



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

August 20, 2025
Board Meetings 25-21 & 25-22

SPECIAL MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

*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

Vice President Gleason called the special meeting of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District to order at 4:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Craig Gleason, Zoe Kersteen-Tucker, Yoriko Kishimoto, Margaret MacNiven, and Curt Riffle

Members Absent: Jed Cyr and Karen Holman

Staff Present: General Manager Ana Ruiz, Assistant General Counsel II Egan Hill, Assistant General Manager Susanna Chan, Assistant General Manager Brian Malone, Chief Financial Officer/Director of Administrative Services Stefan Jaskulak, District Clerk/Assistant to the General Manager Maria Soria, and Executive Assistant/Deputy District Clerk Stephanie Gross

Vice President Gleason announced that the public has the opportunity to comment on the agenda, and the opportunity to listen to this meeting through the internet or via telephone. This information can be found on the meeting agenda, which was physically posted at the District's Administrative Office, and on the District website.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5-0-0 (President Cyr and Director Holman absent)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Public comment opened at 4:35 p.m.

Jeffrey Shore commented that the Palo Alto Planning and Transportation Commission is scheduled to discuss a revised update to the Palo Alto Stream Corridor Protection Ordinance. He urged the District to refrain from negative rhetoric if Palo Alto officials must prioritize safety and security over environmental protection.

Public comment closed at 4:37 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Public comment opened at 4:38 p.m.

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

Public comment closed at 4:38 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5-0-0 (President Cyr and Director Holman absent)

1. Award of Contract for Conservation Grazing Wildlife-friendly Livestock Fencing at Purisima Creek Redwoods, Cloverdale Ranch, and Skyline Ridge Open Space Preserves (R-25-107)

General Manager's Recommendations:

1. Award a contract to Southwest Fence and Supply of Paso Robles, California to construct wildlife-friendly fencing on four (4) Grazing Units for a not-to-exceed base contract amount of \$359,725.40.
2. Authorize a 10% contingency in the amount of \$35,972 to be reserved for unanticipated issues, bringing the total not-to-exceed contract amount to \$395,697.40.

2. Approval of Amendment to Agreement between the County of Santa Clara and Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District for Management of Rancho San Antonio County Park (R-25-108)

General Manager's Recommendations:

1. Authorize the General Manager to execute the attached Amendment to Agreement with the County of Santa Clara for the Management of Rancho San Antonio County Park, which term extends from July 2025 to June 2026.
2. Authorize the General Manager to execute an optional one-year agreement extension for July 2026 through June 2027.
3. Determine that the recommended actions are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as set out in the report.

BOARD BUSINESS

3. Second Reading and Adoption of the Board Compensation Ordinance (R-25-109)

Assistant General Counsel II Egan Hill presented.

Public comment opened at 4:40 p.m.

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

Public comment closed at 4:40 p.m.

Motion: Director Kersteen-Tucker moved, and Director Kishimoto seconded the motion to:

1. Waive reading and adopt Ordinance 25-01 increasing Board compensation from \$121.28 to \$127.34 per meeting day, pursuant to California Public Resources Code section 5536; the maximum of six compensable meetings per month remains unchanged.
2. Amend Board Policy 6.06 to reflect the increase in compensation resulting from the Board compensation ordinance.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5-0-0 (President Cyr and Director Holman absent)

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Gleason adjourned the special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District at 4:41 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT – CLOSED SESSION

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Craig Gleason, Karen Holman, Zoe Kersteen-Tucker, Yoriko Kishimoto, Margaret MacNiven, and Curt Riffle

Members Absent: Jed Cyr and Karen Holman

Staff Present: General Manager Ana Ruiz, Assistant General Counsel II Egan Hill, Controller Mike Foster, District Clerk/Assistant to the General Manager Maria Soria

Director Holman joined the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))

Title of Employee: Controller
General Manager

Public comment opened.

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

Public comment closed.

The Board convened into closed session at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Gleason adjourned the special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District at 9:10 p.m.

Shaylynn Nelson
Deputy District Clerk