



Midpeninsula Regional  
Open Space District

**MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT  
LEGISLATIVE, FUNDING, AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Administrative Office  
330 Distel Circle  
Los Altos, CA 94022

**Tuesday, September 8, 2015**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Director Hanco called the regular meeting of the Legislative, Funding and Public Affairs Committee to order at 1:05 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Members present: Jed Cyr, Nonette Hanco, and Cecily Harris

Members absent: None

Staff present: General Manager Steve Abbors, Assistant General Manager Ana Ruiz, Assistant General Manager Kevin Woodhouse, Assistant General Counsel Hilary Stevenson, Operations Manager Michael Newburn, Public Affairs Manager Shelly Lewis, and District Clerk Jennifer Woodworth

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

No speakers present.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** Director Cyr moved and Director Harris seconded to adopt the agenda.

**VOTE:** 3-0-0

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**1. Approve July 1, 2015 Minutes**

**Motion:** Director Cyr moved and Director Harris seconded to adopt the minutes of July 1, 2015.

VOTE: 3-0-0

## **2. Legislative Briefing (R-15-133)**

Ms. Lewis introduced Ralph Heim of Public Policy Advocates who participated in the meeting via conference call. Mr. Heim provided an update on several pieces of legislation that he and his associates are tracking at the state levels, which are of interest to the District. Mr. Heim described the current status of Assembly Bill 549 regarding state parks, which contains many recommendations of the Parks Forward Commission and has been forwarded to Governor Brown for signature. The District also supported this bill through its participation with the State Park Partners Coalition. Mr. Heim reported Assembly Bill 665 regulating hunting and fishing has not been brought forward in the Senate for a vote at this time. Senate Bill 316, the Senate President's bond bill will most likely be delayed until the next legislative session. Finally, Mr. Heim summarized Assembly Bill 665 and proposed next steps for the District if the bill continues to progress through the various legislative committees, including contacting various legislators, which represent areas within the District.

Director Harris expressed her support for SB317 and stated her opinion that the District should be in strong support of SB317 in addition to its participation in the Parks Forward Commission.

Public comment opened at 1:25 p.m.

No speakers present.

Public comment closed at 1:25 p.m.

## **3. Update to the 1978 Board Policy "Policies on Concessions on District Lands," and New Fee Structure (R-15-95)**

Operations Manager Michael Newburn discussed the history of the concession policy and the need for updating the policy to reflect current requests by members of the public to use District lands for non-profit and for-profit events and uses. Mr. Newburn described the key points of the policy including only allowing events that will have no negative impact on the District's preserves and users, co-sponsorship of events consistent with the District's mission, and creation of an administrative policy to include procedural requirements. Mr. Newburn explained the recommended fee structure and circumstances where fees may be waived.

Director Harris requested language stating that the fees were "per event" be included in the Board policy.

Public comment opened at 2:13 p.m.

No speakers present.

Public comment closed at 2:13 p.m.

**Motion:** Director Cyr moved, and Director Harris seconded the motion to recommend to the Board of Directors approval of the updated “Policies on Concessions on District Lands” and proposed new fee structure. The proposed policy shall be amended to state that fees are charged per event.

**VOTE: 3-0-0**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Director Hanko adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Legislative, Funding and Public Affairs Committee at 2:18 p.m.

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Jennifer Woodworth, MMC  
District Clerk