



**City of Carpinteria**  
**Carpinteria Open Space Management Advisory Board Agenda**  
**Thursday, February 12, 2026**  
**Council Chamber, 5775 Carpinteria Avenue,**  
**Carpinteria, CA 93013**

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**3:00 PM Special Meeting**

**Attendance/Viewing Options:**

- Attend the in-person meeting in City Council Chambers at City Hall (5775 Carpinteria Ave.)

**How to Provide Public Comments**

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**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

**Public Comment**

This is the time for public comments on matters not otherwise on the agenda, but within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Carpinteria Open Space Management Advisory Board.

**Consent Calendar**

Items on the consent calendar are considered to be routine and are normally enacted by one unanimous vote of the Carpinteria Open Space Management Advisory Board. If you wish to speak on a consent calendar item, please do so during the public comment period provided at the beginning of this item.

1. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 15, 2026.

## **Business Matters**

2. Code Enforcement – Off Leash Dog in open spaces discussion
3. Signage review
  - a) Review of text for the harbor seal and tar seep interpretive signage
  - b) Review of potential sign locations for both interpretive signs
4. Update on Ricon Bluffs project
5. Mission and Goals discussion and planning – possible planning workshop
6. One page “field guide” for Showscapes
7. Map of the Bluffs
8. Follow up on County funding for Bluffs

## **Next Meeting Date**

9.
  - a) Tuesday, March 17, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
  - b) Proposed agenda items

## **Adjournment**

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This agenda was posted on February 5, 2026, by the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department, on the City Hall Public Notices Board, and on the Internet.

**City of Carpinteria  
Carpinteria Open Space Management Advisory Board  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 15, 2026 at 3:00 PM  
City Hall Council Chambers  
5775 Carpinteria Ave**

Board Members Present: David Allen, Chair  
Ted Rhodes, Vice-Chair  
Jon Lewis  
James McElvain  
Evan Hobson, Secretary  
Patrick Crooks  
Scout Vernon

Board Members Absent: N/A

Others Present: Jeanette Gant (Parks, Rec., & Community Services Director)  
Member(s) of the Public

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **1. Call to Order**

- a. Attendance per above, David Allen as Chair. Meeting called to order at 3:00 PM.

### **2. Public or Board Comments regarding matters not on the agenda**

- a. March 22, 2026 – Sunrise Ceremony at the Carpinteria Bluffs Nature Preserve.
- b. February 14, 2026 (Valentine's Day) marks the one-year anniversary of the formal announcement of the Rincon Gateway acquisition.

### **3. Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 20, 2025 and the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on December 15, 2025**

- a. Member McElvain moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 20, 2025. The motion was seconded by Member Rhodes and approved unanimously.
- b. Member Rhodes moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on December 15, 2025. The motion was seconded by Member Crooks and approved unanimously.

### **4. Signage review**

**a. Review of text for the harbor seal and tar seep interpretive signage**

- i. Multiple drafts of the harbor seal interpretive sign language were presented by members of the public and comments regarding the preexisting draft signage were also received. The group discussed errors in the existing language, as well as main points that should be highlighted in the text, which can be incorporated into a new draft to be discussed further at the next meeting. Tar seep signage did not receive any significant feedback other than a comment or two regarding elaborating on the history of Carpinteria and Jeanette Gant will continue to revise and present again at the next meeting.

**b. Review of potential sign locations for both interpretive signs**

- i. Potential locations were discussed for the two interpretive signs, one for the harbor seals and another for tar pits park, with main considerations being aesthetics, maintaining uninterrupted views, pedestrian traffic flow along trails, readability, and accessibility.

**5. Update on Ricon Bluffs project**

- a. No status update – nothing discussed. Proposed agenda item for next meeting.

**6. Mission and Goals discussion and planning – possible planning workshop**

- a. Nothing discussed. Proposed agenda item for next meeting.

**7. One page “field guide” for Showcapes**

- a. Nothing discussed. Proposed agenda item for next meeting.

**8. Discussion regarding dogs on Bluffs**

- a. Observations of unleashed dogs causing disturbance to wildlife and creating safety concerns for others were presented. Recommendations include temporary, removable signage to discourage continuation of unleashed dogs as well as code enforcement officer to provide citations regularly or during certain “high use” periods.

**9. Map of the Bluffs**

- a. Nothing discussed. Proposed agenda item for next meeting.

**10. Follow up on County funding for Bluffs**

- a. Quick update provided by Jeanette Gant but recommended further discussion. Member Rhodes moved to propose that one or more members of COSMAB appear to speak at the next County meeting in support of the City’s requests and to thank the County. The motion was seconded by Member Rhodes and approved unanimously.

**11. Next Meeting Date**

- a. Special Meeting: Thursday, February 12, 3:00–4:30 p.m.
- b. March Regular Meeting **RESCHEDULED**: Tuesday, March 17, 2:00–3:30

p.m.

c. Proposed Agenda Items

- i. Text for signage review – continued
- ii. Locations of interpretive signs – continued
- iii. Update on Ricon Bluffs project
- iv. Mission and Goals discussion and planning – possible planning workshop
- v. One page “field guide” for Showcapes
- vi. Map of the Bluffs
- vii. Follow up on County funding for Bluffs – continued
- viii. Request for Code Enforcement to attend a meeting and provide data regarding off-leash dog citations on the Bluffs

**12. Adjournment**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.