

LAGUNA GRANDE REGIONAL JOINT POWERS AGENCY

A G E N D A

REGULAR MEETING
Seaside Council Chamber
440 Harcourt Avenue
Monday, November 10, 2025
6:00 PM

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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**

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4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 11, 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 AGENCY

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.

Additionally, staff requests input on coordinating the JPA's 50th Anniversary recognition with the City of Seaside's 2026 Earth Day Celebration, tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 19, 2026, pending City permitting and approvals.

C. DISCUSSION ON EXERCISE EQUIPMENT FOR SENIORS AT LAGUNA GRANDE PARK

6. REPORTS FROM STAFF

7. REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

8. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:
TBD

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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 April meeting, Individual Municipality Updates, Timeline. Permit with Army Core of Engineers must be renewed annually w/oversight. Fees/costs may be required here. CDFW: Waiting on Streamed Alteration Agreement – Staff member has been assigned. Hoping to get to this project during September 2025. Should be 3-6 months w/out comments. Expecting very little to change to scope, barring significant changes to project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Esther

BOARD COMMENTS FOR THIS ITEM:

Pacheco: Speculatory Start Date? Even for Moving/Cleaning/Trimming?
BM: Still need for all info to be pooled, then entities can start Maintenance work. The hope would be “implementation” would start a few months after.

Pacheco: Possible to come to next meeting with a 3-party plan? BM:
Feasible, yes.

Pacheco: Can the current NWP be reviewed again, which could lead to a hold-up overall? MB: Valid until 3/2026-Work must begin by that time,

Raskoff: Best way to guide staff/prep work NOW? BM: Permits first, WHILE working on Phase 1 Veg Mgmt strategy—will return with plan at next meeting.

Raskoff: How to gauge overall available funds now, and how to talk about other possible costs & such? DM: There is some money available for Seaside, but, a plan must be decided upon before anything is spent. Grant can/should include portions of wooded areas. Added costs for mitigation.

Pacheco: Is a joint “work day” between the 3 entities possible to put the project into the minds of the public? DM: With agreements between the three groups, it can be done.

Garcia: Can “Monterey side” & “Seaside side” of the park come together for a joint groundbreaking (or celebration of the sort)? DM: To discuss further at next meeting.

Recommendation decided upon for next meeting:

- 1) Phase 1 priorities list
- 2) Status update from each group
- 3) 50th anniversary celebration/tie-ins
- 4) Updated timeline for project as a whole as of October 2025

5. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Ensley, Clerk

David R. Pacheco, Chair



LAGUNA GRANDE REGIONAL JOINT POWERS AGENCY

AGENDA REPORT

ITEM: 5.A.

TO: Agency Members

FROM: Dan Meewis, Assistant City Manager

DATE: November 10, 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, April 14, 2025, and August 11, 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 August 11, 2025, meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

None



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AGENDA REPORT

ITEM: 5.B.

TO: Agency Members

FROM: Dan Meewis, Assistant City Manager

DATE: November 10, 2025

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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.

The **50-year milestone** 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; and
- Highlight upcoming improvements, including the Trail and Vegetation Maintenance Plan currently under development and the City of Seaside’s Recreation Trails Grant award.

PROPOSED CELEBRATION CONCEPT

As part of the anniversary year, staff is exploring the opportunity to align the JPA’s 50th Anniversary with the 2026 Earth Day Celebration. The City’s Earth Day event is tentatively set for Sunday, April 19, 2026, and the event steering group has expressed strong interest in holding this year’s celebration at Laguna Grande Park to highlight the JPA’s milestone, the planned groundbreaking for park improvements, and the park’s future restoration efforts.

If feasible, the proposed program could include:

- **Morning Bird Watching or Nature Walk;**
- **Groundbreaking Ceremony at 12:00 noon** for planned park improvements; and
- **Earth Day Celebration from 1:00–4:00 p.m.,** featuring educational and community activities.

Additional volunteer activities such as invasive plant removal and native plantings could be organized separately during Earth Day Week (April 19–25) to allow dedicated participation and focus.

