



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

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Appointment of Director and Alternate Representatives to the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority Board of Directors

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

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Appoint President Cecily Harris as Director and General Manager Steve Abbors and Assistant General Manager Ana Ruiz as Alternates to the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority Board of Directors.

SUMMARY

The District joined the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CalJPIA) in 2001 as a cost effective alternative to commercial insurance. This relationship has repeatedly proven to be a financial benefit to the District. Each year the Board appoints regular and alternate representatives to serve as members of the CalJPIA Board of Directors.

DISCUSSION

Background

The District joined the CalJPIA risk pool in 2001 in order to help control the overall costs of risk management, proving extremely cost effective compared to commercial insurance. CalJPIA, as authorized by its Joint Powers Agreement, operates as a membership organization with a current membership of over 120 organizations and municipalities with good loss experience and risk management efforts. The District pays reasonable premiums for its liability protection, property insurance, pollution and remediation legal liability, crime insurance, and workers' compensation programs. The special events/tenant user liability program, which provides coverage for specific events, and the vendor/contractors liability program, which provides the contractor or vendor with insurance for specific contracts with the District, are both on a "pay as you go," as-needed basis. As a pool member, the District pays an annual contribution for the liability and workers' compensation programs.

District Participation

The Joint Powers Agreement establishing the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority states that in addition to one representative from the member agency's legislative body, there shall be "at least one alternative who shall be an officer or employee of the member." The alternate members shall have the same authority as the regular member. Since the District joined CalJPIA

in 2002, both the Administrative Services Manager and Assistant General Manager positions have served as alternates, with the Administrative Services Manager serving as an alternate in the absence of a full time Assistant General Manager. If the Board President is unable to attend the annual CalJPIA Board meeting, currently scheduled for July 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. or attend any other matter required by the CalJPIA Joint Powers Agreement, the alternate representatives would perform these functions in the President's place. According to the bylaws of the CalJPIA, each year the Board of Directors must name the specific individual representatives.

FISCAL IMPACT

There are no unbudgeted fiscal impacts associated with the recommended action.

BOARD COMMITTEE REVIEW

Committee review is not required for this agenda item.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice was provided per the Brown Act. No additional notice is required.

CEQA COMPLIANCE

This proposed action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act and no environmental review is required.

NEXT STEPS

If approved by the Board, the District Clerk will advise CalJPIA of the names of the District CalJPIA Director and two alternates.

Responsible Department Manager:
Steve Abbors, General Manager

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