



Highlands Recreation District

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"A Community Place to Learn, Grow & Play"

Topic: HRD Regular Board Meeting

Time: May 12, 2026, 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Location: Multi-Purpose Room, Highlands Recreation District, 1851 Lexington Ave., San Mateo, CA 94402

Remote Teleconference Location: 1369 Sturgeon Way, San Jose, CA

Board meetings are held in-person, with a Zoom participation option provided to the public as a courtesy. Public comment is limited to (3) minutes per person per item. The public is encouraged to participate in whatever form they are most comfortable. If participating remotely via Zoom, see details below:

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1. Call to Order
2. Review and approval of the minutes for:
 - a. Regular Board Meeting on March 10, 2026
 - b. Budget Committee on March 12, 2026
3. Public Forum: The public forum provides an opportunity for members of the public to speak on any item within the jurisdiction of the Board that is not on the agenda. When an item is not listed on the agenda, State law prohibits Board discussion or action. Board Members may only "briefly respond" to statements made and questions posed. For example, State law allows Board Members to ask questions for clarification and provide a reference for staff or other resources for factual information. Additionally, the Board may also direct staff to report back and/or place a matter on a future agenda for discussion.
4. Manager's Information Report
 - a. Administration
 - b. Programming
5. Board Discussion on Strategic Priorities and Outcomes – Financial, Community, Facilities/Projects, Program/Services, Transparency
6. Financial Information Report
 - a. February 2026 Monthly Statement Memo
 - b. March 2026 Monthly Statement (Preliminary)
7. Old Business: no items

8. New Business:

- a. Discussion: Review CPI and Merit Based Maximum Adjustment for FY 2026-2027
Report: Tamsen Burke, General Manager and Personnel Ad Hoc Committee
Description: This item is for the Board review and discussion about the CPI trends and annual merit adjustment for employees. Prior to final approval, the Board will receive an oral summary report of the recommended salary and compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits for department heads and other similar administrative officers.
- b. Discussion/Action: Approval of General Manger Employment Agreement
Report: Pam Merkadeau and Andrew Aquino, HRD Negotiators
Description: Prior to final action approving the General Manger employment agreement, the Board will receive an oral summary report of the recommended salary and compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits.

9. Closed Session(s)

- a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d): conference with the District's legal counsel regarding significant exposure to litigation as threatened in an email dated April 14, 2026 and titled "Formal Demand for Compensation - Data Breach Resulting in Identity Theft" received from Janelle Slightam, which email will be made available for public inspection upon request pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.5 (one potential case).

10. Upcoming Meetings:

- a. Board of Directors: June 9, 2026 - July 14, 2026 - August 11, 2026

11. Review and Payment of Bills

- a. Action: Motion to approve Expenditures
Report: Bea Robertson, Bookkeeper
Description: This is a routine item of the itemized bills for Board review and approval.
Recommendation: Approve the Expenditures

12. HRD Board of Directors Announcements

13. Adjournment

Written public comments can be submitted to the District prior to the meeting by emailing generalmanager@highlandsrec.ca.gov. Written comments received by email prior to 3 pm on the day of the meeting will be forwarded to the Board prior to the meeting, made a part of the public record, and be available for public review at this link: <https://highlandsrec.ca.gov/hrd-board-meetings>.

Oral public comments will be taken on each agenda item during the meeting, subject to a limit of three (3) minutes per person per item. To comment orally in real time during the meeting, you may raise your hand if you are participating in person or use the Zoom "raise hand" function on your computer screen or the *9 function on your phone. Please note that the District provides a Zoom participation option to the public as a courtesy in order to facilitate participation. The District cannot, however, guarantee the adequacy of the audio/video quality or that meeting participation will be uninterrupted via Zoom. If technical difficulties arise relating to the Zoom participation option, the Board meeting may continue with public attendance in person only.

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Notification in advance of the meeting will enable the District to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting and the materials related to it. Public records that relate to any item on the open session agenda for a regular board meeting are available for public inspection. Those records that are distributed less than 72 hours prior to the meeting are available for public inspection at the same time they are distributed to all members, or a majority of the members of the Board. The Board has designated the office of the Highlands Recreation District, located at 1851 Lexington Ave, for the purpose of making those public records available for inspection. The agenda, meeting notice, agenda packet and other writings distributed to the Board in connection with this meeting are also available for public review at this link: <https://highlandsrec.ca.gov/hrd-board-meetings>.