



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

NOTICE OF SPECIAL AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Meeting 26-12

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

REVISED AGENDA

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

Special Meeting starts at ~~5:00~~5:30 PM
Regular Meeting starts at 7:00 PM*

TELECONFERENCE NOTICE

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(b), Director MacNiven will participate from 22400 Skyline Blvd., La Honda, CA 94020. This Notice and Agenda will be posted at the teleconference location. Accessibility to and public comment from this address will be provided pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(b)(3).

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.
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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.

**~~5:00~~
5:30** **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDPENINSULA
REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT – CLOSED SESSION**

ROLL CALL

1. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54956.8)**

Property: San Mateo County APNs: 086-340-010, 020, 030, 040, 050, 070, 080, 090, 100, 110, 120, 130, 140, 150, 160, 170, 180, 190, 230, 240, 280, 300 and 320
Agency Negotiator: Aaron Peth, Real Property Planner
Negotiating Party: Ben Wright, Peninsula Open Space Trust
Under Negotiation: Purchase Terms

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION – April 14, 2026 & April 22, 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 April 8, 2026 meeting minutes**
- 2. Claims Report**
- 3. Grant Funding Application for Santa Cruz Kangaroo Rat Project (R-26-49)**

Staff Contact: Danny Morrison, Management Analyst II, Administrative Services Department

General Manager's Recommendation: Adopt a resolution authorizing the General Manager to apply for grant funding from the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) and negotiate a grant funding agreement up to \$500,000 for the Santa Cruz Kangaroo Rat Habitat Management Plan Implementation Project.

- 4. Award of Contracts to Three Firms for On-Call Graphic Design Services (R-26-50)**

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

General Manager's Recommendation: Authorize the General Manager to enter into three, four-year contracts for on-call graphic design services with Cartwright Design Studio, Eric Gouldsberry Art Direction and SIDE Studio for amounts not to exceed \$100,000 each.

5. Proposed Funding Agreement with Peninsula Open Space Trust for Purchase of an Agricultural Conservation Easement on the North Cowell Property located at 2475 Cabrillo Highway, Half Moon Bay, in unincorporated San Mateo County (Assessor's Parcel Numbers 066-170-070 & 066-170-080) to ensure perpetual agricultural use of the property (R-26-51)

Staff Contact: Aaron Peth, Real Property Planner, Real Property Department

General Manager's Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the execution of the Funding Agreement with Peninsula Open Space Trust for the agricultural conservation easement over the North Cowell property.

6. Award of Contract for Engineering Design and Construction Support Services for the Miramontes Crossing Replacement Project at Miramontes Ridge Open Space Preserve (R-26-52)

Staff Contact: Ivana Yeung, Capital Project Manager III, Engineering & Construction Department

General Manager's Recommendations:

1. Authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with Biggs Cardosa Associates Inc., to provide engineering design and construction support services for the Miramontes Crossing Replacement Project for a not-to-exceed base contract amount of \$249,799.
2. Authorize an allowance in the amount of \$20,000 for additional technical studies if required by regulatory agencies to obtain jurisdictional permits.
3. Authorize a 10% contingency in the amount of \$24,980 for unforeseen tasks or construction support beyond the current scope, bringing the total not-to-exceed contract amount to \$294,779.

7. Award of Construction Contract for the Bear Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve North Parking Area (R-26-53)

Staff Contact: Alex Harker, Capital Project Manager III, Engineering & Construction Department

General Manager's Recommendations:

1. Authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract with Joseph J. Albanese, Inc., of Santa Clara, CA as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder for a not-to-exceed base amount of \$1,904,963.
2. Authorize the award of a Bid Alternate in the amount of \$88,825 for the installation of planting and \$21,000 for the use of Corten steel edging in lieu of aluminum edging, bringing the base contract amount to \$2,014,788.
3. Authorize a contingency of 20% in the amount of \$402,958 to be reserved for unanticipated issues, bringing the total-not-to-exceed contract amount to \$2,417,746.

BOARD BUSINESS

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

8. Consideration of a Commemorative Bench in honor of Katherine (Kay) Duffy at Fremont Older Open Space Preserve (R-26-54)

Staff Contact: Gabi Navarrete, Public Affairs Administrative Assistant, Public Affairs Department

General Manager's Recommendation: Approve the request of Director Craig Gleason (Ward 1) to recognize a founding and former long-time Board Director Kay Duffy with a commemorative bench at the junction of Hayfield Trail and Sevens Springs Trail Connector in the Fremont Older Open Space Preserve.

9. Public Affairs Annual Update (R-26-55)

Staff Contact: Lori Low, Public Affairs Manager, Public Affairs Department

General Manager's Recommendation: Receive a Public Affairs informational update on fiscal year and calendar year 2025 activities. No formal action is required.

10. Informational Ranger Public Safety Report for 2025 (R-26-56)

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

General Manager's Recommendation: Receive an informational report on enforcement activities and public safety incidents initiated or responded to by Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Rangers during calendar year 2025. No formal action is required.

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

