



LAGUNA GRANDE REGIONAL JOINT POWERS AGENCY

A G E N D A

REGULAR MEETING
Seaside Council Chamber
440 Harcourt Avenue
Monday, March 9, 2026
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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Comment period for up to three (3) minutes. Public Comments for "Presentations" on this agenda are also taken at this time; comments on specific agenda items are heard under that item. For the public record, please state your name.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 9, 2026 REGULAR MEETING

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE PLANNING FOR THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT ON APRIL 19, 2026

RECOMMENDATION: Receive an informational update on the planning and coordination efforts for the Laguna Grande Regional Park 50th Anniversary Event scheduled for April 19, 2026, and provide direction as desired.

B. RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRAIL AND VEGETATION MAINTENANCE STRATEGY

RECOMMENDATION: Receive the update

6. REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

7. REPORTS FROM STAFF

8. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:
April 13, 2026
6:00 PM

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CITY OF SEASIDE
LAGUNA GRANDE REGIONAL JOINT POWERS AGENCY

REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, February 9, 2026 6:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M.

2. **ROLL CALL – LAGUNA GRANDE REGIONAL JOINT POWERS AGENCY**

Present:

David R. Pacheco, Chair
Keving Raskoff, Board Member
Gino Garcia, Board Member

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE NOVEMBER 10, 2025 REGULAR MEETING

Approved by Pacheco, Raskoff (1st), Garcia (2nd)

Raskoff requested "Traffic Advisory Committee" be removed from roll call section. Garcia requested "Blaha" be removed from approval of minutes section. Both changes were made as per request.

5. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

A. ESTABLISHMENT OF A CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE AUTHORITY

RECOMMENDATION: Nominate and elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair for the Authority Board.

No public comment.

Voted as such: 1 vote for Garcia to Chair (KR) 2 votes for Raskoff to Chair (DP, GG)

Garcia now Vice-Chair, Raskoff now Chair.

B. SET REGULAR MEETING CALENDAR FOR 2026

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the board adopts a regular cadence for 2026.

KR: Move to every month? Every other?

GG: Would prefer to hear items C&D before deciding upon cadence. Err on the side of caution and lean towards monthly?

DP: Would rather start with schedule as proposed, and add Special Meetings to fill when needed.

Vote regarding the proposed schedule: DP (1st), GG (2nd), KR

Public Comment: Diane Neilson

C. OVERVIEW OF THE LAGUNA GRANDE REGIONAL PARK & LAGUNA GRANDE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

Presentation: Jake Smith

KR: Should the map shown in presentation lead to reassessment, or a change in regulations? Should the JPA work to clean up/change the lines legally? Would the benefit of this outweigh the cost? Can MOUs act as a stop-gap if changes are needed/requested?

GG: (note: the colors on the map shown are flip-flopped in the description/color) Can the board be provided copies of the MOU to study? Are said MOUs broken down by Department, or by Agency?

DP: Is the soccer field on Seaside property? Was there an agreement/easement/something of the sort delineating that?

Public Comment: Diane Neilson

D. RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRAIL AND VEGETATION MAINTENANCE STRATEGY

Presentation: Dan Meewis

KR: Where are the monetary earmarks coming from? Bids? Proposals? How does the JPA come up with those figures? How much of phase 1 will the grant cover? Can goats be used for landscaping purposes?

DP: JPA needs "park-specific funding" that stays within the budget & is used in the park.

GG: What has been done and what is left? Any way to put a number on that? How does the board fill in the general public when the movement seems so minute at this time? Can a matrix be created? Can more be done with the current staff/funding, or are there roadblocks left unseen?

*Garcia requested that an informational item be added to the next agenda describing the monetary needs from each entity at this time for the sake of transparency.

Public Comment: None

E. RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE PLANNING FOR THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT ON APRIL 19, 2026

Presentation: Dan Meewis

KR: Is the plan to invite external groups? Would the public understand the presented log as shown? Better to remove acronyms and make the visuals specific to the park itself.

DP: Planning on a groundbreaking/speakers/activities as discussed previously?
Park clean-up/bird-watching/walks/free lunch?

GG: Provide information cards/displays discussing wildlife/animal species and the like.

Public Comment: Catherine Crockett, Eric Morgan, Adele

6. REPORTS FROM STAFF

None

7. REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Ensley, Sr. Administrative Assistant

Kevin Raskoff, Chair



LAGUNA GRANDE REGIONAL JOINT POWERS AGENCY

AGENDA REPORT

ITEM: 5.A.

TO: Agency Members

FROM: Dan Meewis, Assistant City Manager

DATE: March 9, 2026

SUBJECT: **RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE PLANNING FOR THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT ON APRIL 19, 2026**

PURPOSE & RECOMMENDATION

Receive an informational update on the planning and coordination efforts for the Laguna Grande Regional Park 50th Anniversary Event scheduled for April 19, 2026, and provide direction as desired.

BACKGROUND

Laguna Grande Regional Park was established in 1976 through a collaborative effort between the Cities of Seaside and Monterey, forming the Laguna Grande Regional Park Joint Powers Authority (JPA). The park has since served as a key regional recreational and environmental resource, offering trails, open space, water access, and community gathering areas for residents and visitors.

