

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
Steve Abbors, General Manager

FROM: Curt Riffle, Director

RE: Disclosure of "Remote Interest" (Gov't Code section 1091(a))

DATE: September 1, 2016

As discussed with the Board on August 24, 2016, I have accepted a position with the Peninsula Open Space Trust. I will be employed as the Vice-President of Land starting on September 19, 2016. I will be a salaried employee.

I consulted with both the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's General Counsel and the Fair Political Practices Commission as to whether I could serve in both roles without running afoul of conflicts of interest rules. They both said yes. This is because POST is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, and under applicable statutes, my financial interest in my employment with them is therefore a "remote" interest such as to not disqualify me from continuing to serve on the MROSD Board of Directors. The only caveat is that I am required to provide written disclosure of this remote interest, and to recuse myself from Board actions on financial transactions with POST.

This memorandum is offered to fulfill the disclosure requirement. I will work with POST and District staff to anticipate any and all Board agenda items that would affect financial dealings with POST, and recuse myself on all such items. Typically, such items have in the past and are anticipated in the future to include periodic real property transactions such as fee purchases and conservation easements, and possibly property management service agreements among others. My initial estimate of the number of such items is approximately three per year.

Beyond the legal requirements, in the interests of ensuring the continuing smooth operation of the District and to avoid any complications that might threaten that relationship, it is my intention to remain sensitive to any tensions that could arise from serving in both roles as well. If after periodically consulting with the MROSD General Manager and the POST Executive Director it appears counter-productive to either entity, I will carefully consider submitting my resignation from the MROSD Board.