



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

January 27, 2016
Board Meeting 16-02

SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

Administrative Office
330 Distel Circle
Los Altos, CA 94022

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DRAFT MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING – CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

President Kishimoto called the special meeting of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jed Cyr, Nonette Hanko, Cecily Harris, Larry Hassett, Yoriko Kishimoto, and Curt Riffle

Members Absent: Pete Siemens

Staff Present: General Manager Steve Abbors, Assistant General Manager Ana Ruiz, General Counsel Sheryl Schaffner, Planning Manager Jane Mark, Planner III Gretchen Laustsen, Real Property Manager Mike Williams, Senior Real Property Agent, Elaina Cuzick

Public comments opened at 5:00 p.m.

No speakers present.

- 1. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Government Code Section 54956.8)**
Property: 19100 Bear Creek Road, Los Gatos, CA (Portion of Santa Clara County APN 544-32-001)
Agency Negotiator: Elaina Cuzick, Senior Real Property Agent
Negotiating Party: Pam Ashford
Under Negotiation: Terms of real property transaction
- 2. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation**

Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(c): (one potential case)

The Board of Directors recessed the special meeting at 6:57 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING – BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors returned to the special meeting of Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jed Cyr, Nonette Hanko, Cecily Harris, Larry Hassett, Yoriko Kishimoto, and Curt Riffle

Members Absent: Pete Siemens

Staff Present: General Manager Steve Abbors, Assistant General Manager Ana Ruiz, Assistant General Manager Kevin Woodhouse, General Counsel Sheryl Schaffner, and District Clerk Jennifer Woodworth

President Kishimoto reported the Board met in closed session, and no reportable action was taken. The second closed session agenda item was continued to after the close of the regular meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No speakers present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

VOTE: 6-0-0 (Director Siemens absent.)

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

- Proclamation Honoring Loro Paterson on her Retirement

President Kishimoto presented a Proclamation Honoring Loro Paterson on her Retirement.

Director Hassett shared his appreciation for Loro and her service to the residents of the Skyline community.

Georgia Stigall, resident of the South Skyline region, expressed her gratitude to Loro for her service to the residents.

- Introduction of new staff members:
 - Stefan Jaskulak, Chief Financial Officer/Administrative Services Director
 - Garrett Dunwoody, Information Systems and Technology Manager

- Bay Area Ridge Trail Council Appreciation of MROSD Partnership, including Recognition of Jed Cyr

Janet McBride Executive Director of the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council provided a report on the current and planned areas of the Bay Area Ridge Trail. Ms. McBride thanked the District for its many years of support and its ongoing vision for the area including the planned opening of Mt. Umunhum.

Sandy Sommer, member of the Bay Area Ridge Trail Board of Directors, thanked Director Cyr for his twelve years of service on the Council.

Bill Long, Chair of the Bay Area Ridge Trail Board of Directors, thanked Planning Manager Jane Mark for her work on the Bay Area Ridge Trail while she was a Santa Clara County staff member.

- Informational Update from Peninsula Open Space Trust Regarding Alpine Ranch and Trails

Walter Moore, President of the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST), provided an overview of current and planned regional trail corridors in the District.

Neal Sharma, POST Stewardship Project Manager, described how Alpine Ranch fits into several regional trail corridors. Mr. Sharma provided an update of on the Ollie Mayer Hikers Hut in the County Park, including several upgrades to allow for hiking group use, including restrooms, kitchen area, and decking. Finally, Mr. Sharma explained POST is currently seeking a long term lease resident for the Main House at the Alpine Ranch.

Mr. Moore described the proposed California Coastal Trail, which is a Measure AA project, and explained there is currently no agency that can maintain trails that are not on District lands. One option POST is currently exploring is possible creation of an endowment to cover maintenance.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Approve Board Meeting Minutes:
January 13, 2016**
2. **Approve Claims Report**

Motion: Director Cyr moved, and Director Harris seconded the motion to approve the Cyr, Harris.

VOTE: 6-0-0 (Director Siemens absent.)

BOARD BUSINESS

3. **Appointment of Board of Directors Standing Committee Members for Calendar Year 2016 (R-16-08)**

Motion: Director Harris moved, and Director Hassett seconded the motion to approve the Board President's appointments to the Board Standing Committees, as well as approve the appointments of Board representatives to other bodies, and determine the compensation status for attendance at Board Committee meetings. Additionally, President Kishimoto appointed alternates to serve on the Real Property Committee for the meetings on February 16 and 23, 2016. Director Harris will serve as an alternate on February 16th, and Director Riffle will serve as an alternate on February 23rd. Director Kishimoto will serve as an alternate for both meetings.

VOTE: 6-0-0 (Director Siemens absent.)

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

A. Committee Reports

Director Cyr and Director Hassett reported the Planning and Natural Resources Committee met to receive an update on the Slender False Brome program.

B. Staff Reports

Assistant General Manager Kevin Woodhouse and Assistant General Manager Ana Ruiz provided updates regarding implementation of the Financial and Operational Sustainability Model, including new staff members and creation of the Project Delivery Process to facilitate project management among the departments.

General Manager Steve Abbors provided an update on the fog harvesting project initiated by the District's Innovation Team. Staff will provide a report to the Board of Directors in the future.

C. Director Reports

The Board members submitted their compensatory reports.

Director Hassett reported an increase in water levels for wells located along the ridgeline.

Director Cyr reported his attendance at the Cultural Relevancy and Inclusion in Outdoor Organizations Conference at Berkeley today. Director Cyr reported on several items the District may be interested in pursuing, including diversity training.

Director Hanko reported that she and Director Kishimoto presented at the Palo Alto City Council meeting on Monday.

Director Harris reported she presented to the Redwood City Council on Monday night and suggested that the Board members continue to provide this type of presentations.

Director Kishimoto reported her attendance at a meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Water Commission and will serve as the Commission's Chair for the coming year.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

President Kishimoto adjourned the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District and reconvened into closed session at 8:03 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

The Board of Directors returned to open session at 9:04 p.m. No reportable action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

President Kishimoto adjourned the special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District into closed session at 9:04 p.m.

Jennifer Woodworth, MMC
District Clerk