

#### SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETING

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

The Board of Directors conducted this meeting in accordance with California Government Code section 54953.

#### DRAFT MINUTES

# SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

President MacNiven called the special meeting of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District to order at 5:00 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Jed Cyr, Craig Gleason, Karen Holman, Zoe Kersteen-Tucker, Yoriko

Kishimoto, Margaret MacNiven, and Curt Riffle

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: General Manager Ana Ruiz, General Counsel Hilary Stevenson, Assistant

General Manager Susanna Chan, Assistant General Manager Brian Malone, District Clerk/Assistant to the General Manager Maria Soria, Executive Assistant/Deputy District Clerk Shaylynn Nelson, Human

Resources Manager Candice Basnight

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## 1. Harassment Prevention Training

Human Resources Manager Candice Basnight introduced Hadara Stanton with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore who provided a training for the Board of Directors (Board) on AB 1825 and AB 1661 "Preventing Workplace Harassment, Discrimination and Retaliation" in accordance with California State law.

Public comment opened at 7:00 p.m.

District Clerk/Assistant to the General Manager Maria Soria there were no public speakers for this item.

Public comment closed at 7:00 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

President MacNiven adjourned the special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District at 7:02 p.m.

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

President MacNiven called the regular meeting of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District to order at 7:12 p.m.

## **ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Jed Cyr, Craig Gleason, Karen Holman, Zoe Kersteen-Tucker, Yoriko

Kishimoto, Margaret MacNiven, and Curt Riffle

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: General Manager Ana Ruiz, General Counsel Hilary Stevenson, Assistant

General Manager Susanna Chan, Assistant General Manager Brian Malone, District Clerk/Assistant to the General Manager Maria Soria, Executive Assistant/Deputy District Clerk Shaylynn Nelson, Senior Resource Management Specialist Julie Andersen, Human Resources Manager Candice Basnight, Resource Management Specialist III David

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## **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Public comment opened at 7:13 p.m.

District Clerk Maria Soria reported there were no public speakers for this item.

Public comment closed at 7:13 p.m.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**Motion**: Director Kishimoto moved, and Director Gleason seconded the motion to adopt the agenda.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 7-0-0

## **SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Introduction of Staff**

- Christopher Gibbs, Facilities Maintenance Specialist
- Tyler Zappel, Facilities Maintenance Specialist

## **INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDA**

- Johnston Ranch Ponds Project Update
- Hawthorns Area Plan Feedback Sessions with Portola Valley Ad Hoc Hawthorns Committee and Portola Valley Town Council

Director Kersteen-Tucker requested a tour of the Johnston Ranch Ponds.

General Manager Ana Ruiz noted a tour would be scheduled some time in the coming year.

# **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Public comment opened at 7:19 p.m.

Ms. Soria reported there were no public speakers for this item.

Public comment closed at 7:19 p.m.

**Motion:** Director Kersteen-Tucker moved, and Director Kishimoto seconded the motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE:** 7-0-0

- 1. Approve the October 9, 2024 Board meeting minutes
- 2. Approve Claims Report
- 3. Direct the Board Appointee Evaluation Committee to formalize the role of the Internal Auditor (R-24-123)

<u>Board Appointee Evaluation Committee Chair's Recommendation:</u> Direct the Board Appointee Evaluation Committee to determine how to formalize the role of the Controller as internal auditor and return to the Board of Directors with a proposal for review and approval.

4. Award of Contract for State Legislative Consulting and Lobbying Services (R-24 124)

General Manager's Recommendation: Authorize the General Manager to enter into a four-year contract with Energy and Environmental Consulting for an amount not to exceed \$390,000 for state legislative consulting and lobbying services. This includes an annual contingency of \$1,500 to cover travel expenses to Board meetings and project locations should it be necessary.

5. Award of Multiple Contracts for Native Plant Propagation and Seed Services (R-24-125)

### General Manager's Recommendation:

1. Authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Central Coast Wilds of Santa Cruz, CA to provide California native plant propagation and seed services in an amount not to exceed \$125,000 over two years, with the option to extend the agreement for two additional years for a total not to exceed \$250,000 over four years.

