



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, March 7, 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 Hanko, and Cecily Harris

Members absent:      None

Staff present:      General Manager Steve Abbors, Assistant General Manager Kevin Woodhouse, Assistant General Manager Ana Ruiz, General Counsel Sheryl Schaffner, District Clerk/Assistant to the General Manager Jennifer Woodworth, Interim Public Affairs Manager Christine Butterfield, Legislative/External Affairs Specialist Josh Hugg

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

No speakers present.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** Director Harris moved and Director Hanko seconded to adopt the agenda.

**VOTE: 3-0-0**

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**1.      Selection of Committee Chair for Calendar Year 2017**

**Motion:** Director Hanko moved, and Director Harris seconded the motion to nominate Director Cyr as the Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs Committee Chair for calendar year 2017.

**VOTE: 3-0-0**

**2. Approve the January 10, 2017 Legislative, Funding, & Public Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes.**

**Motion:** Director Hanko moved, and Director CYR seconded the motion to approve the January 10, 2017 Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs committee meeting minutes.

Public comment opened at 2:03 p.m.

No speakers present.

Public comment closed at 2:03 p.m.

**VOTE: 2-0-1** (Director Harris abstained)

**3. Staff Legislative Update (R-17-31)**

Legislative/External Affairs Specialist Josh Hugg provided the staff report updating the Committee regarding SB492, SB 793, AB18, and SB5.

**4. Board Compensation Legislation (R-17-32)**

Mr. Hugg explained this item was referred to the Committee by the Board of Directors at its January 11, 2017 meeting and reported on the statute in its current state. Mr. Hugg summarized a compensation study for special districts conducted by the California Special Districts Association and city council compensation for nearby cities in the District.

Director Hanko commented that raising the compensation may encourage more members of the public to run for office, but if it is too high, others may run solely for the compensation.

Director Harris commented on the number of meetings per month stating there are rarely more than five meeting days per month.

Director Cyr explained he is open to studying various options for increasing compensation, including increasing the number of meeting days to be compensated and allowing multiple meetings in a single day to be compensated.

Director Harris provided comments regarding the Board members' training budget being allocated by fiscal year rather than calendar year. Additionally, the cost of attending even one conference can exceed a members' budget.

The Committee discussed the potential need to revise the Board policy on training to consider an increased training budget for Board members.

Director Cyr suggested four options for increasing compensation:

- Tying Board member compensation to the Consumer Price Index
- Increase the number of days compensated, similar to East Bay Regional Parks District
- Compensate each meeting, even if multiple on same day
- Explore mileage compensation

Director Hanko suggested further discussion by the Committee before making a recommendation to the full Board of Directors.

Director Cyr suggested reporting out on the Committee's discussion at tomorrow's Board meeting to gauge interest in any of the suggested options for increasing compensation.

Public comment opened at 3:14 p.m.

No speakers present.

Public comment closed at 3:14 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Director Cyr adjourned the meeting of the Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs Committee at 3:15 p.m.

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Jennifer Woodworth, MMC  
District Clerk