1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The meeting was called to order by Chair O’Brien at 6:30 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Doug Gale.

2. ROLL CALL – In attendance were Directors Abele, Freeman, Hostetler, Vice-Chair Johnson, Chair O’Brien and the following staff members; Miguel Chavez, Doug Gale, Wayne Nakaoka, Theresa Pennington, Larry Peterson, Brian Pierik and Brian Reed; Guests in Attendance: Michele Neff-Hernandez and Katie Chavez.

3. PUBLIC STATEMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA) - None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   a. Regular Meeting – March 16, 2017 – Vice-Chair Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 16, 2017; Director Freeman seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.
   
   b. Special Meeting – March 17, 2017 – Vice-Chair Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 17, 2017; Director Freeman seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Chair then called item 7.

7. CONTINUED BUSINESS

Discussion and Possible Approval of Rotary Club’s use of Rancho Santa Susana Community Park for the 2017 July 4th Independence Day Celebration - A brief overview of the staff report was presented by Director of Recreation Doug Gale during which time he confirmed that fireworks will be launched from Simi Valley High School, VIP tent will be placed onto the soccer field without the use of a vehicle, and the stage, food, beverage and other event amenities will be placed to minimize their impact to the soccer fields, and the musical portion of the festivities will not require use of field 5. Director Abele wanted to be clear if the
school district’s approval was a tentative approval or an official approval. He asked if the school district requires a meeting and if a meeting occurred. Michele Neff-Hernandez responded and stated that a meeting is not required. Director Abele mentioned that the following topic was discussed at the committee meeting, in regards to the City and Police Department regarding the school district approval, he asked if they are signed off and ok on the launch site being where it is. Neff-Hernandez said yes. Director Abele asked if the name of the event has been renamed to Stars and Stripes Fireworks Festival and asked if the Rotary Club of Simi Valley won’t be in the official name. He also asked if the logo will not be displayed in a prominent fashion and overwhelm the name of the event. Neff-Hernandez confirmed. Director Abele suggested that due to the major changes regarding the event that were discussed at length and the issues that were controversial, a couple of months after the event, so the matter doesn’t get lost in the shuffle and over looked and auto renewed, there is a presentation to the board to review the launch site, response from the people who attended, the condition of the park in particular soccer fields and restoration and present it by staff and / or Rotary Club several months after the event. Director Abele moved to approve the staff recommendation with the launch zone at Simi High School, the name change to Stars & Stripes Fireworks Festival, without Rotary Club of Simi Valley in the name and with the understanding that there will be a review of the event by District staff to the Board several months after the event. Director Hostetler seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

5. SCHEDULED ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

   a. Presentation of the Full-Time Employee of the Month for March 2017 to Miguel Chavez – Director of Administration Pennington read the Employee of the Month staff report honoring Miguel Chavez as Full-Time Employee of the Month and Chair O’Brien presented Miguel with his plaque and thanked him for his efforts. District Manager Peterson and Director of Recreation Gale also congratulated Miguel and thanked him for his efforts.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

   a. Approval of Check Registers: 3/3/17 and 3/17/17 (payroll); 3/15/17 and 3/31/17 (payables) - Staff responded to questions regarding the payables check registers. Director Hostetler moved to approve the Consent Agenda; Director Abele seconded the motion. The Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

8. NEW BUSINESS

   a. Approval of Resolution Accepting a Tax Deed to Purchaser of Tax-Defaulted Property from the Ventura County Tax Collector for APN 620-0-240-225

       Vice-Chair Johnson moved to approve Resolution #1933 accepting a Tax Deed to Purchaser of Tax Defaulted Property from the Ventura County Tax Collector for APN 620-0-240-225; Director Hostetler seconded the motion. The motion passed
with the following roll call:

Ayes: Directors Abele, Freeman, Hostetler, Johnson, O'Brien
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

b. Approval of Agreement between the Oak Park Unified School District and the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District for Use of Facilities [Term March 1, 2017 to February 28, 2020] - Director Abele moved to approve the agreement; Director Freeman seconded the motion; the motion carried with a unanimous vote.