- 2. Authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Grassroots Ecology of Palo Alto, CA to provide California native plant propagation and seed services in an amount not to exceed \$125,000 over two years, with the option to extend the agreement for two additional years for a total not to exceed \$250,000 over four years.
- 3. Authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Heritage Growers of Chico, CA to provide California seed services in an amount not to exceed \$220,000 over two years, with the option to extend the agreement for two additional years for a total not to exceed \$440,000 over four years.

# 6. Amend a Legal Services Agreement with Sater Law (R-24-126)

General Manager's Recommendation: Authorize a \$45,000 amendment to an existing agreement with Sater Law to provide specialized local government legal advice for a new not-to-exceed contract amount of \$95,000.

### **BOARD BUSINESS**

# 7. Presentation by Heidelberg Materials/Lehigh Southwest Cement Company on Actions of Mutual Interest regarding the Permanente Quarry (R-24-127)

Assistant General Manager Brian Malone provided opening marks summarizing the Permanente Quarry timeline, starting with the 2006 land exchange and easement, followed by the 2012 Lehigh Reclamation Plan Amendment (RPA) application. In 2014, the District agreed to dismiss a judicial appeal challenging the Lehigh RPA Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in exchange for property rights. The agreement also included an annual meeting to facilitate communication and information exchange between both parties. In 2019, Lehigh submitted a new RPA application, raising concerns within the community and the District. The proposal included mining in two areas. District staff subsequently worked closely with the County and the Board, arriving at an agreement between both agencies to support enforcement of the ridgeline easement. Ultimately, Lehigh withdrew the 2019 RPA. A new 2023 RPA application was most recently submitted by Lehigh and is currently under review by the County. Related, the County also recently certified the Supplemental EIR for the Permanente Creek Restoration.

Resources Management Specialist III David Liefert continued the presentation and reported that the District hired the engineering and geology consulting firm Cotton, Shires and Associates, Inc., to implement an annual monitoring program for both the ridgeline and conservation easement, which includes aerial and ground-based surveys. He reviewed the engineering geologic map and points of instability at the site. He noted that a landslide occurred prior to the initial survey in 2022, and the goal was to establish baseline conditions and conduct annual monitoring to compare against those initial conditions with subsequent years. While there are indications that the site is unstable and actively moving, there has been no significant alteration of the top of the quarry relative to the ridgeline or the conservation easement, whether from natural processes or by quarry activities. There are many indications and widespread evidence of slope instabilities across the quarry, especially on that northwest and northeast walls that could

indicate future destabilizing events. The District will continue to implement the monitoring program and continue with aerial and ground-based surveys.

Director Gleason commented that he has not visited the site since joining the Board of Directors.

Mr. Malone stated that staff can request a tour for any Director that has not had an opportunity to visit the site.

Senior Environmental Manager of the Permanente Plant Sanjeet Sen with Heidelberg Materials/Lehigh Southwest Cement Company explained that Heidelberg Materials is a multinational company that owns quarries, cement plants, and related businesses across North America. Both Hansen Permanente Cement Inc., and Lehigh Southwest Cement Company are its subsidiaries. Hansen owns the facility, while Lehigh operates the plant. He reported that Lehigh continues to operate the site, and this include the aggregate business of the existing stockpile of limestone reserves that are on site and are processed and sold to the regional market. As discussed in the 2023 RPA, Lehigh is no longer actively excavating from the quarry pit, all those activities have ceased, and they are moving towards reclamation and other environmental projects like the Permanente Creek Restoration project. He then provided an overview of the timeline and reviewed the planned three phases. Once the quarry pit is full, the next step is to buttress the north high wall to stabilize the slopes and to put the cover material on top to assist with revegetation. He noted one of the biggest concerns from the District is why there is not a proposal to put all of the West Materials Storage Area (WMSA) into the pit. He stated the first reason is there is not enough material onsite to be able to backfill the whole pit. The second reason is that the WMSA does not have proper cover material to grow vegetation on top; therefore, topsoil will need to be imported. The third concern is the water quality. The quarry has naturally occurring selenium since it is prevalent in limestone. Currently, the selenium is dormant, but if the material is moved, it will oxidize and the surface runoff and groundwater infiltration will pick up the selenium and end up in Permanente Creek.

