



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

July 8, 2026
Board Meeting 26-18

REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

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

DRAFT MINUTES

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

President Kersteen-Tucker called the regular meeting of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District to order at 7:03 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, 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, and Visitor Services Manager/Chief Ranger Matt Anderson

President Kersteen-Tucker 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Visitor Services Manager/Chief Ranger Matt Anderson introduced the Cupertino Girl Scout Troop who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Public comment period opened.

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

Public comment period closed.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Director Holman moved, and Director Cyr seconded the motion to adopt the agenda.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7-0-0

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

Introduction of Staff

- James Clark, Skyline Area Manager
- Guy Whitney, Fleet Services Program Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR

Public comment period opened.

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

Public comment period closed.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7-0-0

1. **Approve the June 24, 2026 Board meeting minutes**
2. **Approve Claims Report**
3. **Fiscal Year 2026-27 Annual Claims List (R-26-103)**

General Manager's Recommendation: Approve the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Annual Claims List.

4. **Partnership Agreement with the San Mateo Resource Conservation District for Stream Assessments and Conceptual Designs for Fisheries Enhancements in Lobitos Creek and Arroyo Leon Creek (R-26-104)**

General Manager's Recommendations:

1. Authorize the General Manager to enter into a Partnership Agreement with the San Mateo Resource Conservation District to evaluate fish habitat, assess fish migration barriers, and determine the feasibility of fish-passage and habitat enhancements in Lobitos Creek and Arroyo Leon Creek over a one-year period, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$156,195.
2. Authorize a 10% contingency of \$15,620 to cover unforeseen conditions, for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$171,815.

5. San Gregorio Creek Fisheries Monitoring Project Partnership Agreement with the San Mateo Resource Conservation District (R-26-105)

General Manager's Recommendation: Authorize the General Manager to enter a Partnership Agreement with the San Mateo Resource Conservation District for implementation of a fisheries monitoring program in San Gregorio Creek to monitor coho salmon and steelhead population recovery over a three-year period for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$248,000.

6. Partnership Agreement with San Mateo Resource Conservation District for Bluebrush Ranch Carbon Farming Implementation Project (R-26-106)

General Manager's Recommendation: Authorize the General Manager to enter into a Partnership Agreement with the San Mateo Resource Conservation District (RCD) for the Bluebrush Ranch Carbon Farming Implementation Project at Purisima Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve, with a monetary contribution of \$76,820 to complete installation, maintenance, and monitoring of native plants and fencing.

7. Award of Contract to Rincon Consultants for Tree Inventory & Hazard Assessment, Biological Monitoring, and Project Management Services for the Wildland Fire Capacity Project along the frontage of Alpine Road within Skyline Ridge and Russian Ridge Open Space Preserves (R-26-107)

General Manager's Recommendations:

1. Authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract with Rincon Consultants for a not-to-exceed base contract amount of \$120,556.
2. Authorize a 15% contingency in the amount of \$18,083 to be reserved for unanticipated tasks related to the base scope of work, bringing the total not-to-exceed contract amount to \$138,639.

8. Capital Vehicle and Equipment Purchase for Fiscal Year 2026-27 (R-26-108)

General Manager's Recommendations:

1. Authorize the General Manager to execute a purchase contract with the California Department of General Services and associated contract dealers for one (1) new maintenance vehicle for a not-to-exceed amount of \$110,000.
2. Authorize the General Manager to execute a purchase contract with the California Department of General Services and associated contract dealers for three (3) pieces of equipment (two new and one replacement piece) for a not-to-exceed amount of \$104,500.
3. Authorize the General Manager to make changes to the make, model, and type of vehicle or equipment to meet the purpose expressed in this report within the grand total not-to-exceed expenditure approval for vehicles and equipment of \$214,500.

9. Award of Contract to NEOGOV for a Recruitment and Applicant Tracking System (R-26-109)

General Manager's Recommendation: Authorize the General Manager to enter into a three (3) year Agreement with NEOGOV through a Sourcewell cooperative purchasing agreement for an amount not-to-exceed \$83,793.

10. Contract amendment with Sicular Environmental Consulting LLC to provide additional technical support for the La Honda Forest Health Project (R-26-110)

General Manager's Recommendation: Authorize the General Manager to amend the contract with Sicular Environmental Consulting LLC of Berkeley, California to provide additional technical support necessary to add the Northside Road as a haul route for the La Honda Forest Health Project in the amount of \$54,222, bringing the total contract to a new not-to-exceed amount of \$279,158.

11. Contract Amendment with Geocon Consultants for the Purisima Upland Cleanup Project (R-26-111)

General Manager's Recommendation: Authorize the General Manager to execute a contract amendment in the amount of \$27,799 with Geocon Consultants, Inc., of Rancho Cordova, California to provide additional hazardous material testing, permit reporting, and construction administration services for the Purisima Upland Cleanup Project, bringing the contract total to a new not-to-exceed amount of \$75,796.30.

12. Award of Construction Contract for the Purisima Upland Cleanup Project (R-26-112)

General Manager's Recommendations:

1. Award a contract to Randazzo Enterprises, Inc., of Castroville, CA for the Purisima Upland Cleanup Project for a not-to-exceed base amount of \$487,149.
2. Authorize an allowance in the amount of \$20,000 for the removal and off-haul of additional hazardous materials if needed.
3. Authorize a contingency of 15% in the amount of \$73,072 to be reserved for unanticipated issues, bringing the total-not-to-exceed contract amount to \$580,221.

13. Consider Cancellation of the July 22, 2026, Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors (R-26-113)

General Manager's Recommendation: Approve cancellation of the July 22, 2026, Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

A. Committee Reports

None

B. Staff Reports

None

C. Director Reports

Director Gleason reported that he volunteered to conduct invasive plant removal at Long Ridge Open Space Preserve, attended a mentorship meeting with Joseph Simitian, and will be presenting to the Terraces in Los Gatos on Saturday, July 11.

Director Cyr reported that he participated in the video development for the Guardians of Nature event.

Director Holman reported that she attended an interview for environmentalists Enid Pearson and Florence LaRiviere.

Director MacNiven reported that she attended a South Coast Traffic Advisory Council meeting.

President Kersteen-Tucker reported meeting with John Hutar, President of The San Francisco Peninsula, to potentially participate in their board advisory council.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

14. CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54957.6)

Agency designated representatives: Ana Ruiz, General Manager, Brian Malone, Assistant General Manager

Employee organization: Midpeninsula Rangers Peace Officers Association

Public comment period opened.

Ms. Soria reported there were no public speakers for closed session.

Public comment period closed.

The Board convened into closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

President Kersteen-Tucker adjourned the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Maria Soria, MMC
District Clerk