



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Meeting 26-03

Board Room of the Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District Administrative Office
5050 El Camino Real, Los Altos, CA 94022

AGENDA

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

Regular Meeting starts at 7:00 PM*

The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (Midpen) Board meetings are held in person at the District's Administrative Office, and by teleconference pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE OPTIONS

1. In person at the Midpen Administrative Office: the Board Room is open to the public during meetings of the Board of Directors.
2. Remotely via Zoom: Join the meeting conference by clicking this link:
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3. By phone: dial (669) 900-6833 or (346) 248-7799 and enter the Meeting ID: 875 3182 9291

SUBMITTAL OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public may submit written comments to be provided to the Board, or register to make oral comments, as follows:

- Written comments may be submitted via the public comment form at: <https://www.openspace.org/public-comment>.
- Requests to provide oral comment must be submitted prior to the time when public comment on the agenda item is closed as follows:
 - In-person attendance: submit a request via the paper-based public comment form at the meeting.
 - Remote attendance: submit a request through the public comment form at: <https://www.openspace.org/public-comment>.
- Any comments received after the deadline will be provided to the Board after the meeting.

7:00 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

ROLL CALL

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

- **January 21, 2026**

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

This portion of the agenda is for members of the public to comment on items not on the agenda; however, the Brown Act (Open Meeting Law) does not allow action by the Board of Directors on items not on the agenda. Individuals are limited to one comment during this section.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

CONSENT CALENDAR

All items on the Consent Calendar may be approved without discussion by one motion. Board members, the General Manager, and members of the public may request that an item be removed from the Consent Calendar during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

- 1. Approve the January 14, 2026 meeting minutes**
- 2. Claims Report**
- 3. Appointment of the Board of Directors Standing Committee Members and Representatives to Various Bodies, Including the Governing Board of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Financing Authority, for Calendar Year 2026 (R-26-08)**

Staff Contact: Zoe Kersteen-Tucker, Board President

Board President's Recommendations: Approve the Board President's appointments to the Board Standing Committees and other bodies, including the Governing Board of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Financing Authority, and the compensable status for attendance at these meetings.

- 4. Contract amendment with Sicular Environmental Consulting and Natural Lands Management to authorize assignment of the contract and provide additional technical support for the La Honda Forest Health Project (R-26-09)**

Staff Contact: Arianna Camponuri, Forest Ecologist II, Natural Resources Department
General Manager's Recommendation: Authorize the General Manager to amend the contract with Sicular Environmental Consulting and Natural Lands Management of Berkeley, California to authorize the assignment of contracted forest assessment and planning services for the La Honda Forest Health Project to Sicular Environmental Consulting LLC (a new reorganized consulting entity) and provide additional technical support for a feasibility study of the Northside Road in the amount of \$37,643, bringing the total contract not-to-exceed amount to \$224,936.

- 5. Award of Contract to Community Initiatives (the fiscal sponsor of Latino Outdoors) to provide Community Engagement Events for Two Years (R-26-10)**

Staff Contact: Gabi Navarrete, Administrative Assistant and Natalie Jolly, Public Affairs Specialist III, Public Affairs Department

General Manager's Recommendation: Authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract with Community Initiatives for an amount not-to-exceed \$88,000 over a two-year span to provide engaging outdoor experiences for diverse participants at various open space preserves and via online virtual presentations.

6. Contract Amendment with Ascent Environmental for Permitting Support to Implement the Purisima Comprehensive Use and Management Plan R-26-11)

Staff Contact: Jane Mark, Planning Manager, Planning Department

General Manager's Recommendations:

1. Authorize the General Manager to execute a contract amendment with Ascent Environmental for permitting support to implement the Purisima Comprehensive Use and Management Plan within the San Mateo Coastal Zone in the amount of \$60,009, bringing the contract base amount to a not-to-exceed total of \$202,184.
2. Authorize an additional 15% contingency in the amount of \$9,001 to cover unforeseen tasks and unanticipated issues beyond the current scope.
3. Authorize a separate contract allowance of \$10,000 for additional project management, application review and consultations with the permitting agency to avoid potential delays, if needed, bringing the not-to-exceed contract amount to \$262,511.

BOARD BUSINESS

Public comment on agenda items is received at the time each item is considered by the Board of Directors.

7. Community Partnership Highlight: Vista Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired (R-26-12)

Staff Contact: Natalie Jolly, Public Affairs Specialist III, Public Affairs Department

General Manager's Recommendation: Receive an informational presentation on the partnership with Vista Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired. No Board action required.

8. Award of Contract for Agricultural Water Development Project in La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve (R-26-13)

Staff Contact: Leigh Guggemos, Capital Project Manager III, Engineering and Construction Department

General Manager's Recommendations:

1. Award a contract to ECAST Engineering, Inc., of Oakland, CA for a base amount of \$64,001 plus a bid alternate amount of \$26,864, for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$90,865.
2. Authorize a 15% contingency in the amount of \$13,630 to be reserved for unanticipated issues, bringing the total not-to-exceed contract amount to \$104,495.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS – Reports on compensable meetings attended. Brief reports or announcements concerning activities of District Directors and staff; opportunity to refer public or Board questions to staff for information; request staff to report to the Board on a matter at a future meeting; or direct staff to place a matter on a future agenda. Items in this category are for discussion and direction to staff only. No final policy action will be taken by the Board.

- A. Committee Reports
- B. Staff Reports
- C. Director Reports

ADJOURNMENT

**Times are estimated and items may appear earlier or later than listed. The Agenda is subject to a change of order.*

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CERTIFICATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA

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Maria Soria, MMC, CPMC
District Clerk

