

**HESPERIA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING**

**March 9, 2011**

**FLAG SALUTE**

Director Limbaugh led the Pledge of Allegiance

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Hesperia Recreation and Park District Board of Directors Regular Meeting was called to order by President Hamilton at 7:00 p.m., at Lime Street Park Community Center, located at 16292 Lime Street, Hesperia.

**ATTENDANCE**

**BOARD PRESENT:** Limbaugh, Hamilton, Swanson, Chandler, Gregg  
**BOARD ABSENT:** None  
**STAFF PRESENT:** Camara, Thomas, Woods

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATION**

1. Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts March 21, 2011 Membership meeting.
2. Letter from Mack & Iona Collings thanking the District.
3. Letter from Hesperia American Little League inviting the Board members to their Opening Day Ceremonies.
4. Newspaper article, The Sun, February 7, 2011, "Redlands parks, rec merging".
5. Newspaper article, Hesperia Star, February 8, 2011, "Annual Rodeo Cancelled".
6. Newspaper article, Hesperia Star, February 15, 2011, "Where do your property taxes go?".
7. Newspaper article, Hesperia Star, February 15, 2011, "Students tour Hesperia Old Town Museum".
8. Newspaper article, Daily Press, February 26, 2011, "Hesperia to seek public input on golf course's future".
9. Newspaper article, Hesperia Star, March 1, 2011, "City to seek public input on future of the Hesperia Golf & Country Club".

MR. CAMARA: We have a couple things turned in from the Equestrian Council, but I'm sure they'll talk about it during their presentation.

MS. THOMAS: In your board packet was an e-mail from the Hesperia American Little League inviting you to their opening date. If you would like me to RSVP, please let me know.

MR. GREGG: I actually already e-mailed Karen an RSVP for myself.

MS. THOMAS: Okay. Good. Thank you.

MR. GREGG: And I -- just for the record -- as much as Hesperia American Little League does for the community, we should try to attend.

MR. HAMILTON: Any others? Any others you want to draw attention to, Rachel?

MS. THOMAS: I have nothing else.

### ORAL COMMUNICATION

MR. CAMARA: The first is Bob Teran from the Equestrian Council. Good evening.

MR. TERAN: Bob Teran, the president of the Equestrian Council. I'd like to speak today about three different things that we have coming up here -- going anyway. First thing that we're really excited about is we've been kind of talking with Cal in the park and Lindsay and everybody about making a cooking area out there by the horse camp, you know, to shelter us from the wind and prepare food in there. And I met with Cal, and it looks like we're going to be building one, and we're going to try to have it ready in the spring of this year. So we'll have a cooking shelter out there to be used for the equestrian for people in -- coming out of the museum area and that. If they're having entertainment -- if the park's having entertainment -- a place to cook and prepare the food out of the wind, so we're really excited about that, and I think we've been talking about it for a couple of years, and now we're finally going to do it. Second thing I'd like to talk about is we have our membership ride this Saturday. Mary passed out some flyers. But what it is it's going to be at the lake, and it's a drive for membership. If people sign up, they get a free lunch, hot dogs and chips, et cetera. And it looks like our usual Corral is 103 and 66 will be joining us to help out. So it's going to be a good -- a good membership ride. We're trying to build a membership up on the Equestrian council. So we did this last year, and it was pretty successful. So that's the second thing. The third item we have is our annual donation that we always give you from the money we make from the ride. This year I invited President Lou right here from 103. He's president for Corral 103 -- Lou Riggs. From one of their rides, they donated \$500 towards the Equestrian Council that we're going to be presenting tonight towards the park. What it is is they use the horse camp quite a bit. They always support us in our rides, so they decided to give us a check for \$500 for that. So with that -- and we're going to give you guys a thousand, so we have a check for \$1500 for this year.

MR. HAMILTON: Wow. Thank you very much.

MR. TERAN: I'd like to introduce who we have here. Lou Riggs is here, and his -- and then we have Dave Crow in the back. He's one of our board members. He takes care of all our supplies. We have Johnny Miller, who's a board member, and he's actually our ride person; he's our ride chairman. My wife Mary Teran -- she's our secretary and takes care of all my messes. We have Cindy Barrett; she's our treasurer. We have Jane Gottai; she's on the board. We have Mary Brown; she's on the board, and she's going to eventually take membership over. We have Elizabeth Krall; she does all of our public relations, all our articles in the paper. So that's who we have here tonight.

MR. CAMARA: Of course, everybody knows Bob has been with us for many years, and I was at a party the other night, and I think everybody here in the room was at that party, and that party was essentially the kick-off to allowing Bob to do more work for us because that was his retirement party. He has indicated he has more time for us now, so we're redoing all the bylaws to make sure we get that in writing.

MR. TERAN: So now I'd like to present the check, now that Cal brought that in.

(Presentation made.)

MR. CHANDLER: I'd like to say something. There are certain constant things that I really enjoy every year, and this is one of them, Bob, you and your group and what you guys do and what you guys stand for. It's just wonderful. Thank you. Thank you for all you're doing.

MR. TERAN: Thank you.

MR. CAMARA: Dave McMillan from Green Flag is our next speaker.

