**FROM:** Dan Meewis, Assistant City Manager

**DATE:** August 11, 2025

**SUBJECT:** **DISCUSSION ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAGUNA GRANDE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**

### PURPOSE & RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Laguna Grande Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Board provide direction on the development of a commemorative plan to recognize the JPA's 50th anniversary in 2026, including celebratory events, historical documentation, and public outreach initiatives.

### BACKGROUND

The Laguna Grande Joint Powers Authority was established in 1976 through a cooperative agreement between the **City of Seaside**, **City of Monterey**, and the **Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (MPRPD)**. The JPA was formed to jointly manage and plan for the **Laguna Grande Regional Park**, a 35-acre site that includes open space, trails, a freshwater lake, and diverse habitats located at the border of Monterey and Seaside.

Over the past five decades, the JPA has served as a model for inter-agency collaboration and environmental stewardship. The original **1978 Master Plan** established the foundation for park development and ecological restoration, guiding implementation of public access improvements, trail development, and habitat protection efforts.

**50-Year Milestone significance:** In 2026, the JPA will reach a major milestone — **50 years of continuous operation**. This anniversary provides a valuable opportunity to:

- **Celebrate the legacy** of joint stewardship, ecological restoration, and recreational investment.
- **Engage the community** through events, tours, interpretive displays, and storytelling.
- **Reaffirm the long-term vision** for the park’s ecological health, recreational opportunities, and public benefit.
- **Highlight upcoming improvements**, including the **Trail and Vegetation Maintenance Plan** currently under development in partnership with BFS Landscape Architects.
- **Highlight upcoming improvements** with the City of Seaside's Recreation Trails Grant award.

**CURRENT STATUS AND NEXT STEPS**

- **Staff Recommendation:** Initiate planning in late 2025 to ensure a meaningful and coordinated celebration in 2026.
- **Budget Consideration:** Staff will return with a preliminary budget estimate and potential funding sources, including grants, sponsorship's, and agency contributions.
- **Coordination:** Staff recommends the formation of a **50th Anniversary Planning Subcommittee** composed of representatives from each partner agency to guide event and outreach planning.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None

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