



SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETING

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT**

Administrative Office
330 Distel Circle
Los Altos, CA 94022

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

DRAFT MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING – CLOSED SESSION

President Hassett called the special meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: General Counsel Sheryl Schaffner

Public comments opened at 5:30 p.m.

No speakers present.

Public comments closed at 5:30 p.m.

1. CLOSED SESSION: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION.

Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)

Title of Employees: General Counsel

2. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: San Mateo County Assessor's Parcel Numbers 085-170-020, 290 & 310

Agency Negotiator: Michael Williams, Real Property Manager

Negotiating Party: Walter Moore on behalf of Frances Conley

Under Negotiation: Purchase Terms and Conditions

Director Riffle recused himself from the discussion regarding Item 2, real property negotiations, and left the room at 6:30 p.m.

General Manager Steve Abbors, General Counsel Sheryl Schaffner, Assistant General Manager Ana Ruiz, Assistant General Manager Kevin Woodhouse, Real Property Manager Mike

Williams, and Assistant General Counsel Hilary Stevenson attended the closed session for Item 2.

President Hassett adjourned the special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District at 6:54 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

President Hassett called the regular meeting of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: General Manager Steve Abbors, General Counsel Sheryl Schaffner, Assistant General Manager Ana Ruiz, Assistant General Manager Kevin Woodhouse, District Clerk/Assistant to the General Manager Jennifer Woodworth, Planning Manager Jane Mark, Engineering and Construction Manager Jay Lin, Land and Facilities Manager Brian Malone, Senior Resource Management Specialist Matt Baldzikowski

President Hassett reported the Board met in closed session, and no reportable action was taken.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No speakers present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Director Kishimoto moved, and Director Cyr seconded the motion to adopt the agenda.

VOTE: 7-0-0

CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Siemens requested the minutes for the February 23, 2017 special meeting be continued to the next meeting

Public comment opened at 7:03 p.m.

No speakers.

Public comment closed at 7:03 p.m.

Motion: Director Kishimoto moved, and Director Siemens seconded the motion to approve the Consent Calendar, with the exception of the February 23, 2017 special meeting minutes.

VOTE: 7-0-0

1. **Approve February 22, 2017 and February 23, 2017 Minutes**
2. **Approve Claims Report**

INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDA

- Update of Implementation Actions at Bear Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve
- Update on La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve Implementation Actions

Assistant General Manager Ana Ruiz commented on the resource management work completed at La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve over the last three years, including improving grazing management practices, installation of grazing infrastructure, structure improvements, and several others. Ms. Ruiz described numerous ongoing and upcoming projects for La Honda Creek. Alternatively, work for the Bear Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve has rapidly accelerated in the last two years, including development and adoption of a Preserve Plan, numerous design and

Director Riffle requested additional information regarding the Redwood Cabin.

Ms. Ruiz reported the project has been temporarily on hold due to the larger amount of repairs than previously realized. Deferral will also allow for repairs to the White Barn and Redwood Cabin to occur at the same time.

Director Riffle inquired when the Driscoll Event Center equestrian parking area would be open to the public.

Land and Facilities Manager Brian Malone explained the public would be able to obtain a permit through the District's regular permitting system. It is anticipated permits will be available for the Driscoll Event Center equestrian parking lot when the Sears Ranch Road parking lot opens.

Director Siemens requested additional information regarding improvements to the Bear Creek Stables access road.

Ms. Ruiz explained limited road and parking improvements will be completed in Phase I of the Preserve Plan. Staff will determine whether the road should be paved at that time.

Board members requested clarification regarding various projects for La Honda Creek and Bear Creek Preserves.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

A. Committee Reports

Director Kishimoto reported the Diversity Ad Hoc Committee met today to discuss the volunteer and docent program study and the locations of Board and Committee meetings and made recommendations on both items.

Director Cyr reported the Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs Committee met on March 7, 2017 to receive an update on legislation and discussed potential changes to Board member compensation.

Director Siemens inquired if Board members could receive benefits now that they are considered District employees.

General Counsel Sheryl Schaffner explained this would also require a change in state law.

B. Staff Reports

Assistant General Manager Kevin Woodhouse provided an update on the Santa Clara Valley Water District project at Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve. Mr. Woodhouse also provided updates regarding the Public Affairs department. Finally, Mr. Woodhouse reported on the work and upcoming meetings of the Santa Cruz Mountain Stewardship Network.

Ms. Ruiz reported the netting safety structure at Fremont Older is complete, and the parking lot has reopened. The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Advisory Committee has convened and will be reviewing and providing input on the organization's grant guidelines.

General Manager Steve Abbors reported he recently filmed a segment for Doug McConnell's *Open Roads* show regarding the *why* of what we do. Mr. Abbors reported and other staff members attended a meeting the San Mateo County Farm Bureau Executive Staff and provided a summary of the topics discussed. Progress continues on the various Mount Umunhum projects, and staff is preparing for the public opening, including an opportunity for staff and the Board to visit the site. Finally, the San Jose City Manager has suggested exploring a mutual aid agreement between San Jose and the District.

C. Director Reports

The Board members submitted their compensatory reports.

Director Siemens reported his attendance at the Santa Clara County Special District's Association meeting.

Director Kishimoto reported she will be attending the Natural Capital Symposium at Stanford University in March. Director Kishimoto reported his attendance at the Santa Clara County Special District's Association.

President Hassett reported he will attending the Special Parks District Forum in Cleveland, Ohio.

ADJOURNMENT

President Hassett adjourned the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District at 8:00 p.m.

Jennifer Woodworth, MMC
District Clerk