Director Riffle inquired if the WMSA will always appear the same or if it will be reduced.

Mr. Sen confirmed it will be reduced. WMSA is comprised of overburdened slopes. The slopes facing Permanente Creek will be pulled out and put at the bottom of the pit. 12.5 million cubic yards of WMSA would be pulled out and put in the pit and the remaining slopes will be stabilized, regraded, covered with topsoil and appropriate material, and revegetated.

Director Riffle explained he is seeking clarification that the WMSA will be visible despite the promise given to the District in 2012 that it would not be observable from his ward.

Mr. Sen acknowledged that portions of WMSA will be visible but in an improved, more naturalized state.

Director Kishimoto asked if the proposal to put 12.5 million cubic yards of material that is present onsite into the pit is consistent with the 2019 reclamation application.

Mr. Sen stated the plans are very different. The 2019 application proposed the expansion of mining activities but there will be no mining with the new reclamation plan.

Director Holman asked what the view line will be from Rancho San Antonio. She further inquired where the water at the bottom of the quarry comes from.

Mr. Sen responded that the water primarily comes from stormwater runoff that is diverted to the pit, but a portion is infiltration from groundwater. The water is then pulled out, sent to a treatment system where it undergoes a three-step treatment process, and then is discharged into Permanente Creek. The overall presentation will include more gradual slopes and vegetation cover and will be more natural.

Director Kersteen-Tucker inquired why the revegetation plan does not adequately restore ecological function and what staff would ideally like to see implemented.

Mr. Malone explained there is a difference between reclamation and restoration, noting that staff would prefer to see a heavier plant pallet to restore ecological function. Although this approach is not part of the current application, the District would work with quarry staff if they agree to do more intensive planting.

Director Kersteen-Tucker asked if the step grading could be avoided since it is an eyesore.

Mr. Sen explained it will revegetate. The reason for the stepping is strategic to control the flow of the runoff to avoid a fast flow disturbing new vegetation. It is a 2% slope in terms of buttressing.

Director Kersteen-Tucker inquired how will the water be managed when it is being pulled out for treatment.

Mr. Sen explained water will continue to be pulled out while pursuing reclamation. The water will undergo treatment, and rainfall will continue to contribute to the pit. Basins will be created where water is pulled out and other areas of the pit will be refilled. This process will repeat until less water hits the base and at that point there will no longer be an artificial water barrier, and it will slope towards the creek. It is critical at this point that the water does not connect with oxidized selenium to prevent selenium from reaching the creek.

Director Kishimoto inquired what the hydrological relationship is between the creek and the pit and whether they will be connected at some point.

Mr. Sen confirmed that the creek and pit will connect in the future. He explained Permanente Creek will gain water. There will be baseline flow conditions from the pit into the creek and surficial runoff that enters the creek. He explained it is important to control the selenium because as the pit is backfilled, the elevation creek baseline changes.

Director Kishimoto asked if Lehigh will conduct the restoration for Permanente Creek.

Mr. Sen stated his organization will contract with a company to do the restoration work. Mr. Sen continued the presentation by providing updates on the Permanente Creek Restoration Project permit applications, the wildlife connectivity routes, and the undeveloped parcels and Stevens Creek Boulevard access. All of the permits have been submitted to the applicable agencies and work can begin on Permanente Creek once approval is obtained. The wildlife connectivity routes will be considered further during the CEQA process, but a vegetation plan has been provided.

The reclamation boundaries encompass 25-30% of the overall site and the remaining 70% will remain undeveloped with the corridors intact. Once the portion that is within the reclamation plan boundaries is regraded, re-sloped, and revegetated to open space, there should be good connectivity.

President MacNiven commented that Mr. Sen stated that the pit would take 20 years to fill and if that equates to having trucks bringing in the fill for 20 years.

Mr. Sen outlined that onsite materials will be used for the first 10 years, and the following 10 years will be a combination of onsite and imported materials. He noted that truck traffic analysis will be conducted during the CEQA phase, with levels expected to remain below historical baselines. To further mitigate traffic impacts, Lehigh is considering a rail option that could significantly reduce truck traffic on the road.

