



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

R-12-64
Meeting 12-20
June 27, 2012

AGENDA ITEM 11

AGENDA ITEM

Discuss and Consider Having the District Co-Sponsor the Silicon Valley Watershed Summit

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "GK" or similar initials, written over the printed text of the General Manager's Recommendation.

Discuss and consider having the District co-sponsor the Silicon Valley Watershed Summit.

SUMMARY

Director Kishimoto has requested the Board to discuss and consider having the District co-sponsor the Silicon Valley Watershed Summit being held on September 22, 2012 at Foothill College in Los Altos Hills, CA. District sponsorship would include staff participation, publicizing the event on the District website and a possible \$500 contribution to defray costs.

DISCUSSION

The Silicon Valley Watershed summit, to be held on September 22, 2012, is planned as a gathering of activists and elected officials, agency staff, and non-profit leaders for the purpose of learning about and taking steps to collaborate on ways to improve local watershed function in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties. Director Kishimoto has been heavily involved in planning this summit and is requesting that the District co-sponsor the summit. As a co-sponsor, the District would, at a minimum, be expected to help publicize the event through the District's newsletters and e-mail distribution lists as well as contributing to the organization and implementation of the event. The District General Manager will be moderating the "Watershed Issues" panel. The draft agenda for the summit is attached.

BOARD COMMITTEE REVIEW

Committee review is not required for this agenda item.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no new fiscal impact from District participation in the Silicon Valley Watershed Summit. Staff participation is modest and the \$500 sponsorship contribution from the District to defray summit costs will come from the General Manager's contingency, where the money is budgeted.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice was provided as required by the Brown Act.

CEQA COMPLIANCE

This is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

NEXT STEPS

If approved, the Board will direct the General Manager to assist with publicizing the Silicon Valley Watershed Summit as well as providing any assistance with the organization and implementation of the event.

Attachment:

1. Draft Silicon Valley Watershed Summit agenda

Responsible Manager:

Steve Abbors, General Manager

Prepared by:

Michelle Radcliffe, District Clerk

Contact person:

Yoriko Kishimoto, Director

ATTACHMENT 1

Please join us at the Silicon Valley Watershed Summit, a gathering of activists and elected officials, agency staff and non-profit leaders, and also including the newly-interested, to learn about and take steps to cooperate across the board on new ideas to improve our local watersheds in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. This event will focus on “Big Picture” issues that challenge the health of our local watersheds, and promote skills that YOU can implement in your watershed and your community. Participants will be able to congregate around specific issues and specific watersheds, and initiate "friend" groups and public-private partnerships that will continue working together to promote, protect and restore our watersheds. Special speakers are Brock Dolman, Director of the Occidental Arts and Ecology Center’s Water Institute, and Lester Snow, former California Secretary of Natural Resources and current Director of the California Water Foundation.

Silicon Valley Watershed Summit

Saturday, September 22

8:30am-2pm

Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Rd., Los Altos Hills

8:30-9:00am - **Registration**

9:00am - **Welcome & Orientation**

9:05-9:25am - **Keynote Speaker:** Brock Dolman, Director of the Occidental Arts and Ecology Center’s Water Institute

9:30-10:30am - **Watershed Issues Panel**

Moderator: Steve Abbors, General Manager, MROSD

Phil Bobel, Asst. Director of Public Works, City of Palo Alto (water quality)

Len Materman, Executive Director, San Francisquito Creek JPA (flood protection)

Tracy Hemmeter or someone else from SCVWD (water supply)

TBD (ecosystems/HCPs)

BREAK

10:40-11:40am - **Skill-Building Workshops**

Legislation & Policy

Hands-on Watershed Projects

Watersheds 101

11:40am-12:30pm - **Lunch**

12:30-12:50pm - **Keynote Speaker:** Lester Snow, former California Secretary of Natural Resources and current Director of the California Water Foundation

BREAK

1:00-2:00pm - **Watershed Break-Out Groups**

2:00pm - **Closing Remarks**