



Board of Directors Resolution

PLEASANT HILL RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT
COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

IN THE MATTER OF

RESOLUTION 2013-03-28B

**RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF GOVERNMENT
TRANSPARENCY AND ACCESSIBILITY**

THE PLEASANT HILL RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS DOES FIND:

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has found that access to information concerning the conduct of the people's business is a fundamental and necessary right, per California Government Code Sections 54950, et seq; and

WHEREAS, "Sunshine Week" was initiated by the American Society of News Editors to educate the public about the importance of open government; and

WHEREAS, James Madison, the father of the United States Constitution, wrote that "consent of the governed" requires that the people be able to "arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives"; and

WHEREAS, "Sunshine Week" coincides with James Madison's birthday on March 16th because he wrote the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that guarantees freedom of speech and press - and by extension the right and need of the people and press to know what their government is doing; and

WHEREAS, every citizen in our constitutional republic and under State Statutes has a right of open access to government meetings and public records; and

WHEREAS, an open and accessible government is vital to establishing and maintaining the people's trust and confidence in their government and in the government's ability to effectively serve its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the protection of every person's right of access to public records and notice of government meetings is a high priority of Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District; and

WHEREAS, Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District is committed to timely notice, openness and transparency in all aspects of its operations and seeks to set a high standard in this regard; and

TOWARD THAT END, Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District will strive to earn the California Special District Associations (CSDA) District Transparency Certificate of Excellence, which includes some of the items listed below:

- Proof of current ethics training for all board members, timely filing of State Controller's Special Districts Financial Transactions and Compensation Report.
- Display names of board members and their terms of office, board meeting schedules, agendas, minutes, and the District's mission statement on the website, www.pleasanthillrec.com.
- Provide a regular district newsletter, website information, and email communication on the District activities and projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District commits during this Sunshine Week, March 10 - 16, commemorating the 262nd anniversary of James Madison's birth, and throughout the year 2013, to work diligently to enhance the public's access to government records and information; to increase information provided electronically and online; and to ensure that all meetings of deliberative bodies under its jurisdiction, and their committees, are fully noticed, open to the public; and that, whenever possible, audio recordings of public meetings shall be undertaken.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on March 28, 2013, by the following vote:

AYES: Bonato, Donaghu, Glover, Sterrett

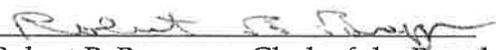
NOES:

ABSENT: Shess



Bobby Glover, Chair

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was approved by the vote indicated herein above at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors on March 28, 2013.


Robert B. Berggren, Clerk of the Board