Director Gleason understood that the District has a concern about the percentage of WMSA material used to fill the pit and asked about the District's current position on this issue.

Mr. Malone stated that imported fill will be necessary because there is not enough material onsite and additionally, topsoil will need to be imported, as it is no longer available at the site. While there will need to be ongoing discussions on this issue, he emphasized a preference to maximize the use of onsite material. This is partly due to the risk of erosion affecting both the WMSA and EMSA. Ideally, more material from the WMSA would be placed in the pit, which aligns with the approach in the currently approved 2012 reclamation plan. He stated that this will be further evaluated through the CEQA analysis, with outreach to the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Director Kersteen-Tucker remarked that 30 years is a long time, highlighting the importance of a collaborative relationship between the District and Lehigh. She questioned whether there is a formalized agreement between the two entities, stressing the value of a lasting, effective working relationship to ensure successful, long-term outcomes for the project.

Mr. Sen said that there are a few formalized agreements, such as the original easement, and in terms of a formal relationship, Lehigh values the District's opinions and sees opportunity to continue growing these efforts.

Mr. Malone further added that there are several property rights established, including a trail easement, conservation easement, and legal agreements. He noted that while the annual meeting agreement is not formally documented, it originated from discussions when the District decided in 2014 not to appeal the 2012 Reclamation Plan Environmental Review, fostering a cooperative spirit. The District will continue to work cooperatively with Lehigh.

Public comment opened at 8:46 p.m.

Kit Gordon spoke that the creek restoration was court order in 2012 through a lawsuit, expressing hope that the District will stay on top of the restoration process, as it is quite complex. She thanked the District for hiring Cotton, Shires and Associates to conduct a geological analysis of the site. She asked what is the current volume of the WMSA, what is the volume needed to fill the pit, and what is the volume of imported material. She asked whether selenium levels are decreasing now that activities in the pit have stopped and if this data is available. She questioned

whether the onsite water treatment plant could treat more of the WMSA material for selenium, possibly in stages. Lastly, she asked how the District would manage the pit if they owned it.

Public comment closed at 8:48 p.m.

Director Kersteen-Tucker requested staff to answer Ms. Gordon's comments offline.

Director Cyr expressed appreciation for the level of detail and care in the process, noting that part of the Board's responsibility is to help the public understand why it takes so long and why materials cannot simply be thrown into the pit.

Director Kishimoto acknowledged Lehigh's actions in shutting down the cement plant and quarry and for the thought that went into the 2023 RPA and the Permanente Creek Restoration. She commented that overall, the project has come a long way but expressed a preference to seeing the length of time being reduced to 15 years and she understands that there is a need for imported material but does not see why the rest of the WMSA cannot be taken down.

Director Riffle commented that the District may be taking over a portion of the site and will have to live next it indefinitely. He believes that 30 years is a relatively short timeframe. He believes it is worth the time to work closely with Lehigh to stay on top of the process and has not given up on a way to figure out how to remove the WMSA. He noted that the District may eventually own and manage parts of the land in the future, particularly areas designated for wildlife, and that is why he thinks it is a good investment for the District to be involved in how that land is taken care of going forward.

Mr. Sen stated that the cement plant is no longer in operation and there is no terminal distribution. Lehigh has applied to the Air Resources Board to permanently shut down all cement sources in a revised permit, which will eliminate these sources altogether. In terms of the aggregate processing and sales, that is considered as a mining process, and they have 6.5 to 7 million tons of aggregate material already excavated and in existing reserves. He anticipates processing this material will take around 10-15 years. In terms of some of the questions asked, he noted that as they progress through the phases of the RPA, areas like EMSA and WMSA will undergo visible changes in phase one, which is the first 10-15 years. The reason why it will take 30+ years, is primarily due to the volume of materials needed to backfill the pit. He also acknowledged differences in opinion regarding backfilling of the WMSA, but reiterated their commitment to water quality and explained how adding more material in layers could lead to issues with oxidized material, a concern that will be examined during the EIR.

Director Holman emphasized the importance of addressing time, water and creek interactions.