MR. McMILLAN: I wish I had a check. I'm a volunteer, and I run Green Flag's R.C. race program. Recently our program has been closed down because we were unable or we don't have a ramp up to our drivers' stand. I believe that's all we need to resume our race program. It's been about five months. I drew up some plans and submitted them. I haven't really heard anything. I'm basically here to hopefully get some kind of information as to when I could plan on Green Flag reopening, or when I can build this ramp so we can reopen. I've been talking to people, contractors. I'm in the construction trade, trying to get guys to donate materials to help the cost for this. I have a little bit of material, but not much. Being the leader of the program, I'm constantly plagued with fellow racers asking me, "When is this going to reopen? When is the -- you guys going to start racing again?" It's unfortunate; I don't know what to tell them, so I say, "I don't know."

MR. CAMARA: He needs to ask Wayne. I've been talking to Wayne. He's Wayne's volunteer. That's where he needs to go.

MR. McMILLAN: Wayne -- I've been getting kind of vague information from Wayne. In the past from day one, he's gotten us everything we needed. We've had some couple of issues.

MR. CAMARA: Well, that's where you need to go. And I talked to the architect yesterday. He'll be finished tomorrow with the drawings and the specifications, but there was more wrong with the track for accessibility than just the ramp. So he'll get all that to you, and then we can talk about what we can do, and it should be ready to go.

MR. McMILLAN: That would be great. I have a big race scheduled in August. I want to make sure I don't lose this race. I had one for April; I had to turn it down. Took me a year to get this guy to go for it, and then at the last minute, I had to decline it.

MR. CAMARA: The architect is working on it. The issue is more complex than just building a ramp. There was a complaint received on Green Flag by a handicapped person, and once that occurs, we're required to review the entire facility. And it requires a certified handicapped specialist to look at it.

MR. McMILLAN: No, no. I understand.

MR. CAMARA: He just took longer. You know, we're not doing the drawings. We gave it to someone who is a handicapped specialist to design it so that nobody can question us doing it.

MR. McMILLAN: Okay. Thank you. I just need to do know what we can do and --

MR. CAMARA: I don't like to step on his feet either, so you know, I want to make sure that he doesn't know I'm going directly to you with stuff. I want to make sure I give it to him.

MR. McMILLAN: Okay. Well, I have no problem going down the line right.

MR. CAMARA: Okay. Well, you should get it soon.

MR. McMILLAN: Awesome. Thank you.

MS. SWANSON: Thank you for coming in.

## CONSENT ITEMS

MR. LIMBAUGH: I have one question, what was the 10,200 bucks for Advance Disposal? I don't think I've ever seen one like this before. It was for four months going back to October, November, December, and January.

MS. THOMAS: The foundation had to pay some bills for the district, and this is the reimbursement back to the foundation.

MR. LIMBAUGH: Oh, okay, because I've never seen a bill like that.

MS. THOMAS: Since we don't get the tax advance anymore, July through November, it's difficult to make it until our apportionment comes in December.

MR. LIMBAUGH: So it's about 2500 bucks a month for trash disposal to be paid. Okay. So all you guys don't see this, but I knew that it was kind of interesting. That's what you pay for trash. Does that include, like, for the golf course or anything like that?

MS. THOMAS: No, because this is district. The golf course comes under foundation.

MR. GREGG: While we're on that, I just had a question as far as recycling. I heard some comment today from the golf course area that they're -- it's unlawful for us to recycle.

MR. CAMARA: Who did you hear that from?

MR. GREGG: Well, I'm just saying that that came from there. Do we have any kind of recycling program at any of the facilities, or is that an option?

MR. CAMARA: Lindsay could answer that. We've had recycling programs at Timberlane and Hesperia Lakes for cans and bottles. The problem is people were breaking into the containers and stealing the items out of there. And the way that advance disposal is set up, they actually recycle all the trash. That's why in Hesperia you don't have separate recycling containers. Generally, everything you throw away in Hesperia eventually gets sorted, so when you talk about resources, Hesperia is very good at saving resources, regardless of who collects them. We've tried it at the lake before, and there are certain residents that beat us to it in the morning, and that's fine. You know, they take it. As long as they don't trash the place and dump things over, we have several recycling individuals that we hire for nothing.

MS. THOMAS: And we don't have to store it.

MR. CAMARA: We had some employees who were spending more time collecting cans so that they could keep them and turn them in on Park District time and use the money for parties. That's something we don't like, and maybe you heard it from one of them. They do it on work time, and then that's a no-no. So that may answer your question.

MR. GREGG: So then it is posed as an issue for just say the cart clean-up guy to take cans from the carts that he's cleaning and put them into a recycling bin in front of the cart area, or instead of -- versus throwing them in the trash for the park to make the money.

MR. CAMARA: What's that? We don't want them collecting cans on district time to raise money for whatever partying they want to do, if that's what you mean. Throwing them away still gets them recycled, and they still have time to do their job.

MR. GREGG: I think that's what I just said. I'm just saying -- so that it is banned -- it is banned practice at the golf course that they can't pick up cans out of the carts that they're cleaning anyway and put them into a recycle bin at the golf course; is that what --

MR. CAMARA: We don't want them collecting them for their own personal use, no.

