



FEATHER RIVER RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT
Special Board Meeting
January 12, 2026

OROVILLE CONVENTION CENTER
1200 Myers Street
Oroville, CA 95965

AGENDA

Open Session At 9:30am

Written comments must be sent to Lorinh@frrpd.com 1-hour prior to the meeting to be presented to the Board. If you need special accommodations to participate in this meeting, please contact (530)533-2011.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Greg Passmore
Vice-Chairperson Shannon DeLong
Director Devin Thomas
Director Michelle Huffman
Director Scott "Kent" Fowler

MISSION STATEMENT

OUR MISSION: We will provide and maintain quality parks, recreation experiences, and related facilities and programs for all residents of the District in a fiscally sustainable manner that compliments the natural resources and cultural heritage of our community.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board will invite anyone in the audience wishing to address the Board, on a matter not listed on the agenda, to state your name for the record and make your presentation. You are limited to three (3) minutes. *The Board cannot take any action except for a brief response by the Board or staff to a statement or question relating to a non-agenda item.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposed installation at Riverbend Park

A presentation will be made by/on behalf of the Native Sons of the Golden West providing details of the proposed Electric Train Historical/Informational Installation at Riverbend Park. The board may consider and possibly approve the proposed installation at Riverbend Park. Staff report included-attachment A.

Motion:

Second:

Vote:

ADJOURNMENT



STAFF REPORT

To: Board of Directors

From: Brian Wilson, General Manager

Date: January 12, 2026

Subject: Native Sons of the Golden West – Oroville Electric Train Historical & Educational Installation at Riverbend Park

BACKGROUND

At the October 28, 2025 Regular Board Meeting, the Native Sons of the Golden West (NSGW), represented by Director Kent Fowler, presented two proposed projects for Riverbend Park:

- Oroville Electric Train Dedication and Educational Display
- Liberty Flagpole and Overlook at the North End of the Park

Following discussion, the Board voted to accept the project proposals and directed staff to meet with NSGW project coordinators to develop a more detailed proposal for return to the Board

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Native Sons of the Golden West propose installing a restored Oroville Electric Train as a historical and educational display within Riverbend Park.

The installation is intended to:

- Preserve and display a piece of Oroville's transportation history
- Provide interpretive and educational signage for the public
- Enhance Riverbend Park's role as a cultural and historical destination
- Serve as a visible, family-friendly attraction within the park

The train would be placed on a short section of track or mounting base, accompanied by interpretive panels explaining the significance of Oroville's electric rail system and its role in local development.

FUNDING & OWNERSHIP

The Native Sons of the Golden West have indicated that:

- No District capital funds are being requested at this time
- The District would retain control of the park site while the display would function as a donated historical installation

Final agreements regarding ownership, liability, insurance, and long-term maintenance responsibilities would be formalized if the Board authorizes the installation.

OPERATIONAL & MAINTENANCE CONSIDERATIONS

If approved, staff will work to establish:

- Long-term maintenance responsibilities
- Removal or modification procedures if needed in the future

PRIOR BOARD ACTION

On October 28, 2025, the Board:

- Accepted the project proposals
- Directed staff to meet with NSGW project coordinators
- Authorized staff to bring a detailed proposal back for formal approval

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The proposed installation qualifies as a minor facility placed on existing parkland and is expected to be Categorically Exempt under CEQA (*Class 3 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures*).

NEXT STEPS IF APPROVED

If the Board approves the installation:

1. Installation plans will be coordinated with District operations
2. Final agreements will be executed
3. Installation and public unveiling will be scheduled

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Directors receive a presentation from the Native Sons of the Golden West and consider approving the proposed Oroville Electric Train Historical and Informational Installation at Riverbend Park, subject to final site location, installation standards, and coordination requirements as outlined in this report.