



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

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Meeting 17-05
February 22, 2017

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA ITEM 1

AGENDA ITEM

District Lobbyist Legislative Update for 2017

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

Receive legislative briefing by Public Policy Advocates.

SUMMARY

Representatives from Public Policy Advocates, LLC (PPA) the District's legislative consultant in Sacramento, will attend the special meeting of the Board of Directors on February 22, 2017. They will present a legislative briefing on matters of interest to the District. They will also provide an overview of the current legislative climate in California, its possible effect on the upcoming State legislative session, the state budget, and other matters relating to his services as the District's legislative consultant.

MEASURE AA

This informational item has no direct connection to Measure AA Priority Actions.

DISCUSSION

PPA has been representing the District for several decades. Under their most recent contract for the 2017 calendar year, they provide legislative monitoring, consulting, and lobbying services. Their services include:

1. Representation in the State Capitol with respect to the District's 2017 California legislative program.
2. Identifying and monitoring all legislation concerning issues of interest to the District
3. Participation and attendance at meetings, upon the request of the District
4. Preparation, execution, and filing (based on information to be furnished on a timely basis by the District), by and through PPA's designee, of all reports/filings required by the Political Reform Act of 1974

The report to the Board by PPA will consist of an update on:

- Current makeup and tone being set in the new legislative session
- Legislative update on District-sponsored bills, (Beall and Hill)
- Other important bills – Park bond measures - AB 18 (Garcia) & SB 5 (De Leon)

- Any other significant bills introduced prior to Feb. 22.
- Pension reform update.
- Relevant water legislation, cap & trade activity.
- The approach the California Legislature (and Governor) are taking to potential changes in Federal environmental policy.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

BOARD COMMITTEE REVIEW

This item was not previously reviewed by Board Committees.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice was provided as required by the Brown Act. No additional notice is required.

CEQA COMPLIANCE

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

NEXT STEPS

The Legislative/External Affairs Specialist and PPA will bring legislative agenda updates and proposals to the Board throughout the state legislative session.

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