



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, January 10, 2017**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Director Cyr called the meeting of the Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs Committee to order at 2:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Members present      Jed Cyr, Nonette Hanco, and Curt Riffle

Members absent:      None

Staff present:      General Manager Steve Abbors, Assistant General Manager Ana Ruiz,  
General Counsel Sheryl Schaffner, Planning Manager Jane Mark, Planner  
I Alicia Halpern, Skyline Area Superintendent Chris Barresi, Planner III  
Gretchen Laustsen, District Clerk/Assistant to the General Manager  
Jennifer Woodworth

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

No speakers present.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** Director Riffle moved and Director Hanco seconded to adopt the agenda.

**VOTE: 3-0-0**

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**1.      Approve the December 20, 2016 Legislative, Funding, & Public Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes.**

**Motion:** Director Hanko moved, and Director Riffle seconded the motion to approve the December 20, 2016 Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs committee meeting minutes.

Public comment opened at 2:02 p.m.

No speakers present.

Public comment closed at 2:02 p.m.

**VOTE: 3-0-0**

**2. Memorial Grove Signage Plan Proposed by Save the Redwoods League Associated with an Existing Partnership at Purisima Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve (R-17-09)**

Planner I Alicia Halpern provided the staff report outlining the District's purchase of the Wilkins property and within Whittemore Gulch and outlined the exiting partnership with the Save the Redwoods League (League). It is proposed to expand the number of redwood groves available for dedication and install a centralized signboard to be located on the western entrance near Higgins Canyon Road and Purisima Creek Road and adjacent to the two existing signboards. A centralized signboard would provide donors an opportunity to be recognized and prevent a prevalence of individual donor recognitions throughout the redwood groves. Donation thresholds and locations of the centralized signboard and individual donor signs have been proposed in partnership with the League. Ms. Halpern described the various redwood groves eligible and ineligible for individual donor signs if the proposed plan is approved by the Board of Directors. Ms. Halpern displayed two options for the proposed centralized signboard to be funded by the League and would have a similar appearance to existing District signs.

Director Riffle inquired if this property is the only District acquisition completed in partnership with the League.

Jennifer Verhines, Donor Stewardship Manager for the League, explained this is the only property acquired in partnership, but the organizations have partnered on other projects. The League is open to additional partnership opportunities in the future.

Director Riffle requested additional information related to how the costs and updating the signboard information will be allocated.

The League will provide funding and plans to coordinate signboard construction with District staff. Future updates would also be completed in coordination with the District.

Director Hanko inquired if a map exists for where the individual signs are placed for visitors to use to locate donor signs.

Ms. Verhines stated the League is currently updating its maps to provide locations for dedicated groves and improving the maps' accuracy.

All committee members spoke in favor Design Option Two.

Public comment opened at 2:26 p.m.

No speakers present.

Public comment closed at 2:26 p.m.

**Motion:** Director Hanko moved, and Director Riffle seconded the motion to forward a recommendation to the full Board of Directors to approve the Memorial Grove Signage Plan at Purisima Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve to minimize individual donor signage and install a centralized recognition signboard based Design Option Two.

**VOTE: 3-0-0**

### **STAFF REPORTS**

General Manager Steve Abbors reported on a potential property purchase requiring a legislative change. Mr. Abbors stated that due to the rapid movement on the opportunity, staff was unable to bring the item to LFPAC before it is brought before the Board of Directors at its January 11, 2017 meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Director Cyr adjourned the meeting of the Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs Committee at 2:32 p.m.

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Jennifer Woodworth, MMC  
District Clerk