



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

NOTICE OF SPECIAL AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Meeting 26-06

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

AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM #7 - REVISIONS AND SUPPLEMENTAL ATTACHMENT D HAVE BEEN ADDED TO ATTACHMENT 2

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

**Special Meeting starts at 5:30 PM
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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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.

5:30 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

ROLL CALL

1. **Conservation Grazing Vegetation Management and Brush Reduction Program (R-26-20)**

Staff Contact: Matthew Shapero, Conservation Grazing Program Manager, Facilities and Fleet Department

General Manager's Recommendation: Receive an informational report on vegetation management and brush reduction in grazing units conducted between 2024 and 2026 (and planned in 2027) in support of the Conservation Grazing Program. No Board Action required.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL

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

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

Introduction of Staff

- Steve Roberson, Equipment Mechanic Operator

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 February 11, 2026 meeting minutes**
- 2. Claims Report**
- 3. Formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to update Board Governance Policies (R-26-21)**

Staff Contact: Maria Soria, District Clerk/Assistant to the General Manager, General Manager's Office

General Manager's Recommendation: Approve the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee of three Board members to be appointed by the Board President to update Board Policy 6.07, *Code of Conduct* and potentially also Board Policy 1.06, *Board Officers* pursuant to Board Policy 1.04, *Board Committees*. Consistent with other recent Ad Hoc Committees of the Board, these meetings would be compensable.

- 4. Award of Contract to LSA Associates, Inc., for Environmental Review and Permitting Services for the Beatty Parking and Trail Connections Project at Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve (R-26-22)**

Staff Contact: Mattea Ottoboni, AICP, Planner II, Planning Department

General Manager's Recommendations:

1. Authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with LSA Associates Inc., to provide environmental review and permitting services for the Beatty Parking Area and Trail Connections Project for a base contract amount not to exceed \$242,737.
2. Authorize a 15% contingency in the amount of \$36,410 to cover unforeseen circumstances.

3. Authorize a \$13,120 contract allowance for a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment if it is determined to be necessary, bringing the total not-to-exceed contract amount to \$292,267.

5. Award of Contract to Vishal Subramanian to provide Wildlife Photography and Videography at Various Preserves (R-26-23)

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

General Manager's Recommendation: Authorize the General Manager to enter into a two-year contract with wildlife photographer Vishal Subramanian in the amount of \$70,000, funded at \$35,000 per year, to support ongoing wildlife documentation and related communication needs.

6. Approval of Agreement with Santa Clara County for Radio Communications Services (R-26-24)

Staff Contact: Deborah Bazar, Management Analyst II, Visitor Services Department

General Manager's Recommendation: Authorize the General Manager to enter into a new five-year agreement with Santa Clara County for an amount not to exceed \$187,320 to: (1) perform annual radio maintenance and repair, and (2) support implementation of a new digital simulcast radio communications system.

BOARD BUSINESS

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

7. Bear Creek Stables Long-Term Agreement with the Friends of Bear Creek Stables (R-26-25) Revisions and Supplemental Attachment D have been added to Attachment 2.

Staff Contact: Brian Malone, Assistant General Manager, General Manager's Office

General Manager's Recommendation: Authorize the General Manager to enter into an initial two-year agreement with the Friends of Bear Creek Stables to operate Bear Creek Stables for the purpose of providing public equestrian interaction, nature programming, and horse boarding services, with two optional five-year extensions to be executed at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

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

