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## **Regular BOD Meeting - September Highlights**

Paradise, September 14, 2022 – The Paradise Recreation and Park District Board of Directors met for a busy Regular Meeting Wednesday evening at the Terry Ashe Recreation Center.

Volunteer Coordinator Sophia Munoz-Oliverez started out with a special presentation recognizing volunteer Tim Umenhofer for his one-year anniversary of outstanding efforts with the District.

The Board received updates from Paradise Arts, Theater, and Culture Hub (PATCH) coordinator David Leon Zink about efforts for the walkable downtown Paradise.

Staff presented to the Board a feasibility study for the Paradise Community Center (PCC) for expanding the partnership and Memorandum of Understanding to proceed with next steps for rebuilding what was formally known as the Paradise Senior Center.

The Board of Directors directed District Manager Dan Efseaff to finalize an agreement with Green Gate Landscape Architects (Shawn Rohrbacker) to assist with upcoming project task execution within the District, keeping grant related deliverables within budget and on schedule.

The Board also approved renewal and expansion of the Chico State Enterprises, Nature and Forest Therapy Guide agreement, which provides nature and forest therapy to students within Butte County. In addition, this experience will be expanded to the general public in the near future.

PRPD staff requested Board direction for the idea of a PRPD sponsored Community Recreation and Assistance Grant to fund community recreation events, programs, and/or classes. Interested organizations may apply for modest funding for new activities or events with the PRPD program.

Chair Al McGreehan adjourned the meeting to the next Board of Director's Meeting on October 12, 2022, at 6:00 pm at the Magalia Community Center in Magalia.

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Since 1948, the Paradise Recreation and Park District provides recreation facilities and programs to the residents of Paradise, the Butte Creek Canyon area, and the unincorporated communities of Magalia/Paradise Pines and Concow/Yankee Hill. The District serves 50,000 people living in a 170-square mile area and manages over 1,000 acres of park land and facilities.