



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

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Meeting 16-01
January 13, 2016

AGENDA ITEM 3

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Joint Resolution Expressing Appreciation and Gratitude for “The Ladies of Grandview”

GENERAL MANAGER’S RECOMMENDATION

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Adopt the joint resolution between Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District and the San Mateo County Resource Conservation District in commending “The Ladies of Grandview.”

SUMMARY

The California Association of Resource Conservation Districts awarded The Ladies of Grandview its 2015 Volunteer of the Year award. Staff is seeking the adoption of a joint resolution expressing appreciation and gratitude for “The Ladies of Grandview” for their work in combating the state listed noxious weed, Slender False Brome.

MEASURE AA

This is not a Measure AA project.

DISCUSSION

Over the past six (6) years, Louise Addis, Linda Schweizer, and Kathi Olsen, representatives of the Grandview Neighborhood Association, collectively nicknamed “The Ladies of Grandview” have assisted the two Districts in the preservation and restoration of the Santa Cruz Mountains’ redwood forests.

Protection measures include conducting outreach about Slender False Brome, a State of California Class A noxious weed, at neighborhood meetings and to individual neighbors, forming a volunteer brigade aged 7 to 83 to hand-remove the noxious weed, and helping the District’s reach and work with multiple property owners. In addition, “The Ladies of Grandview” have joined the Preserve Partners volunteer program at Thornewood Open Space Preserve to hand-weed Slender False Brome in ecological sensitive areas within the Preserve.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact of the recommended action.

BOARD COMMITTEE REVIEW

This item was not previously reviewed by a committee.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice was provided as required by the Brown Act.

CEQA COMPLIANCE

This item is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act.

NEXT STEPS

The San Mateo County Resource Conservation District will be awarding the “Ladies of Grandview” with their award and resolution at their January 21, 2016 meeting.

Attachment

1. Joint Resolution of the Board Of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District and the Board Of Directors of the San Mateo County Resource Conservation District Expressing Appreciation and Gratitude For “The Ladies of Grandview”

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RESOLUTION 16-01

JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN MATEO COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT EXPRESSING APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE FOR “THE LADIES OF GRANDVIEW”

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Resource Conservation District (RCD) is a Special District organized under Division 9 of the California Public Resources Code that serves as a focal point for local conservation efforts and is accountable to our community for conservation of natural resources;

WHEREAS, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD) is a Special District created in 1972 by voter initiative Measure R that preserves and protects a regional greenbelt of open space land in perpetuity;

WHEREAS, Slender False Brome is a invasive perennial bunchgrass in which the State of California has listed it as a Class A noxious weed and that the Districts have been partnering to treat this species, requiring community support and engagement;

WHEREAS, Louise Addis, Linda Schweizer, and Kathi Olsen, representatives of the Grandview Neighborhood Association, collectively nicknamed “The Ladies of Grandview,” have been exceptional community partners in this effort for over six years;

WHEREAS, The Ladies of Grandview have been efficient and persistent, creating a local culture that encourages the preservation and restoration of the Santa Cruz Mountains’ redwood forest by conducting outreach about the noxious weed at neighborhood meetings and to individual neighbors, forming a volunteer brigade aged 7 to 83 to hand-remove the noxious weed, and helping the Districts reach and work with multiple property owners; and

WHEREAS the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts awarded The Ladies of Grandview its 2015 Volunteer of the Year award;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the San Mateo County Resource Conservation District and Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District hereby commend and thank The Ladies of Grandview for their efforts to treat Slender False Brome, protecting the native redwood forest ecosystem in their neighborhood, and on neighboring open space preserves.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District on _____, 2016, at a regular meeting thereof, by the following vote:

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AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Secretary
Board of Directors

President
Board of Directors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

General Counsel

I, the District Clerk of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District by the above vote at a meeting thereof duly held and called on the above day.

District Clerk

ADOPTED at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Mateo County Resource Conservation District on January 21, 2015.

Resource Conservation District Director

Date