



*SMRPD's Mission Statement - "To promote community well being through programs and activities that protect, preserve and enrich the canyons' heritage, open space and unique way of life."*

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## Call for SMRPD Director Candidates

This year the positions of two of the directors on the Silverado-Modjeska Recreation and Park District (SMRPD) board of directors need to be filled by election. This is particularly important, because the incumbents in both seats, Michele Conklin and John Nelson, have announced that they will not be running for reelection. The canyons are as wonderful a place as they are because of the efforts of your neighbors, past and present. Being an SMRPD director is a great way to continue this tradition.

SMRPD is a California special district, it is the public state agency authorized to provide local recreation and parks programs and services within the district boundaries. Specifically, SMRPD oversees two community centers and parks, in Silverado and Modjeska, as well as the Silverado Children's center. In addition to these facilities, the district sponsors many of the classes and events taking place here: e.g., the summer concert series. You may also have noticed that this year SMRPD replaced both playgrounds. This is all made possible by the efforts of many volunteers including the five directors on the SMRPD board.

Being a SMRPD director is a responsibility, but it is not onerous. Directors are expected to attend two or three subcommittee meetings that take place in the afternoon or early evening on the third Tuesday of each month – the scheduling for these meetings, which last from 30 minutes to an hour is flexible – and a full board meeting that starts at 6:30 PM on the fourth Tuesday of each month and typically runs an hour and half to two hours. In addition to meetings, there are usually a few emails every week and each director, depending on their specific area of interest, usually works on research or other projects for several hours each month.

Those interested can learn more about the District from our website (<https://smrpd.org/>). You can learn more than you ever wanted to know about the Board and its operations by paging through the Policy manual available online ([https://1drv.ms/b/s!An\\_OKisCbP0FtTiVEvBDAJW3Dmm4?e=Izp19u](https://1drv.ms/b/s!An_OKisCbP0FtTiVEvBDAJW3Dmm4?e=Izp19u)). Finally, any current board member would be happy to answer your questions. You can find out who we are and how to reach us at <https://smrpd.org/about/directors/>.

To be elected as an SMRPD director, it is necessary to file as a candidate with the Orange County Board of Elections by 5 PM Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. Information about filing can be found at <https://ocvote.gov/candidates/running-for-office-general-qualifications>.