



SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETING

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT**

Wednesday, October 8, 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 – CLOSED SESSION**

President Cyr called the special meeting of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jed Cyr, Craig Gleason, Zoe Kersteen-Tucker, Margaret MacNiven, and Curt Riffle

Members Absent: Karen Holman and Yoriko Kishimoto

Staff Present: General Counsel Hilary Stevenson, Assistant General Manager Susanna Chan, District Clerk/Assistant to the General Manager Maria Soria, Real Property Manager Alle Ishibashi, Real Property Agent II Jasmine Leong

President Cyr 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.

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

Property: San Mateo County APN: 066300020

Agency Negotiator: Allen Ishibashi, Real Property Manager

Negotiating Party: Mateo Tabachnik and Alessandra Centrone Tabachnik

Under Negotiation: Purchase Terms

Public comment opened at 6:00 p.m.

District Clerk/Assistant to the General Manager Maria Soria reported no public comments were submitted for the closed session.

Public comment closed at 6:00 p.m.

The Board convened into closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

President Cyr adjourned the special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District at 7:05 p.m.

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

President Cyr called the regular meeting of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District to order at 7:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jed Cyr, Craig Gleason, Zoe Kersteen-Tucker, Margaret MacNiven, and Curt Riffle

Members Absent: Karen Holman and Yoriko Kishimoto

Staff Present: General Counsel Hilary Stevenson, 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, Executive Assistant/Deputy District Clerk Shaylynn Nelson, Interpretation & Education Program Manager Ellen Tjosvold, and Environmental Education Specialist Jeff Butterworth

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REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

General Counsel Hilary Stevenson reported that the Board met in closed session on September 25, 2025 and today, and no reportable action was taken.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Public comment opened at 7:11 p.m.

Dirk Franklin, resident of Los Gatos, spoke in favor of the Beatty project and expressed interest in seeing it proceed. He advocated for building connecting trails to keep trail users off of Alma Bridge road.

Jeff King, resident of Los Gatos, spoke in favor of building trails in Los Gatos and noted the current lack of accessible, interesting single-track trails in Los Gatos. He urged the District to begin building soon.

Public comment closed at 7:18 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5-0-0 (Directors Holman and Kishimoto absent)

CONSENT CALENDAR

Public comment opened at 7:20 p.m.

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

Public comment closed at 7:20 p.m.

Motion: Director Riffle moved, and Director Gleason seconded the motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5-0-0 (Directors Holman and Kishimoto absent)

1. **Approve the September 24, 2025 Board meeting minutes**
2. **Approve Claims Report**
3. **Award of Contract for a Cybersecurity-Related Managed Detection and Response (MDR) System (R-25-122)**

General Manager's Recommendation: Authorize the General Manager to award a three-year service contract with Arctic Wolf Networks Inc., via license service provider Savant Solutions, Inc., for an amount not-to-exceed \$162,573.

4. **Authorization to apply for and administer California Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funding for the Bear Creek Redwoods Parking Lot Culvert Mitigation Project (R-25-123)**

General Manager's Recommendations:

1. Authorize the General Manager to sign a revised Hazard Mitigation Grant Program local match commitment letter in the amount of \$455,449 to secure \$1,366,347 in funding for the Bear Creek Redwoods Parking Lot Culvert Mitigation Project from the Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency, to be administered by the California Office of Emergency Services.

2. Adopt a resolution authorizing the General Manager to enter into the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program grant agreement for the Bear Creek Redwoods Parking Lot Culvert Mitigation Project.

BOARD BUSINESS

5. Presentation by Heidelberg Materials/Lehigh Southwest Cement Company on Actions of Mutual Interest regarding the Permanente Quarry (R-25-124)

Assistant General Manager Brian Malone presented. Sanjeet Sen and Morgan Webster with Heidelberg Materials/Lehigh Southwest Cement Company (Lehigh) also presented.

Public comment opened at 8:21 p.m.

Kit Gordon noted that Permanente Creek is part of the Stevens Creek watershed, which is one of the last steelhead streams in the County. She inquired whether Permanente Creek on Lehigh property would be passable for steelheads.

Public comment closed at 8:22 p.m.

Mr. Sen responded that Lehigh is creating the conditions for Permanente Creek to be fish passable but noted that the creek extends beyond Lehigh property and there may be barriers outside of Lehigh's control.

Director Gleason suggested defining the term truck trip in future reports so that it is clear a single truck trip is one way, meaning that if there were ten trips in a day it would equate to five roundtrips.

No Board action required.

President Cyr called for a recess at 8:33 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 8:40 p.m. All Board members aside from Directors Holman and Kishimoto were present.

6. Visitor Services Youth Partnership Program (R-25-125)

Interpretation & Education Program Manager Ellen Tjosvold and Environmental Education Specialist Jeff Butterworth presented.

Director Riffle suggested that an increase in the Youth Partnership Program be considered in the future.

Director Kersteen-Tucker echoed the suggestion of considering how to bolster the program with more capacity in the future.

Director Gleason encouraged staff to consider what activities and changes they would make to the program if there was a larger budget.

Chief Financial Officer/Director of Administrative Services Stefan Jaskulak stated that other departments within the District also provide varying degrees of interactive youth inclusive

programs. Public Affairs manages a program for other entities to bring hikers into the preserves, and the District also has the Grants Program, all of which when combined amounts to a larger budget. He noted that if the Interpretation and Education Program needs a larger budget then it could be made available.

Public comment opened at 9:11p.m.

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

Public comment closed at 9:11 p.m.

No Board action required.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

A. Committee Reports

No reports.

B. Staff Reports

Mr. Malone provided a report on the Bear Creek Stables.

C. Director Reports

Director MacNiven reported she attended the Puente *Building Bridges for Health* fundraising dinner at TomKat Ranch and the 10th anniversary celebration for the Santa Cruz Mountains Stewardship Network (SCMSN).

Director Gleason reported Mr. Malone gave him a tour of El Sereno Open Space Preserve. He also attended the Green Foothills *Nature's Inspiration* and the SCMSN's *Spotlight Stewardship* events.

Director Riffle reported that he attended the *Backpack with MAK* hike at Picchetti Ranch Open Space Preserve with Supervisor Abe-Koga, the Green Foothills *Nature's Inspiration* event, the SCMSN 10th anniversary celebration, and the Volunteer Recognition Event.

ADJOURNMENT

President Cyr adjourned the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District meeting at 9:19 p.m.

Shaylynn Nelson
Deputy District Clerk