MR. GREGG: So there is no program at the golf course to recycle?

MR. CAMARA: No.

MR. GREGG: Okay.

MR. HAMILTON: Any other questions?

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Chandler, seconded by Director Swanson and carried unanimously to approve Consent Items A through D:

- A. Approved Minutes for the Regular Meeting, February 9, 2011.  
Approved Minutes for the Special Meeting, February 23, 2011.
- B. Approved Claims.
- C. Accepted written staff reports.
- D. Authorization to advertise for bids:  
Bid # 2011-3-1 Hesperia Days Fireworks Show, September 17, 2011.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

None

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Recreation Programs**

MR. HAMILTON: We'll go to staff reports. Recreation programs.

MR. WOODS: Youth basketball is in full swing. We're currently taking registration for youth baseball, volleyball, indoor soccer, contract classes. We're looking at adding a few classes for May. The tumbling and digital photography class, our line dancing class that had previously been scheduled for the epicenter has been moved to the senior center, and we're waiting to see how that works out. It will be something that the seniors can participate in the mornings. Our long-time archery instructor is leaving the area, so if anybody knows of anyone that has an interest in archery and is capable of teaching, please steer them our way. We would like to replace him. And the staff has been taking photographs of the classes so that we can use those for our ongoing publications. Special events -- we have our Cars and Cure event on the April 9th, and that's at Hesperia Civic Plaza Park. And that will be the Relay for Life and also the car show. Both events kick off at 10 o'clock in the morning. Relay for life has said that their sign-ups are up quite a bit, and they're expecting to have a really good turnout again this year for that event. Movies in the Park will be kicking off June 11th. The Civic Plaza Market Street and Fair will begin on May 11th. The vendor applications are going to be available to the community on March 14th. And we have our Kids Fishing Clinic on April 9th, and that's at Hesperia Lake at 7:30, and the tickets are available for purchase. It's for 5- to 12-year-olds. Its \$5 per child and it is a two-fish limit, and we are working with the Hesperia Kiwanis Club. They help with that event every year with some additional volunteers, so if you're not doing anything that morning, and you have a knack for untangling fishing line and backlash poles, we'd love to see you down there. Our new publication in postcards should be hitting next week sometime, so that information will be updated on our Web site. And let's see -- facility rentals -- you can you see that there's been an increase on that. We've gotten some positive exposure on a program at the epicenter, some three-on-three basketball camps that we've been doing, and staff is gearing up for Spring Break Kids Kamp program that will be offered here at Lime Street Park. So as far as recreation, do you have any questions about any of the items that I might not have covered that were in my report?

MR. LIMBAUGH: It was nice to see the decrease in rents, increased rents, which was good, coincidence or not. And those don't really hurt us from the standpoint of revenue; right?

MR. WOODS: Right.

MR. LIMBAUGH: I mean, because it's better to rent five than none.

**Golf Course Operations Report**

MR. WOODS: I'll move on to the golf report. For the month of February there was 1645 rounds of golf played, 401 people used the range, and those other numbers are there. We did have to shut down for three days due to weather. Our recently repaired erosion damage was eroded a little bit again when the last storm came through, but the city is working on getting that rectified. The Supersaver Special will be continuing through April, and the fees are outlined there. The Two-for-one Program is back. That's \$30 for two golfers including the cart on Tuesday and Thursdays between the hours of 11:00 and 3:00. And we have our ongoing youth programs. And other than that, that's it for the golf report, other than we're -- we've got five high school teams down there and everybody's getting along, seems to be practicing well, so we're happy with that. Sultana had a tournament last week that came off well. So any questions about golf?

MR. GREGG: The Supersaver, is there any comparatives to last year what the numbers were?

MR. WOODS: We haven't had that course for a full year yet.

MR. GREGG: But you still don't have any data from before?

MR. WOODS: Their numbers were not really good numbers.

MR. GREGG: On either one of those situations?

MR. WOODS: Well, they weren't even offering those programs. We started those once we took over the course in May, so to compare it from last year to this year -- is that what you're requesting?

MR. GREGG: Yeah.

MR. WOODS: We haven't had a full year of course operations that compare to see where numbers have been. The numbers that the previous owners provided to the course, as far as rounds of golf played -- we did have some of those, but we don't believe that those numbers were accurate, and I think Cal could probably talk a little bit better about the numbers that they provided us.

MR. CAMARA: Well, their numbers from a couple of years ago were really poor, and then when they put the course up for sale, all of a sudden the numbers got better, which is suspect right there. So we had a hard time telling what numbers really were when we took the course over. However, our normal operations without any of the discount packages, has exceeded what they gave us before, so when you include the discount packages on there, we're two or three times higher than them. Now, we don't know if those numbers would hold if we had it for a couple years without specials and then tried specials. We just have no way of knowing because we were trying to get rounds up real quick, and they were successful. Our first full, regular season being up-to-speed will be this season. This will be the first golf season that we have to measure anything by.

MR. GREGG: What are we doing as far as advertising for the two-for-one or the Supersaver?

