

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING
OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OF THE RAMONA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
January 20, 2026**

PRESENT

Nina Schwettmann, Chair
Darryl Albertson
Karen Domnitz
Charlie Koehler
Brianna McCormick
Dennis Poland
Cheryl Wegner

ABSENT

Dave Ross

Also Present: General Manager, Erica Wolski; Administrative Services Manager, Tim Clement; Park & Facilities Administrator, Darcy LaHaye; Management Analyst, Gaby Uribe, and Administrative Assistant/Board Secretary, Kellie Barclay.

A.

A.1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

The Parks and Recreation Community Advisory Committee Meeting of the Ramona Municipal Water District was called to order by Chairperson Schwettman at 6:31 p.m. at the Ramona Community Center 434 Aqua Lane, Ramona, CA. Chairperson Schwettmann led the Committee, staff and public in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Board Secretary called roll.

A.2. Opportunity for Members of the Public to Address the Committee on any Subject within the Committees Jurisdiction but not on the Agenda

None.

A.3. Adoption of the Parks and Recreation CAC Meeting Minutes for November 18, 2025

Recommendation: To adopt the Minutes of November 18, 2025.

MISC MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2025 (Koehler/Wegner)

AYES: Albertson, Domnitz, Koehler, McCormick, Poland, Schwettmann, Wegner
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Ross

B. Discussion Items:

B.1. Change of Park Committee Meeting Date

Recommendation: Staff respectfully request the Parks and Recreation Community Advisory Committee discuss as appropriate and recommend a new monthly meeting date.

General Manager Wolski introduced the item and reported that the Board of Directors meeting was moved to the 3rd Tuesday of the month (the same day as the Parks CAC meetings), which make it necessary to pick a new meeting day for the Parks CAC. She asked the committee if the 1st, 2nd or 4th Tuesday would work better for the members. After a brief committee discussion they chose the 1st Tuesday of the month as their recommendation.

MISC MOTION TO APPROVE THE CAC MEETING BE MOVED TO BEING HELD ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH (Schwettmann/Domnitz)

AYES: Albertson, Domnitz, Koehler, McCormick, Poland, Schwettmann, Wegner
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Ross

B.2. Dog Park Concept Plan Alternatives

Recommendation: Staff respectfully request the Parks and Recreation Community Advisory Committee discuss as appropriate.

Erica Wolski, General Manager of RMWD, introduced the item and explained that a better site had been identified after the last CAC meeting, but that property has not yet been acquired. She noted that the District hopes to have the property in escrow by the end of the month. Ms. Vicki Estrada of Estrada Land Planning, who previously presented key design concepts to the CAC on the first location, returned with two design options—one for the original site and one for the potential new location. She provided aerial views and examples of design elements, and emphasized the goal of creating a space that is uniquely Ramona.

Ms. Estrada reviewed both site plans in detail, describing amenities such as boulders, seating areas, restroom facilities, landscaping, decomposed granite, acreage, parking layouts, shade options, and the potential inclusion of a separate puppy area. She also discussed considerations including ADA accessibility, integration with trail systems, visibility, fencing choices, pet agility components, turf options with a pathway, and opportunities for nature-based landscape solutions.

Board discussion followed, focusing on the preferred site—Site 2—which the committee favored for its safer and more accessible layout. Members discussed including a designated small-dog area, appropriate fencing, and lighting to allow evening use during hot summer months. They also reviewed turf and pathway options (natural grass, synthetic turf, and decomposed granite), the estimated project timeline, and the possibility of adding water features like a splash pad in the future. General Manager Wolski added that a grant-funded sidewalk will also be installed as part of the project. A Dog Park Ad Hoc Committee was then formed, consisting of Members Schwettmann, Poland, and Koehler. Ms. Estrada concluded by stating she will return at the

next meeting with updated plans reflecting the committee's feedback and the evening's discussion.

B.3. Potential Park Uses of 217 Earlham Street

Recommendation: Staff respectfully request the Parks and Recreation Community Advisory Committee discuss as appropriate.

General Manager Erica Wolski introduced the item, outlining potential uses for the facility and highlighting key considerations related to purchasing the property with a grant and operating it as a children's and teen center. A tour of the property was provided to some CAC members prior to the meeting, and Ms. Wolski said an additional tour would be scheduled soon. During committee discussion, members shared a range of perspectives, with some expressing interest in the concept and others suggesting the funds might be better allocated to other needs within the park. Casey Lynch and James Piva spoke to the CAC in favor of the purchase and operations. By the end of the discussion, the committee reached consensus to include the item in upcoming discussions of the Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee.

C. Reports:

C.1. Activity Report Nov 15 - Jan 15 and Look Ahead

Darcy LaHaye, Park and Facilities Administrator, provided a brief update on the activity report.

C.2. Construction & Maintenance Activity Report for Dec-Jan and Look Ahead

None.

D. Committee Reports:

D.1. Member Reports and Requests

None.

D.2. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Member Wegner gave a report out of the Creek Health & Restoration Ad Hoc Subcommittee and reported that she planning a virtual meeting in mid-February and is working with the San Diego Green Infrastructure Consortium moving forward to clean sections of the Santa Maria Creek in Ramona Community Park from plant overgrowth that will reduce the fire hazard and improve the environmental health of the area.

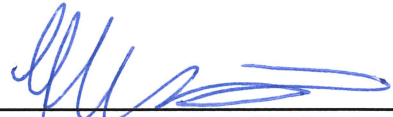
Member Koehler provided an update from the Arena Ad Hoc Committee, noting several upcoming construction projects. Because the arena already has numerous events scheduled, he explained that the improvements will need to be completed in smaller phases. He said he would coordinate with Park and Recreation Administrator Darcy LaHaye to reserve appropriate time blocks in the arena for the construction work. Chair Schwettmann mentioned there will be help from other community members with the construction.

E. **Date and time of next committee meeting:**

Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Chairperson Schwettmann adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Adjourn



Nina Schwettmann, Chairperson
Parks and Recreation Community
Advisory Committee
RAMONA MUNICIPAL WATER
DISTRICT

ATTEST:



Kellie Barclay, Board Secretary
RAMONA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

