



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

NOTICE OF SPECIAL AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Meeting 26-24

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

AGENDA

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

Special Meeting 5:00 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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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 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: Santa Clara County APN(s): 544-03-001, 544-06-001, 544-06-002, 544-07-015, 537-01-002 and 537-02-001 Agency Negotiator: Aaron Peth, Real Property Planner III Negotiating Party: San Jose Water Company Under Negotiation: Purchase Terms

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

Property: San Mateo County APN(s): 089-150-010, 089-150-020 and 089-150-040
Agency Negotiator: Jasmine Leong, Real Property Agent II Negotiating Party:
Sempervirens Fund Under Negotiation: Purchase Terms

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

Property: Santa Clara County APN(s): 544-28-007, 544-29-008, 544-29-009, 544-29-010, 544-29-011, and 544-29-012 Agency Negotiator: Jasmine Leong, Real Property Agent II Negotiating Party: Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) 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

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

- Alysha Carabetta, Training and Safety Specialist

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 September 9, 2026 meeting minutes**
- 2. Claims Report**
- 3. Amendment to the Use and Management Plan for Long Ridge Open Space Preserve to clarify the dogs-on-leash designations and to extend dog on-leash access to a 0.2-mile section of Chestnut Trail (R-26-136)**

Staff Contact: Chris Barresi, Area Superintendent, Visitor Services Department

General Manager's Recommendation: Approve an amendment to the Use and Management Plan for Long Ridge Open Space Preserve as follows (refer also to map in Attachment A):

- A. Allow dogs-on-leash on a 0.2-mile segment of the Chestnut Trail between Castanea Ridge Road and Portola Heights Road to improve neighborhood dog access.
- B. Define and clarify that dogs-on-leash are allowed only on the trails designated for dogs-on-leash trails (i.e., the remainder of Chestnut Trail and a 0.4-mile upper segment of Peter's Creek Trail) and on the disc line that extends between the Grizzly Flat roadside parking area and Gate LR03.

4. Award of Contract for the Districtwide Bat Roosting Habitat Suitability Analysis (R-26-137)

Staff Contact: Mia Guarnieri, Resource Management Specialist II, Natural Resources Department

General Manager's Recommendations:

- 1. Authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract with Stillwater Sciences to conduct a district-wide assessment of natural bat roosting habitat with a written report and to update bat training materials for a base contract amount not to exceed \$232,171.
- 2. Authorize a 10% contingency of \$23,217 to cover unforeseen tasks beyond the current scope, bringing the total not-to-exceed contract amount to \$255,388.

5. Annual Year-End Action Plan Progress Update and Major Accomplishments Report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2026 (R-26-138)

Staff Contact: Rafaela Ocegüera, Budget & Finance Manager, Budget & Finance Department

General Manager's Recommendation: Informational item only. No Board action required.

6. Grant Application with the California Wildlife Conservation Board to fund specific elements of the Purisima-to-the-Sea Parking Project (R-26-139)

Staff Contact: Carol Schimke, Grants Program Manager, Administrative Services Department

General Manager's Recommendation: Adopt a resolution authorizing the General Manager to apply for up to \$1,860,000 in grant funding and negotiate a subsequent grant agreement, if awarded, from the California Wildlife Conservation Board for the wildlife-oriented public access elements, and to support the general conditions and site preparation activities of the Purisima-to-the-Sea Parking Project.

7. Grant Funding from the California State Coastal Conservancy for the Highway 17 Wildlife and Trail Crossings Project, the El Sereno Loop Trail and a Connector Trail to the Highway Overcrossing (R-26-140)

Staff Contact: Carol Schimke, Grants Program Manager, Administrative Services Department

General Manager's Recommendation: Adopt a resolution authorizing the General Manager to enter into a grant award agreement for \$4,000,000 awarded by the California State Coastal Conservancy for the Highway 17 Wildlife and Trail Crossings Project, the El Sereno Loop Trail and a Connector Trail to the highway overcrossing.

8. Award of Contract to EMID Design Group for Procurement and Installation of 21 Workstations (R-26-141)

Staff Contact: Stefan Jaskulak, Chief Financial Officer/Director of Administrative Services, General Manager's Office

General Manager's Recommendations:

1. Award a contract to Erin Melkonian Interior Design, Inc., (EMID Design Group) of Fresno, CA to furnish and install workstations in the Administrative Office for a not-to-exceed base amount of \$136,559.
2. Authorize a 10% contingency amount of \$13,655 to be reserved for unanticipated issues, additional furnishings and/or replacement items, for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$150,214.

BOARD BUSINESS

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

9. Mitigation Cooperative Agreement with the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board for the Hicks Creek Off-Site Mitigation Project at Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve (R-26-142)

Staff Contact: David Liefert, Senior Resource Management Specialist, Natural Resources Department

General Manager's Recommendations:

1. Adopt a resolution adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Guadalupe River Bridge Replacement Project, as amended by the First, Second and Third Addendums, in conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act to analyze environmental impacts associated with the Hicks Creek Off-Site Mitigation Project, as set forth in the Mitigation Cooperative Agreement with the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board.
2. Authorize the General Manager to execute a mitigation cooperative agreement with the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board for implementation of the Hicks Creek Off-Site Mitigation Project at Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve to restore approximately 0.66-acre of instream, floodplain, riparian, and upland habitat, with all project costs estimated at approximately \$1.8 million fully funded by the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board.

10. Consideration of the Proposed Toad Hollow Wetland Mitigation Project at Bear Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve (R-26-143)

Staff Contact: Jackie Van Der Hout, Water Resource Specialist III, Natural Resources Department

General Manager's Recommendations:

1. Confirm that the proposed San Jose Water Company mitigation project aligns with the Mitigation Policy.
2. Following confirmation, authorize the General Manager to negotiate a Mitigation Agreement with San Jose Water Company for future consideration and approval.

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

I, Maria Soria, District Clerk for the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD), declare that the foregoing agenda for the special and regular meetings of the MROSD Board of Directors was posted and available for review on September 17, 2026, at the Administrative Offices of MROSD, 5050 El Camino Real, Los Altos, California, 94022. The agenda and any additional written materials are also available on the District's website at <http://www.openspace.org>.



Maria Soria, MMC
District Clerk