MR. WOODS: We have flyers out in the community. We have it on the Web sites and places that promote the -- there's a network of Internet providers that provide that information. They all have the information. And then, of course, posters and flyers throughout the community. Staff has also been reaching out marketing to other communities and other courses, but it's kind of hard to get into another course to advertise to bring people up, so you kind of have to be a little bit creative in that. So we've got members when they -- the Lands End members, when they go down other places to play as a group, they'll take our flyers and put them up different place to help promote. So short of taking out a lot of radio ads and newspaper ads and things, we've got a pretty good handle on it. So -- and the word-of-mouth is still our best form of advertising, especially in the golf community. Smitty

reported today at the Tri-Agency committee that he's had a number of people from Apple Valley say they've quit golfing in Apple Valley, and they started coming to Hesperia.

MR. LIMBAUGH: Could have them participate in the survey.

MR. WOODS: Word-of-mouth is working well for us. Any other questions or comments?

MR. LIMBAUGH: So if you guys get called, remember you heard it here.

### **Parks Division**

MR. WOODS: Moving on to the maintenance report, there is really nothing out of the norm there unless somebody has any questions. Staff is gearing up for the spring season -- checking irrigation, making sure that we've got healthy plant materials, fertilizing, dealing with storm damage, those types of things. All right. Thank you.

Recess at 7:26 p.m.

Reconvened at 7:36 p.m.

### **Ranger Report**

MR. HAMILTON: We're going to go back to staff reports. Lindsay has one more item.

MR. WOODS: The district has submitted an award to CARPD for one of the reserve officers that help us all the time at our special events and we also submitted the same individual for the CPRS layman award. The CARPD award will be presented at the conference. The CPRS award would be presented in Rancho Cucamonga on April 7th at 6 o'clock at the Sycamore Inn. The deadline to notify them of how many people are coming for that award presentation is early next week, so I need to know who would like to go and if you're bringing a spouse. The per person cost is \$35 for the event. So if you can check your personal calendars and speak with your spouses and get back with Rachel, hopefully this week, we can get everything completed and sent in.

MR. LIMBAUGH: So we got the award from CPRS?

MR. WOODS: Yes.

MR. LIMBAUGH: Which had their conference going on last weekend?

MR. WOODS: It's going on right now.

MR. LIMBAUGH: So when is the thing in Rancho?

MR. WOODS: It is April 7th at 6:00 p.m. at the Sycamore Inn.

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

#### **E. Consider Award of Proposal for Relocation of Equestrian Arena**

MR. LIMBAUGH: So you're asking us to vote on this? It's 23,000; that's kind of small.

MR. CAMARA: It is, I know.

MR. LIMBAUGH: I think it's nice that staff brought this back to us for approval because I think we voiced opinion.

MS. SWANSON: I thought we already approved it.

MR. LIMBAUGH: No, I voiced an opinion. Maybe somebody else did, probably me, changing this whole scope of events here at Lime Street and doing what we're going to do with the equestrian activities and moving it down to the lakes. We were, you know -- spend money, but now that we see as it goes we're -- so far we're not spending a whole bunch, but -- so that's

nice. And maybe we should do that with this particular chain of events because we all saw, you know, what can happen if you piecemeal things like the Swisher Museum.

MR. CAMARA: Well, that was supposed to be a fund-raiser.

MR. LIMBAUGH: Well, anyway, that's my comment about that. It's nice to see -- even though it's only -- it's less than \$25,000, and we have -- staff does have the authority to move on action awards larger than that, it's nice that we see what we're -- what's going on when we bid work like that, especially if it involves local vendors.

MS. SWANSON: Yes.

MR. LIMBAUGH: So we can see who bid, who didn't get the work. So if you get a call from, you know, Bob and Vince, and he says, "Hey, man, I bid that job, and I didn't get it. Do you know why?" Well, the guy was \$80 lower, or it's a very small amount.

MR. CAMARA: Yeah, nowadays small amounts means a lot more to people than they did a few years ago, and we talked about this, so I figured you deserved to see it because we did tell you we believed it would be around -- it wouldn't get a whole lot lower than 23, 24, and so we just wanted to show you that we did.

MS. SWANSON: Thank you.

MR. LIMBAUGH: Even though we don't really necessarily have to approve it, but it's nice they bring it back and show us.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Limbaugh, seconded by Chandler and carried unanimously to approve All American Fence's proposal as lowest qualified proposal.

**F. Approval of Resolution No. 11-3-1, initiating proceedings for Assessment District No. 1, for Fiscal Year 2011/2012.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-3-1**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HESPERIA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA, INITIATING PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNUAL LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011/2012**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Swanson, seconded by Limbaugh and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 2011-3-1 by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Chandler, Limbaugh, Hamilton, Swanson, Gregg  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

**G. Approval of Resolution No. 11-3-2, initiating proceedings for Assessment District No. 2, All Zones, for Fiscal Year 2011/2012.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-3-2**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HESPERIA RECREATION  
AND PARK DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA, INITIATING PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
ANNUAL LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR LANDSCAPE AND  
LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2, ALL ZONES, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011/2012**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Limbaugh, seconded by Gregg and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 2011-3-2 by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Chandler, Limbaugh, Hamilton, Swanson, Gregg  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

**SPECIAL REPORTS**

**General Manager**

MR. HAMILTON: Thank you. Let's move to the General Manager's Report.