The year 2026 marks the 50th anniversary of the park's establishment. In recognition of this milestone, the JPA has initiated planning efforts for a commemorative public event to celebrate the park's history, partnerships, and community significance.

The event is scheduled to take place on Sunday, April 19, 2026, in conjunction with Sustainable Seaside's Earthday Celebration. Sustainable Seaside has submitted a special event application and a fee waiver to the City of Seaside's City Council, and it was

approved at the Thursday, February 5, 2026, City Council meeting. City of Seaside staff has had a preliminary meeting with Sustainable Seaside, and some basic details were discussed. Those details include potential time for the event, and some possible activities. Now that the special event application and fee waiver have been approved, JPA staff will work with Sustainable Seaside on formalizing the event details.

At the last JPA meeting, their board reviewed the draft design a JPA 50th anniversary logo that could be used on marketing materials. Staff has redesigned a logo based on the feedback received at that meeting and will present a new draft design for the JPA to review and provide comments on. In addition, staff have had two planning meetings to discuss the details of the event, and will provide an update to the JPA Board.

ATTACHMENTS

1. TH5060 Laguna Grande Park 50th celebration graphic-R8
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LAGUNA GRANDE REGIONAL JOINT POWERS AGENCY

AGENDA REPORT

ITEM: 5.B.
TO: Agency Members
FROM: Dan Meewis, Assistant City Manager
DATE: March 9, 2026
SUBJECT: **RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRAIL AND VEGETATION MAINTENANCE STRATEGY**

PURPOSE & RECOMMENDATION

Receive the update

BACKGROUND

Laguna Grande Regional Park is a shared regional asset jointly managed through the Laguna Grande Regional Park Joint Powers Authority (JPA). The park serves residents and visitors from multiple jurisdictions and includes multi-use trails, open space areas, water features, and habitat corridors. Due to its regional draw and year-round usage, routine maintenance and long-term stewardship are essential to preserve safety, accessibility, ecological health, and overall park aesthetics.

In prior meetings, the JPA discussed the need for a coordinated Trail and Vegetation Maintenance Strategy to address trail surface conditions, invasive species management, vegetation overgrowth, erosion control, and user safety. The strategy was developed to provide a structured, phased, and fiscally responsible approach to maintaining park infrastructure and natural resources.

The Trail and Vegetation Maintenance Strategy (TVMS), which was approved by the JPA in March 2023, provides a proactive and coordinated framework for preserving the safety, usability, and environmental integrity of Laguna Grande Regional Park. Ongoing

collaboration among JPA member agencies and community stakeholders remains critical to sustaining the park as a valued regional amenity. After the approval of the TVMS, the next step was to obtain all the necessary permits required to implement the TVMS. At the February 12, 2024, JPA meeting, the Board requested a special meeting to further review the permitting process associated with the Trail and Vegetation Maintenance Strategy. A special meeting was held on March 11, 2024, during which staff presented the proposed permitting approach, identifying the City of Seaside as the lead agency responsible for obtaining the required permits. Staff recommended amending the professional services agreement with Bellinger Foster Steinmetz (BFS) Landscape Architects to include permitting services necessary to implement the strategy. The JPA Board approved the contract amendment and associated additional costs. Since then BFS has provided periodic updates to the JPA Board at the following meetings:

- April 8, 2024
- July 22, 2024
- October 14, 2024
- January 13, 2025
- April 14, 2025
- August 11, 2025
- November 10, 2025

Throughout these updates, BFS reported steady progress with minor delays primarily attributed to scheduling coordination with outside regulatory agencies and evolving permit requirements encountered during review.

At the November 10, 2025, JPA meeting, BFS presented a comprehensive permitting status update highlighting substantial progress and successful inter-agency coordination. Key milestones achieved include:

- California Coastal Commission – Coastal Development Permit Waiver Received
- Regional Water Quality Control Board – Coverage under the Statewide Restoration General Order (SRGO)
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Nationwide Permit Issued
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service – Programmatic Biological Opinion Issued, including protective measures for the California red-legged frog
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife – Draft Streambed Alteration Agreement Issued (October 28, 2025)

These approvals represent significant advancement toward full implementation of the Trail and Vegetation Maintenance Strategy.

EMC has prepared a compliance measures matrix for JPA staff to use to track monitoring and reporting requirements across agencies. Many compliance elements

overlap, which is expected to streamline administrative oversight.

Additional next steps identified include:

- Finalization of the City of Seaside’s related grant agreements and transition into the next improvement phase.
- Continued coordination between the City of Monterey and the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District with BFS and EMC for vegetation management along high-priority perimeter areas.
- Identification of approximately 2.5 acres of vegetation maintenance that could be scheduled beginning in 2026, noting that vegetation maintenance activities generally carry fewer regulatory constraints than construction-related work.

Staff will continue to monitor progress and return to the Board with future updates and recommendations as implementation of the TVMS advances.

At the February 9, 2026, JPA meeting staff provided the board with an update of the progress each agency has made with the TVMS. Monterey & Seaside both had the biologist come out and explain the process with the surveys that are required prior to any work being done, and the City of Monterey was able to address the area behind Laguna Grande court with fuel mitigation efforts. Staff will provide additional updates since the last meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

None