Staff and the steering group are open to a joint planning meeting in person, via Zoom, or by phone to discuss coordination details and confirm feasibility.

CURRENT STATUS AND NEXT STEPS

Staff recommends initiating detailed event planning in late 2025 to ensure a meaningful and coordinated 50th Anniversary and Earth Day Celebration.

Next Steps:

- Confirm timeline and feasibility of planned park improvement projects.
- Coordinate with partner agencies on event logistics and communications.
- Form a **50th Anniversary and Earth Day Planning Subcommittee** composed of representatives from each JPA partner agency.
- Return to the Board with a detailed proposal and budget outline, including potential grant funding, sponsorships, and agency contributions.

ATTACHMENTS

None



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ITEM: 5.C.
TO: Agency Members
FROM: Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District
DATE: November 10, 2025
SUBJECT: **DISCUSSION ON EXERCISE EQUIPMENT FOR SENIORS AT LAGUNA GRANDE PARK**

PURPOSE & RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the JPA Board consider the formulation of a partnership between DMGNA, MPRPD, and the Cities of Monterey and Seaside to coordinate site planning, procurement, installation, and maintenance of the proposed senior exercise equipment near the soccer field on MPRPD-owned land at LGRP.

BACKGROUND

Laguna Grande Regional Park (LGRP) is a unique bi-city open space jointly managed by the City of Monterey, City of Seaside, and the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (MPRPD). The park serves a diverse community, including several lower-income neighborhoods and a significant senior population seeking accessible outdoor recreation opportunities.

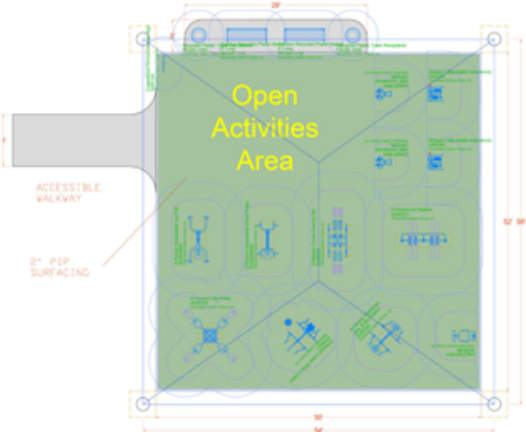
Over the past year, members of the Del Monte Grande Neighborhood Association (DMGNA) have initiated conversations with local agencies to improve recreational amenities for older adults. The concept emerged following public input emphasizing the need for age-friendly infrastructure that promotes physical activity, social connection, and wellness among seniors.

DMGNA, with support from Montage Health and the Neighborhood and Community

Improvement Program (NCIP), identified outdoor fitness equipment designed for senior safety and fall prevention such as the Greenfields Outdoor Fitness Senior Living Package as an ideal enhancement to LGRP’s amenities. Although the final design and exact site location are yet to be determined, the concept design would likely reflect the Greenfields Outdoor Fitness Senior Living Fall Prevention system, as shown below.



Recommended Location at LGRP



Sample Greenfields Outdoor Fitness Senior Living Fall Prevention Package

This proposal aligns with regional priorities to promote health equity, accessibility, and active living for all residents, and installing senior exercise equipment at LGRP would: Installing senior exercise equipment at LGRP would:

- Promote health and wellness for older adults and residents of all ages.
- Address accessibility and equity needs for underserved populations.
- Support the MPRPD 2025–2028 Strategic Plan, Goal 2: Promoting Social Equity and Community Engagement, by creating inclusive recreational spaces that remove social and physical barriers.

The City of Monterey Parks Division currently maintains the park’s soccer field, public restroom, and parking lot and will manage the new equipment area upon installation.

This project exemplifies regional collaboration and community partnership in advancing equitable, health-focused public amenities. It would transform a currently underutilized area of LGRP into a space that fosters intergenerational engagement, encourages active lifestyles, and supports the physical and social well-being of senior residents.

ATTACHMENTS

None