MR. CAMARA: Okay.

MS. THOMAS: Before Cal says anything, Mike, under the special reports, is that what you were asking for about the golf course?

MR. LIMBAUGH: Yes. For me, this works really well.

MS. THOMAS: Okay.

MR. LIMBAUGH: I did have a comment on Cal's report, before his report. If you could maybe after you talk about what you wrote here, if you would, to give us a little update on anything about the grange that happened since last meeting. And secondly, where it says "Hesperia Golf and Country Club, Item I," did you mean before their five-month deadline?

MR. CAMARA: Well, in the newspaper, the city said they're hoping to make it profitable within five years.

MS. SWANSON: Already done.

MR. CAMARA: So I was saying that we're currently in the black now.

MS. SWANSON: Winning.

MR. LIMBAUGH: Oh, okay. I understand that now. I could see if you had discussion with them that said, "Well, you know since we're only on a month-to-month lease, we'll give you five months to see if you can make a go of it.

MR. CAMARA: No. We give them the same reports we give you guys. Same. No, different.

MR. LIMBAUGH: We need to tell that group that we really can't do anything until they're done fritzing around with wasting their money on a survey. I have people ask me all the time, "Well, why don't guys do one"? And I tell 'em, and they go, "Oh, we didn't know that." And I said, "You know, the city can chuck the rug underneath us --

MS. SWANSON: At any time.

MR. LIMBAUGH: -- and then if we've invested by putting up signs, making major improvements of structures there -- hiring a whole bunch of people, so forth and so on. We'll -- our operation is too -- what's the word I want to use? We run on too thin of a budget to have that type of hit. We can't afford to do that. But we get the group together to keep reminding them of that.

MR. CAMARA: Yes. We will aerate and fertilize the green, which is something they haven't done in years, and so it's going to be top notch this summer. In fact, we found rusted away, buried somewhere the roller for the greens, which obviously hadn't been used for years, so it's going to look a lot better this summer.

MR. HAMILTON: I don't know if it's just the time of year, but it seems like we're back to the squirrel issue.

MR. CAMARA: We do, but you know we shooed them away.

MR. HAMILTON: However -- whatever -- some of them are back.

MR. CAMARA: They're back, but they're probably 20 percent of what they were last summer. The grange -- I've left three messages and Lindsay gave me -- Lindsay found a home number. I left the message there. He's called. We have not been able to reach anybody significant to talk to in regards to the grange, so I'm going to probably send them a certified letter and say we wanted to talk to them. But they may very well know because Lindsay asked them about buying it several years ago and one of them was the same person. They may very well know that's what we want to talk about. I'm somewhat confident that we talked to them, that we can cut a deal that some day we can get the grange. I just don't know that we can get it to convert it to a maintenance yard right away. I've always said, if it's saving the grange and the property, we could do that, but saving it right now to -- it might be premature. We'll keep trying; okay? We will keep trying.

MR. HAMILTON: That's what you need to do is call them and say, "We want to rent it," and see if you can get a call back.

MR. WOODS: The person that I had been speaking with a couple years ago -- I got a hold of her; she's no longer a member of the grange because she was going to relocate, and she said I'm not the first person to call her complaining about people are not getting called back, and they're seeing a drop in the revenue because they can't rent the facility. She was unsure if the other person was having health problems or what the issue was, but that's when she gave me her home phone number and said, "Call her here and see if you can get a hold of her."

MR. CAMARA: And other than that, if you have any questions on the two small items I wrote about, I would be glad to answer any more questions.

MR. HAMILTON: Any questions, you guys, for our general manager regarding his report?

MR. LIMBAUGH: I have one if you didn't notice the Pass Thru was 190,000 for the report.

That's very nice. Is that -- well, we don't -- that's still about the redevelopment, but is the city waking up to the fact that they may not have given everybody their fair share on that?

MR. CAMARA: Well, I don't know about that. We'll find out if once the new law goes down, but I've talked to Betsy and a couple other people up North in Sacramento, and it really looks like this RDA law is going through. I mean they're moving ahead with this, and the danger of this is -- there are several dangers in it. The overall package is nice because what it does is; it says most of that RDA stuff is probably going to go -- the large majority is probably going to go to schools so that the state doesn't have to go into debt funding schools. That would be one of the biggest shifts. But one of the things they're not talking about -- and it really scares me because they're not talking about it -- is Mike just mentioned the pass-through amount. Brown is saying he's going to take the money -- and the reason I know he's going to take all of it is because he says that Sacramento will be responsible for the existing debt. Because one of the things the cities are saying is, "You can't take our RDA. We bonded on it, and we're paying all these bonds off." Mr. Brown says, "Don't worry. We will take -- maintain your obligations." Of course he will because he's going to capture the growth, and it's not coming back to the

district. He's going to capture the pass-through. It's not coming back to the district, and the state is going to decide who gets it. They may even give it to the county to decide who gets it. The bottom line is we've got as much as \$1 million pass-through in the past. A million -- did I say -- 500 for sure; right?

