

COUNTY SERVICE AREA-81 (CSA-81)
Fallbrook Local Parks Advisory Committee
— MEETING MINUTES —
March 19, 2026 | Time: 9:00 AM
Live Oak Park Visitors Center
2746 Reche Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028

In Attendance:

Committee Members in Attendance: *Chair Stephani Baxter, Committee Members Jim Loge, Kari Hoyer, Sue Reed, David Throop, Bryan Hanewinkel*

Absent: *Sean O'Callaghan*

County Staff Present: *Jake Enriquez, Riley Dewitt-Rickards, Brandon Sevilla (in place for Nancy Santillan), Park Ranger Lauren Raduc*

Public: *Kirk Philo, FSA Presidents - Josh Guerrettaz, Park Manager - Nate Hines, Assistant Park Manager*

1. Call to Order

Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Adjustments to Agenda

The Chair moved the "Statement of Just Cause for Remote Participation" to follow Public Comment. Agenda item number five, remote participation, pertaining to committee members being able to attend a meeting in full capacity remotely.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Jim.

4. Public Comment

No public comments were offered.

5. Statement of Just Cause for Remote Participation

County staff provided an informational update on Assembly Bill 2449, which expired December 31, 2025. The County is gathering input from committees regarding whether to create a new policy allowing remote participation with full voting capacity.

Key points:

- Meetings would still be held in person; virtual attendance would be optional.
- Staff emphasized the County preference for in person meetings.
- Committee members expressed mixed views. Some supported limited remote participation, limiting option to only approved circumstances; others raised concerns about reduced group engagement.
- No vote required; input only.

6. Approval of February Minutes

Corrections noted:

– Committee member's last name misspelled.

Discussion occurred regarding distribution of minutes and review timelines. Conflict

A motion to approve the minutes was made by **Bryan**, seconded by **David**, and **passed unanimously**.

7. Financial Report

Presented by David.

Summary:

- Beginning balance: **\$56,520** (old PLDO)
- Cash received: **\$1,056**
- Disbursements: **\$45,259**
- Encumbrances: **\$925,851**
- New funds: **\$1,127,540**
- Total balance: **\$1,184,060**
- Fund balance: **\$792,737**

County staff clarified PLDO categories and current balances:

- Old PLDO: **\$56,519**
- New PLDO: **\$901k improvements, \$223k acquisition, \$2,300 in lieu fees**

Motion to approve financials made by **Bryan**, seconded by **Chair**, and **approved**.

8. Ingold Sports Park – Lighting Project Presentation

Representatives from Ingold Sports Park presented Phase 2 of their lighting improvement project, requesting **\$300,860** in PLDO funds to complete the installation of three new Musco light poles for Field 1.

Key presentation points:

- Lighting increases field availability by **129%**.
- Modern LED fixtures reduce maintenance and improve safety.
- Musco provides a **25-year warranty**.
- The project is fully designed and ready pending funding.
- Funding partners include FSA (\$100k) and Community Benefit Program (\$214k).

A quote from the applicant:

"We are asking for lights on this field... very important to increase the usability of it."

Committee Discussion

- Members expressed strong support for the community benefit of this project.
- Concerns were raised about balancing PLDO funds with future shade structure needs at Village View Park.
- Staff confirmed PLDO growth trends are steady and clarified that land acquisition funds are separate.
- Conflict of interest guidance was provided; Bryan and Sue recused themselves from the vote as they serve on the FSA board.

Motion

Motion by **Kari** to approve **\$300,860** in PLDO funds for the Ingold Field 1 lighting project.

Seconded by **Chair Baxter**.

Motion passed with quorum.

County staff requested draft minutes by following week to support Board of Supervisor processing.

9. Park Updates

Fallbrook Community Center

- Fresh mulch added throughout the park.
- “Breakfast with the Bunny” scheduled for March 28 (expected 500–600 attendees).
- Spring camp and summer camp planning underway.

Rainbow, Clemmens Lane, Don Dussault, Live Oak

- Wood fiber refreshed in multiple playgrounds.
- Arbor Day plantings are scheduled for March 22 and April 18.
- “Reading with a Ranger” on March 25.

Village View Park

- Minor playground repairs completed.
- Dog park users expressed concerns about the color of the ground material; lack of shade at dog park. comments will be forwarded to staff.

10. Village View Shade Structures

Staff confirmed:

- New shade structure system is feasible for the dog park and skate park.
- Estimated cost: **a couple hundred thousand dollars** (ballpark).
- Procurement options being evaluated to shorten timeline.
- Shade solutions will not be installed by Summer 2026

11. Ball Field Memo Update

Staff reported:

- The memo regarding Fallbrook ball field options was submitted to the Board of Supervisors on **March 10**.
- Memo includes cost estimates for:
 - Maintaining existing fields
 - Adding fields at Bonsall Park
 - Developing Rio Prado
 - Acquiring new land
- Awaiting Board direction.

12. Parkland Search Discussion

County staff explained:

- Parkland acquisition decisions are tied to Board direction on ballfields.
- Current acquisition funds: **\$223,000**, insufficient for available parcels.
- Committee discussed the Stater Bros. parcel; staff noted it is cost prohibitive.

13. Other Business

- Planning underway for the annual Third Grade “Kids in the Park” Field Trip (April–May).
- Volunteers will be needed for docent roles.

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at **10:34 a.m.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Kari Ann Hoyer