



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

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Meeting 13-05
February 27, 2013

AGENDA ITEM 6

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Ratification of the Vision Plan Community Advisory Committee Membership List

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

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Ratify the Membership List for the Vision Plan Community Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY

In late 2012, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District) Board of Directors (Board) endorsed the formation of a volunteer Community Advisory Committee (CAC) to participate in the Vision Plan as an important component of the overall strategy to meaningfully engage the public in the visioning process and build support for the District. The purpose of this Agenda Item is to obtain formal Board ratification of the membership list to kick start the first CAC meeting, which is scheduled for March 6, 2013.

DISCUSSION

The Vision Plan process will focus the District's strategies to enhance regional collaboration, build public support, and enhance financial and staffing resources by identifying priorities for land conservation, resource management, and low-intensity recreation. A critical step is to clearly understand community, partner, and stakeholder interests, values, knowledge, and perspectives related to open space. Toward this end, the process includes the creation of a volunteer CAC to participate in the Vision Plan as an important component of the overall strategy to meaningfully engage the public in the visioning process and build support for the District.

At the meeting of November 28, 2012, the Board discussed, refined, and endorsed the purpose and key principles related to the formation of the CAC. Since that time, staff has solicited membership recommendations from the Board, issued a general public call for interested participants, and discussed potential CAC membership with numerous community leaders.

Staff strove to balance the CAC geographically and sought out people with diverse perspectives, not all of whom may currently be involved in the District's work. Attachment 1 lists 26 confirmed participants in the CAC, and an additional four tentative participants whose availability was not yet fully confirmed at the time of report publication (confirmation is pending). The list includes representatives from important partner organizations such as cities, counties, and relevant non-profits. Also included are health, agriculture, youth, and environmental advocates. Additionally, staff is still working to add up to five additional

participants to represent either Santa Clara County or Bayside San Mateo County in order to better balance the CAC membership geographically. Staff will return with a completed roster of the CAC once membership has been confirmed.

FISCAL IMPACT

Formation of the CAC would not result in a direct fiscal impact. Expenses necessary to conduct meetings and tours, such as possible venue rentals, are expected to remain consistent with the budget estimates presented at the January 15, 2013 Board Report (see R-13-10), which are accounted for in both the current FY2012-13 and proposed FY2013-14 budgets.

BOARD COMMITTEE REVIEW

No Board Committee review was needed for this item. Instead, discussions and solicitations for CAC membership have been discussed amongst the full Board.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice was provided pursuant to the Brown Act. Notice was also sent to the interested parties list for the Vision Plan Project and to the list of proposed CAC members shown in Attachment 1.

CEQA COMPLIANCE

Ratification of a CAC membership list does not constitute a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

NEXT STEPS

Upon Board ratification, staff will continue to prepare for the initial meeting of the CAC, scheduled for March 6, 2013.

Attachment:

1. Membership List for Vision Plan Community Advisory Committee

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ATTACHMENT 1

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP LIST

Name	Title/Affiliation
John Bourgeois	Ecologist, Los Gatos Planning Commission
Henrietta Burroughs	Journalist, East Palo Alto community leader and talk show host
Mike Bushue	Equestrian Trail Riders' Action Committee
Chris Cruz*	Chair, Park Management Department, West Valley College
Philippe Cohen	Director, Jasper Ridge Ecological Preserve
Rob Courtney	Director, County of Santa Clara Department of Parks and Recreation
Judy Grote	South Skyline Association / Preserve neighbor
Sue Garner	Saratoga/Monte Sereno Community Leader
Don Horsley	San Mateo County Supervisor
Karen Holman	Palo Alto City Council member, Palo Alto History Museum
Melissa Hippard	Program Director, Greenbelt Alliance
Paul Heiple	Botanist, Acterra, California Native Plant Society
Reed Holderman	Executive Director, Sempervirens Fund
Lynn Jackson	Docent, Volunteer, Half Moon Bay resident
Jered Lawson	Operator, Pie Ranch; Community Agriculture
Marc Landgraf	Director of External Affairs, Peninsula Open Space Trust
Valentin Lopez*	Amah Mutsen Tribal Chairman
Dianne McKenna	Sunnyvale Community Leader, Former Mayor
John Muller	Vice Mayor, City of Half Moon Bay, coastal farmer
Steve Monowitz	Deputy Director, San Mateo County Planning Department
Kellyx Nelson	Executive Director, San Mateo County Resource Conservation District
Paul Nam	Former President, ROMP, Cupertino resident
Chris Overington	Executive Director, Hidden Villa

Name	Title/Affiliation
Carlos Romero *	Former Mayor, City of East Palo Alto.
Lennie Roberts	Legislative advocate, Committee for Green Foothills
Bern Smith	South and East Bay Trail Director Bay Area Ridge Trail
Laura Stec	Innovative Cuisine, Healthy Food Advocate
Carolyn Walsh*	Principal Planner, Santa Clara County Planning Department
Steve Wilson	Coastal Cattle Rancher
Steve Wood	REI Outdoor Education Programs Director

* Tentative member (participation not yet confirmed)

Note:

Staff is currently working to identify up to five additional participants from either Santa Clara County or Bayside San Mateo County.