



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FINANCING AUTHORITY

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FINANCING AUTHORITY AGENDA ITEM 1

AGENDA ITEM

Confirm no activity by the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Financing Authority on debt issues for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

CONTROLLER'S RECOMMENDATION

Accept the report on the Financing Authority's debt issuance.

DISCUSSION

In May 1996, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District) and Santa Clara County established the Financing Authority with the purpose of providing financing assistance to the District to fund the acquisition and preservation of open space land and to finance public capital improvements. The current members of the Financing Authority Board of Directors are Board President Yoriko Kishimoto (Chairperson), Board Director Jed Cyr, Board Director Zoe Kersteen-Tucker, Board Director Curt Riffle, and Santa Clara County Board Supervisor Joe Simitian. The District and the Financing Authority are accounted as one blended unit for financial statement purposes.

Through June 30, 2023, the District sold six series of Financing Authority bonds, with a total par value of \$199.6 million. A summary of the six financings is shown in Table 1 below. Excluding the 2007 Bonds, which raised no new money and only refinanced existing Financing Authority bonds, the District has issued \$140.4 million (net) of Financing Authority bonds, funding \$77 million of new land acquisitions and repaying \$60 million of prior public and private debt, which had been issued at higher interest rates and for shorter maturities.

Table 1: District Financings

Issuance	Par Amount	TIC*	Purpose
1996 Bonds	\$29.9 M	6.25%	\$11M Land + pay-off 1988 Notes
1999-1 Bonds	\$29.7 M	5.26%	\$21M Land + pay-off 1992 Notes
1999-2 Bonds	\$28.4 M	5.93%	\$15M Land + pay-off 1990 Notes \$10M Land + pay-off 1993
2004 Bonds	\$31.9 M	4.99%	Certificates of Participation
2007 Bonds	\$59.2 M	4.57%	Pay-off 1996 & 1999-2 Notes
2011 Bonds	\$20.5 M	5.60%	Purchase \$20M of Land

* TIC = Total Interest Cost, including all costs of issuance

As of June 30, 2023, the remaining principal balance of the sole Financing Authority bond is zero (repaid in full). The final principal and interest payment due on the bond was made on September 1, 2021. A summary of the activity on the Financing Authority bonds in FY23 is shown below.

**Table 2:
FY23 Financing Authority Activity
(\$ thousands)**

	Balance June 30, 2022	Principal Paid	Balance June 30, 2023	Interest Paid FY23
2011 Bonds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

There are no plans to issue additional debt through the Financing Authority. With the assistance of the District’s Bond Counsel, research is underway to ensure all financial obligations of the Financing Authority have been satisfied to prepare for a discussion with the Board regarding whether or not to possibly dissolve the Financing Authority.

FISCAL IMPACT

No unbudgeted fiscal impacts are associated with this item.

PRIOR BOARD COMMITTEE REVIEW

This item was not previously reviewed by a Board Committee.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice was provided pursuant to the Brown Act. No additional notice is necessary.

CEQA COMPLIANCE

No compliance is required as this action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act.

NEXT STEPS

Conduct research to ensure all financial and administrative obligations of the Financing Authority have been satisfied, including review of real property conveyances associated with the Financing Authority bonds, to evaluate the pros and cons of dissolving the Financing Authority.

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