MR. LIMBAUGH: No. Over 500.

MR. CAMARA: Didn't we get nine-something last time?

MS. THOMAS: We did, but that was like a catch-up.

MR. CAMARA: Okay. My point is this is a bad time that we are getting at least a couple hundred. That could very easily go away. I think most of these cities are fighting so much for the RDA that they're not fighting for the little things they're going to lose. In other words, they're fighting for the war, and if they lose the war, they never fought for the little things that are in it. So they're fighting against the bill and not necessarily the things that are in the bill. So if they lose the battle, they lose a lot more than if they paid attention a little more. So I think RDA is a bigger danger than we think as far as the pass-through and growth goes. But to get back to Mike's answer, I think it will tell us through this process if the city has been capturing more or less than they should. I just don't think we're going to get it.

MR. LIMBAUGH: Okay.

MR. HAMILTON: And that's being debated on the Assembly and the Senate floor?

MR. CAMARA: Yes. If I was there and I had unlimited power, I would use the same strategy Mr. Brown is using because think of what it does. If you, during bad times, find reasons to capture taxes and transfer them to the state, when there are good times, you still captured that growth. That means you're going to capture all the new growth as well -- and it's not going back to the local agencies like he says. That's a heck of a plan to eventually have the state pretty much control almost 100 percent of your property taxes. Ad valorem, as we know it, could be gone.

MR. HAMILTON: Big challenge. Okay. Let's move on to the board member reports.

## **Board Member Reports**

### **Recreation Foundation -Chandler/Dupree**

MR. CHANDLER: Exciting time. We had a good meeting.

MR. CAMARA: They elected new officers.

MR. CHANDLER: It was kind of business as usual. Can you recall anything?

MS. PETERS: Percy Bakker is the new president.

MR. CAMARA: I spent a lot of time talking about the golf course and our philosophy, so I'm hoping that our ambassadors picked up on it and can support that.

MR. LIMBAUGH: Charlene, what's the general consensus of the -- and maybe I should be asking Bob and Kelly this question -- about the change in the equestrian thing? Do they even care? I mean, the times are changed, you know. Did they even mention about it? Okay, that's nice.

MS. PETERS: No.

MR. CHANDLER: No. There wasn't a consensus either way.

MS. PETERS: You know, I think that what everybody is thinking, as long as everything happens the way that they're hearing that it's going to happen, everybody is fine.

MR. LIMBAUGH: No surprises. Similar to the cancellation of the rodeo. Did you get feedback from the foundation?

MR. CAMARA: Well, I think you're going to actually have more rodeo activity, if we can get the college. I just don't think the PRCA rodeo fits our needs monetarily, and if people attend those and that attendance picks up, there's no reason to try a professional rodeo again. I figured out once if we sold every ticket we had room for in the stands, it would just pay for our stock contractor. We'd still have to raise donations and things to pay for staff and pay for the others. So I mean, it never really penciled out on paper once the prices got so high. And that would be okay if we filled the stands, in my opinion, but we didn't fill the stands.

MR. HAMILTON: Anything else from the foundation report, Kelly or Bob?

MR. CHANDLER: There were some questions in regards -- like, we were talking about earlier about the lights down there at the facility, within the facility in regards from the wranglers. But I think Cal kind of politely addressed the situation.

MR. CAMARA: And I should probably mention it because you'll probably be asked. You may hear people ask, especially from the wranglers, about, "Well, are we going to have lights down there?" And as I mentioned to Charlene, "If you go back in time, our agreement with the wranglers was never to provide lights for them". It was never to provide a water truck and never to provide the tractor. We did this to be nice to them. I mean, we just said, "Okay, you know, it's there; we're not using it. Go ahead and use it." Well, when you lend people stuff, eventually it becomes something you owe them, but I want them to remember that when you go back several years, the success of this arena was during daytime events, not nighttime events. In a way the nighttime events actually work against them. The daytime events bring a lot more people overall out to watch the rodeo, and if they regroup and get their gymkhana back on weekends and back in afternoons and back to the way it was, they will probably have better club activities than relying on lights a couple of times a month. So they're overemphasizing the lights. We don't owe them lights. However, with that said, there's no reason that if they really want lights and work to help find ways to help us put lights in, that they can't, because the lights are low intensity enough and in that area, they won't affect the neighborhood like ball field lights would have in the other area. So I believe lights would be acceptable in the few times they would use it, but the groups are going to have to be part of getting those lights down there at this point. But that's board policy decisions someday. They don't need lights, really, to be successful. And still, in my opinion, they'd be more successful without them. They forget I was around here back then. So many of them are new; they forget that I was here 26 years ago.

MR. CHANDLER: Charlene, one final thing, thank you. You did a good job while you were president.

MS. PETERS: Thank you.

MR. GREGG: Griz related that he had some donated equipment to put into the museum, and that equipment that he put in there, four or five filing cabinets, and he shared this oil company stock with us, which was really fascinating, I thought.

MR. HAMILTON: Okay. Anything else on the foundation? Okay. Let's move to the Tri-Agency meeting.