c. Discussion and Possible Approval of Staffing Changes – Director Freeman moved to approve the staff changes; Vice-Chair Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

d. Authorization to Solicit Bids for the Guardian Building Phase One Office Improvements Construction Project – Vice-Chair Johnson moved to approve the solicitation of bids; Director Hostetler seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

e. Authorization to Solicit Bids for the Park District’s Uniforms and Laundry Services – Director Hostetler moved to approve the solicitation of bids; Director Abele seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

f. Approval for the Purchase of Four (4) Chevrolet Colorado Extended Cab Pick-up Trucks and One (1) Chevrolet Silverado Regular Cab Work Truck Through California Multiple Award Schedules (CMAS) – Director Hostetler moved to approve the purchase of new vehicles; Director Freeman seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

g. Approval of First Amendment to Option and Land Lease Agreement between Los Angeles SMSA Limited Partnership, DBA Verizon Wireless, and Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District for a Wireless Telecommunications Site at Stargaze Place Trail head – Chair O’Brien recused herself because she has clients that work for Verizon and stepped out of the room. Director Freeman moved to approve the agreement; Director Hostetler seconded the motion. The motion carried with Directors Abele, Freeman Hostetler and Johnson voting in favor. Director O’Brien was not present for the vote and did not vote.

9. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS OF NOTE – None

10. REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Vice-Chair Johnson attended a Personnel Committee meeting which was discussed earlier in the meeting.
Director Hostetler attended the Personnel Committee meeting and a Special Events Committee meeting, both of which were reviewed earlier.

Director Abele attended the Special Events Committee Meeting and the Arroyo Simi Greenway ribbon cutting. He conducted a site tour of Rancho Santa Susana Community Park and stated the fields looked to be in pretty good shape, and stated they will take a beating during the 4th of July Event.

Director Freeman stated the Arroyo Simi Greenway dedication went well and that she was sorry a representative from the State could not attend. She participated in a CSDA conference call on the Little Hoover Commissions recent efforts, and reported there is an action plan to develop a responsive message and identify persons to speak on behalf of Districts to explain how they make a positive difference. She also attended Ted Grandsen’s funeral and suggested the Board adjourn in his memory. Freeman also attended a CSDA legislative committee during which time they reviewed 40 new bills including a bill regarding CalPERS. She reviewed the status of AB 408 and AB 496. She also provided an update on USA Properties stating they submitted a performa for affordable housing three weeks ago. Freeman attended the VCSDA meeting, and the speaker from United Water was informative.

Chair O’Brien also attended the VCSDA meeting and found the speaker very interesting. She also attended a CSDA conference call for the audit committee which determined to continue with the existing firm but request the assignment of a different partner to the engagement. She attended the Arroyo Simi Greenway dedication and said it was excellent. She also attended the Youth Summit at the Ronald Reagan Library and stated that it was great. She mentioned a new bill that would allow legislators to represent less people as they do in New Hampshire.

11. REPORT BY DISTRICT MANAGER – The District Manager reported that the District was selected to receive an environmental program award from CARPD for its purchase of Alamos Canyon.

The Chair called a closed session at 7:38 pm.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 7:44 pm.

12. CLOSED SESSION

a. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

   Conference with Real Property Negotiator

   Re: Land Disposition: Property Located in Ventura County East and North East Adjacent to Sage Ranch
Assessor Parcel Numbers: 646-0-170-040
649-0-010-415

Agency Negotiators: District Manager, Director of Planning and Maintenance
and Legal Counsel

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

The Chair stated that there was no reportable action as to this item.

b. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.95

Claimant: Mr. Alan Reback
Agency Claimed Against: Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District

Director Freeman moved to approve the acceptance of the claim and the referral
of it for payment to CAPRI; Director Hostetler seconded the motion. The motion
carried with a unanimous vote.

13. ADJOURNMENT – Director Freeman moved to adjourn the meeting in memory of Ted
Grandsen at 7:45 pm; Director Hostetler seconded the motion. The motion passed
unanimously.

Larry Peterson, District Clerk