Mr. Sen agreed that the 30-year timeframe is lengthy but pointed out that since the area was mined for over a hundred years, there is an opportunity to handle the process correctly as this project will serve as a legacy for future generations. Regarding water concerns, he agreed that it is an issue of concern, and there is interaction between what would be infiltrating into the pit and then potentially reaching the creek. He explained that is why they are proposing their strategy, based on the geochemistry of the site.

Director Holman commented that if Mr. Sen is talking in terms of generations, it is important to think about how many generations of people will be looking at this area without any improvements.

Mr. Sen acknowledged the concern, agreeing that while immediate change is not possible, there will be gradual improvement in phases over the coming years.

No formal Board action is required.

# 8. Partnership Agreement with the Golden Gate National Recreation Area for San Francisco Garter Snake Recovery (R-24-128)

Senior Resource Management Specialist Julie Andersen provided the staff presentation for the partnership agreement with the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) for San Francisco Garter Snake (SFGS) Recovery and introduced Darren Fong, the Aquatic Ecologist with the National Park Service (NPS) – GGNRA. She reviewed the four partnership sites between the District and NPS, which were identified to protect the SFGS; these include Cloverdale Ranch and Russian Ridge Open Space Preserves (OSP), and GGNRA's Mori Point in phase 1, and potentially La Honda Creek OSP in a future phase. She explained that SFGS are listed at the state and federal levels as endangered and fully protected. Ms. Andersen highlighted the threats to the SFGS habitat, such as competition with and predation from invasive species and limited genetic exchange of the few remaining populations. She further reviewed management plans, which range from the local to federal level. Mori Point is essential habitat for breeding, but it has a small population size of between 9-13 individuals and is therefore in critical need of genetic and habitat enhancements. She highlighted the findings from genetic monitoring and explained one way to improve genetics is through head starting. If the Board approves the partnership agreement, the earliest head starting could occur in the spring of 2025 with Cloverdale being a donor population for healthy pregnant snakes. Population monitoring would continue at both donor and recipient sites after collection and release to compare population numbers and genetics to ensure there are no negative impacts. Another component of the partnership consists of education and outreach, with the target audience being local residents. The primary outreach that GGNRA would conduct around Mori Point is to urge residents to keep cats indoors so there is less predation. Additionally, education outreach to the public would include postings on websites and messaging apps, as well as working with local schools for invasive plant and shrub removal work. Ms. Andersen reviewed the project timeline and costs in the three phases and reviewed key partners and regulatory support, as well as the environmental review. In locations where snakes already occur, environmental review is an exempt action. New introductions or reintroductions at other sites could require additional environmental review and may return to the Board for approval.

Director Riffle inquired whether this approach could be extended beyond snakes, asking if there are other species for which similar actions could or should be taken.

Ms. Andersen responded that GGNRA is already implementing similar conservation efforts for species like the red-legged frog and western pond turtle and that Yosemite has also reintroduced the red-legged frog. She explained that these initiatives require significant front-loaded work, which means they are typically reserved for species in critical need due to the high investment of time and resources.

Public comment opened at 9:40 p.m.

Ms. Soria reported there were no public speakers for this item.

Public comment closed at 9:40 p.m.

**Motion:** Director Riffle moved, and Director Holman seconded the motion to authorize the General Manager to enter into a five-year partnership agreement with the National Park Service - Golden Gate National Recreation Area, to collaborate on implementation of recovery actions for the federally and state endangered San Francisco garter snake, with District monetary contributions not to exceed \$175,000.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE:** 7-0-0

# 9. Approval of Salary Adjustments and Amended Classification and Compensation Plan for Board Appointee Controller (R-24-129)

Human Resources Manager Candice Basnight suggested combining Agenda Items #9-11 as they are related to the Board Appointees' compensation.

President MacNiven approved combining Agenda Items #9-11.

Ms. Basnight summarized Human Resources' role in collaborating with the Board Appointee Evaluation (BAE) Committee and stated that HR also worked with the consulting firm Gallager & Co., to assess the market rate for the three appointee salaries and brought that information to the BAE and now to the full Board for approval.

President MacNiven thanked the BAE Chair Director Riffle for all his work on the committee.