#### **Tri-Agency - Swanson/Chandler - Alternate/Dupree**

MS. SWANSON: Okay. Bob and I were there. We listened to a lovely report from Lindsay, very similar to the report you gave earlier telling us about all the things that are going on. The City of Hesperia gave an update, and apparently Mike and Kim and Mike Leonard went to Washington, D.C. Brian gave the report -- they discussed the transportation bill that is not in the report, but will help with legislation that would assist us in finishing the Rancho project.

They talked about doing a budget review, and they also talked about the pass-through. There might be a 42 percent reduction in gross tax increment levels.

MR. HAMILTON: Brian Johnson?

MS. SWANSON: Yes and that affects the RDA, and that we might see a deduction for us and also for the school district.

MR. CAMARA: That's an interesting figure - 42 percent. That implies RDA controls 42 percent of the growth. That's a huge number.

MS. SWANSON: It said that it would affect the school district more than it would affect us, but with the school district, it's an offset, so they don't benefit from it anyway because whatever they make from that, the state takes away from them, so it's -- actually, I think it's going to hurt us worse on that basis.

MR. CAMARA: The school? It's going to hurt -- I'm sorry?

MS. SWANSON: School district, yes.

MR. CAMARA: Well, it doesn't matter all that it hurts is who gives you the money. Right now the local taxes will go to the schools rather than state money, but you're mandated to get a minimal level. You just can't get your fluff.

MS. SWANSON: Ranchero is going to bid in April. I did not have a date on when the Rock Spring signal was going to be put in, but I assumed it was around that time as well. They're starting online bill-pay for utilities. And please check my number here. Brian mentioned 18 percent unemployment. That seems impossibly high.

MR. HAMILTON: Seems about right to me. Any other things to report back on the Tri-Agency?

MS. SWANSON: The school district report -- they talked about the lost accreditation that occurred last weekend.

MR. HAMILTON: In Mojave and Sultana?

MS. SWANSON: In Mojave and Sultana, uh-huh. And the report will be delivered in May. They're projecting a flat growth to be conservative. And at this time we have 21,500 students, and enrollment is up 152 from projected. There is a parents' advisory group that they're trying to get parents involved in to give them ideas of what -- to run things that they're thinking of at the school district level by a group of parents, and they just -- they had a very poor response, and they're hoping that if they promote it more, more parents will come and be involved.

MR. HAMILTON: Is that for budget issues? Is that what they want?

MS. SWANSON: I think for everything. Policy, budget, things that affect the community, so they're still trying to put that together so the school district feels that they have a consensus from the community. And that's all I have.

#### **Safety and Security - Chandler/Hamilton**

No meeting held.

#### **Personnel Committee - Hamilton/Limbaugh**

MR. HAMILTON: We met last Wednesday primarily to consider an agreement with our general manager regarding his retirement, and also a contract possibly for Lindsay Woods. But we'll talk about that in a minute. Do you have anything else that we talked about Mike?

MR. LIMBAUGH: We looked over Cal's agreement to stay on until June, and we also looked over Lindsay's new general manager contract, so that's what the committee reviewed, and we'll talk about that more in closed session.

#### **Golf Course Ad Hoc Committee - Hamilton/Limbaugh**

No meeting held.

## **Skate Plaza and BMX Ad Hoc Committee - Chandler/Hamilton**

No meeting held.

### **Other Related Business**

MR. HAMILTON: Is there any other related business under board member reports?

MR. LIMBAUGH: Yesterday I went to Sacramento right across from the capitol, and it was really bizarre because our meeting started at 9:30, so we got there about 9:20. There was nobody out; it was dead quiet. And where we met is -- you're right -- you're looking at the rotunda; it was directly across the street on 11<sup>th</sup> from the state capitol. There was really nobody -- it was really eerie. Our meeting lasted until about 1:30, and when we came out, then it was all crowded, you know, like -- it was like the money changers all came out after lunch or something. But it was funny that I was there. Anyway, a couple of things -- the state budget issues are really important and nobody knows what's going to happen. Monday he had an agreement with several Republicans that were going to help him do something, and they all now were not doing that. The biggest problem we see as a special district entity -- and that's all special districts of which they're close to 4,000 special districts in the state of California -- is that there's -- I heard about this group about four years ago called "California Forward," and it rears its ugly head anytime there's big, sweeping policy breezes blowing up in the halls of Sacramento. And their big push now is to eliminate special districts, and they've got somewhat of a little ball rolling, but we'll see what happens. And it's -- it's going to be funny that the -- the political people in Sacramento may sacrifice special districts at the thought of balancing their budget, even though it won't balance the budget, but it will -- we'll be the sacrificial lambs. Because they feel what's going to happen is they're going to say, "Just combine everything so you only have, like, a few agencies, and there you go. That's the services that people get. So CARPD I would say before the next fiscal year, we'll probably end up writing something to them. And at the conference -- you'll hear our lobbyists talking a lot about this. Anyway, one of the general managers for one of the sister districts -- and I'm sorry I don't remember, but I know who he is -- he went and testified before the senate committee on the budget about special districts -- why we're important, what we do, what role we play. You know, do we fill the gaps between public needs and the ability for government entities to supply the needs of the public wants. Okay? Like, for instance, cemetery district -- the city doesn't want to deal with cemetery, so they form a special district that only deals with cemetery. Well, that serves a public need, so they made a special district. A lot is similar with parks. And anyway, this California Forward is saying, "Well, we don't need that anymore, just --." They'll take care of it. So that's a big deal.

