



# HARRY GRIFFEN REGIONAL PARK JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA

## A Special Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, April 9, 2026, 1:30 p.m.  
**Location:** City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue  
La Mesa, California

**Board Members:** Genevieve Suzuki, Councilmember, City of La Mesa  
Andrea Beth Damsky, Director, Helix Water District  
Kelly Daniels, County of San Diego  
Shelley La Fata, Grossmont Union High School District  
Michelle Metschel, Councilmember, City of El Cajon

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**Pages**

1. CALL TO ORDER
  - 1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA
3. PRESENTATION
  - 3.1 ENERGY SAVINGS PROGRAM  
Presented by Joe Garuba, Helix Water District

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)**

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**5. CONFLICT DISCLOSURES**

**6. CURRENT BUSINESS**

6.1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE HARRY GRIFFEN REGIONAL PARK JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT GOVERNING BOARD SPECIAL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025 4

6.2 REVIEW OF FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 PRELIMINARY BUDGET 7  
Review and provide direction to staff.

6.3 Canine Corners Update

**7. STAFF AND BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

7.1 La Mesa Police Department

7.2 Parks and Recreation

**8. ADJOURNMENT**



# Harry Griffen Regional Park Joint Powers Agreement Governing Board

## Minutes of a Special Meeting

Date: May 21, 2025, 9:00 a.m.  
Location: City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue  
La Mesa, California

Present: Councilmember Genevieve Suzuki  
Andrea Beth Damsky, Director, Helix Water District  
Kelly Daniels, County of San Diego  
Shelley La Fata, Grossmont Union High School District  
Michelle Metschel, Councilmember, City of El Cajon

Staff: Assistant City Manager Lee  
Director of Public Works Throne  
Director of Community Services Misty Thompson

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### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Board Member Suzuki called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

#### 1.1 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### 2. **ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

### 3. **PRESENTATION**

#### 3.1 **HARRY GRIFFEN REGIONAL PARK AND CANINE CORNERS UPDATES**

Misty Thompson, Director of Community Services

Misty Thompson, Director of Community Services went over permits, events, and reservable sites during fiscal year 25 at Harry Griffen Park. She also went over requests from park goers (parking, off-leash dogs, shade needed). She then introduced the Secretary of Canine Corners, Janet Freeman. Ms. Freeman provided an update on Canine Corners and the need for weeding and board members. Michelle Metschel from City of

El Cajon provided a resource to Canine Corners to assist with the weeding as community service.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)**

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There were no public comments.

**5. CURRENT BUSINESS**

**5.1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE HARRY GRIFFEN REGIONAL PARK JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT GOVERNING BOARD SPECIAL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025**

There were no questions of the minutes from March 26, 2025.

**Moved by** Councilmember Suzuki

**Seconded by** Board Member Metschel

Approve the minutes

Yes (5): Councilmember Suzuki, Board Member Damsky, Board Member Daniels, Board Member La Fata, and Board Member Metschel

**Motion Approved (5 to 0)**

**5.2 APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET**

Board Member Daniels of the County of San Diego inquired about where, if possible, to decrease the budget in order to not see a large increase.

**Moved by** Councilmember Suzuki

**Seconded by** Board Member Metschel

City of La Mesa staff recommends the Governing Board approve the budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Yes (4): Councilmember Suzuki, Board Member Damsky, Board Member La Fata, and Board Member Metschel

No (1): Board Member Daniels

**Motion Approved (4 to 1)**

6. **STAFF AND BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Suzuki adjourned the meeting at 9:21.

**DRAFT** HARRY GRIFFEN REGIONAL PARK BUDGET FY 2026-2027

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	<b>FY 2024 ACTUAL</b>	<b>FY 2025 ACTUAL</b>	<b>FY 2026 BUDGET</b>	<b>BUDGET CATEGORY</b>	<b>FY 2027 PROPOSED</b>
1	\$ 160,405	\$ 179,529	\$ 191,589	Salaries	\$ 197,930
2	\$ 155,514	\$ 168,527	\$ 189,366	Benefits	\$ 209,250
3	\$ 2,137	\$ 1,390	\$ 3,560	Personal Expenses	\$ 3,650
4	\$ 182,880	\$ 207,110	\$ 217,000	Materials, Supplies, & Services	\$ 208,330
5	\$ 1,188	\$ 25,000	\$ 64,370	Equipment and Capital Outlay	\$ -
6	\$ 502,124	\$ 581,556	\$ 665,885	Sub-total	\$ 619,160
7	\$ 82,680	\$ 97,300	\$ 97,300	Overhead	\$ 102,165
8	\$ 584,804	\$ 678,856	\$ 763,185	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 721,325

\*\* Shared Costs Estimates displayed below are based on the total budget proposal for FY 2026-27

**\*\*AGENCY SHARES**

**FY 2027 Shared Cost Estimates**

City of La Mesa -40%	\$	288,530.00
City of El Cajon- 15%	\$	108,198.75
County of San Diego -10%	\$	72,132.50
Helix Water District-35%	\$	252,463.75
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	721,325.00