Director Riffle expressed appreciation to Ms. Basnight, Ms. Soria and Human Resources Supervisor Rebecca Wolfe for assisting the BAE Committee. He also thanked the Board for holding four meetings with the appointees and welcomed any questions for him or his fellow committee members, President MacNiven, and Director Cyr.

Director Kishimoto expressed appreciation for Director Riffle's long-term leadership as Chair of the BAE and thanked him for his work. She also noted that the Board has passed Agenda Item #3 earlier this evening formalizing the role of the Controller as internal auditor and wanted to point it out so that the larger organization is aware of it.

Director Riffle thanked the appointees for their excellent work, acknowledging that the Board appreciates another successful year.

Public comment opened at 9:46 p.m.

Ms. Soria reported there were no public speakers for this item. Public comment closed at 9:46 p.m.

**Motion:** Director Riffle moved Agenda Items # 9 -11, and Director Cyr seconded the motion to adopt resolutions to approve the amended Classification and Compensation Plan to:

1. Adjust the Controller's base salary upward to \$75,271, and to approve a one-time merit pay bonus of \$3,726.

- 2. Adjust the General Counsel's base salary upward to \$291,882, and to approve a one-time merit pay bonus of \$14,594.
- 3. Adjust the General Manager's base salary upward to \$318,602, and to approve a one-time merit pay bonus of \$15,930.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE:** 7-0-0

# 10. Approval of Salary Adjustments and Classification and Compensation Plan for Board Appointee General Counsel (R-24-130)

This agenda item was heard during Agenda Item #9.

# 11. Approval of Salary Adjustments and Amended Classification and Compensation Plan for Board Appointee General Manager (R-24-131)

This agenda item was heard during Agenda Item #9.

## **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

## A. Committee Reports

Director Gleason reported that the Bear Creek Stables Ad Hoc Committee met on October 10 and 16 and provided an update.

## B. Staff Reports

Land & Facilities Manager Brandon Stewart reported a prescribed fire will be conducted on District lands on October 24 for the first time in 14 years at Cherry Springs on 9 acres of land in conjunction with CalFire, County Fire, and District staff.

General Counsel Hilary Stevenson stated that the District's Legal Department held their annual summit with East Bay Regional Parks' legal department on October 21 and discussed important items for each entity.

Ms. Ruiz reported that on Friday, October 25 the District will be celebrating the grand public opening of the Bear Creek Redwoods Phase II Trails. Mr. Stewart expressed that staff worked diligently over the past three years to advance the project and is proud of his team. He noted that the opening of these areas is a multi-departmental effort with the assistance of Engineering & Constrution, Planning, Visitor Services, and the Natural Resources departments.

Ms. Ruiz reported that President MacNiven and Governmental Affairs Program Manager Josh Hugg and herself met with Supervisor Otto Lee on October 23.

## C. Director Reports

Director Gleason reported a tabling event was held on Sunday at El Corte de Madera Creek Open Space Preserve with the Silicon Valley Mountain Bikers and the Santa Clara County Horsemen's

Association. He thanked Lead Ranger Michael Barnes, Mr. Malone, and Skyline Area Superintendent Chris Barresi for assisting at the event.

Director Kersteen-Tucker reported she met with former Board member Larry Hassett on October 18 and attended the Half Moon Bay Pumpkin Festival on Saturday, October 19 along with staff. She expressed her appreciation to Ranger Marianne Rogers and Open Space Technician Valerie Niles.

Director Cyr attended the Santa Clara Valley Water Commission on October 23 and provided an update of the meeting.

Director Riffle attended a ranger ride-along with Ranger Haven Lund and thanked Mr. Malone for arranging the ride along.

President MacNiven attended the Portola Valley Public Access Working Group meeting where staff presented the District's PAWG recommendations.

Director Kishimoto reported she attended a Bay Conservation Development Commission meeting on October 17 and provided an update.

Director Holman reported she attended the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Board meeting on October 18 and provided an update.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

President MacNiven adjourned the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District meeting at 10:01 p.m.

Shaylynn Nelson, Deputy District Clerk Maria Soria, MMC, District Clerk