MR. CAMARA: Mike, could I make a comment on that? The last time this happened, I happened to be here, and I was on the CARPD committee to go around to all of the hearings throughout the state of California and testify about special districts, park districts. And back then, their biggest target -- and it's the same thing now -- was waste and duplication. But the way they were interpreting waste and duplication wasn't really -- it might have been duplication, but it wasn't necessarily waste. They're doing the same thing now, and if you read this -- the report Mike is talking about -- and this other guy that is doing the accounting report -- oh, I can't remember his name, but he was hired by the state to do it. The specialty districts he's using are a lot of small, open-spaced districts -- sanitation districts, small water districts where there's 50 of them in a two-mile area. They're using things to describe waste and overlapping services that are really ridiculous in the scope of overall special districts. So if they eliminate all of them as a rule, then, of course, nobody has a chance. If they start setting

up criteria, we need to be very active in talking our deal because we don't fall into the reasons they want to dissolve districts, we really don't, but we have to be able somehow to get that message across because what they want to do -- reduce them for, if they're practical, are not the problems we have. But if, as Mike said, they're the sacrificial lamb, then there's nothing you're going to do; they're going to take all of them.

MR. LIMBAUGH: Well, if they get the counties to fall, that's -- that will be the straw that broke the camel's back. The cities probably won't have a say-so. Although the league of cities would come out against this consolidation, but the counties might. I don't think the Governor is necessarily promising that he would do that. He wants to solve the budget problem by putting state prisoners in county prisons. Anything that he can get shifted to the county without money, he wants to do. So that means your services are going to change drastically.

MR. CAMARA: Yes.

MR. LIMBAUGH: So, if he doesn't be the one that says it, but this California Forward says, "Well, if you eliminate special districts, you'll eliminate all that extra cost."

MR. CAMARA: And it doesn't work.

MR. LIMBAUGH: It's like a think tank. Nobody supports them. But if you're the top guy and if it starts to gain steam, I'm sure CARPD and other special district entities, including the water agencies and CSDA, will build a huge -- I mean, that's California special districts association, that's their whole livelihood is special districts, and you still have some pretty good -- like Torlakson -- he's a big proponent of special districts, but as California goes, you know, with this budget deal that's gotten so bad that they're willing to sacrifice anything just about like they fixed it, not that they --

MR. CAMARA: You could see the largest shift in tax funding in the history of California over the next couple of years. And along with that goes who knows what services we keep.

MR. LIMBAUGH: Also, I will need a resolution from this board at the next meeting about being on CARPD.

MR. CAMARA: Okay.

MR. LIMBAUGH: And my goal is to only serve two more years on CARPD. If somebody else wants to do it on this board, that's fine. And we also talked about revising the bylaws to allow a board member and an administrator to sit on the board together from the same district. That's not allowed right now.

MS. SWANSON: Okay.

MR. LIMBAUGH: And you'll hear about CAPRI at the meeting. I think all of you guys are coming. So get there on Friday. I have to be there on Thursday. And if you're there on Thursday, they have a reception.

MR. HAMILTON: Thursday night?

MR. LIMBAUGH: Thursday night. And Friday is the general meeting of all the entities. And right now there's a lot of people that -- they weren't aware that we're going to have a change of the guard at our district, but there's been eight special districts, park and rec districts, that have changed their leadership in the last year. And one district changed -- one district -- well, out of like, let's say, 40 real districts that, you know, that they -- that they're similar to us, that participation at the conference may be a little bit low, but he doesn't know for sure, because most people don't send their stuff in until the last couple of weeks right before.

MR. HAMILTON: I noticed on the Web site today that they finally posted the schedule. I don't know if you noticed that, Rachel, the schedule is on the Web now.

MR. LIMBAUGH: That's because we approved it yesterday.

MR. CAMARA: Mike, you said they're still having turnovers --

MR. LIMBAUGH: There are a couple districts, yeah. Well, that -- it's up -- I want to say its Chico is having a rough time. Coachella is having problems.

MR. CAMARA: Yeah, I've heard about that one.

Meeting Recessed at 8:30

Meeting Reconvened to Closed Session at 8:43 p.m.

Meeting Reconvened to Open Session at 9:08 p.m.

**H. Public Employee Evaluation and Hiring - Position title: General Manager (Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957).**

No action taken.

**I. Consider Agreement for Contract Employee Services - Cal Camara.**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Swanson, seconded by Director Chandler and carried unanimously to approve the Agreement for Contract Employee Services with Cal Camara for the months of April, May and June 2011.

**J. Consider Agreement for Contract Services for General Manager - Lindsay Woods.**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Chandler, seconded by Director Gregg and carried unanimously to approve the employee agreement offered to Lindsay Woods commencing July 1, 2011 with the annual base compensation rate of \$114,400.00

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by declaration by President Hamilton at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cal Camara, General Manager

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Rachel Thomas, Admin, Op Mgr.