



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, June 27, 2017

DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Director Cyr called the meeting of the Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs Committee to order at 2:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present Jed Cyr, Nonette Hanco, and Cecily Harris

Members absent: None

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No speakers present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Director Harris moved and Director Hanco seconded to adopt the agenda with Item 3 being heard before Item 2.

VOTE: 3-0-0

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Approve the March 7, 2017 Legislative, Funding, & Public Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes.

Director Harris inquired regarding when staff would bring an updated report on potential changes to Board compensation to the Committee.

Staff responded that an update will be provided at the next Committee meeting.

Motion: Director Harris moved, and Director Cyr seconded the motion to approve the March 7, 2017 Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs committee meeting minutes.

Public comment opened at 2:31 p.m.

No speakers present.

Public comment closed at 2:31 p.m.

VOTE: 3-0-0

2. Staff Legislative Update (R-17-31)

Item 2 was heard after Item 3.

Governmental Affairs Specialist Josh Hugg provided the staff report updating the Committee regarding SB492, SB 793, AB18, SB5, and disadvantaged communities definitions.

Russ Noack of Public Policy Associates participated by teleconference and provided additional information regarding the bills discussed and reviewed committee hearings on SB492. Additionally, Mr. Noack provided updates on the parks measures, disadvantaged communities definition, and transportation funding.

No Committee action required.

3. Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Supporting the Prohibition of Industrial Clearcutting in California Forests (R-17-87)

Item 3 was heard before Item 2.

Governmental Affairs Specialist introduced Karen Maki of the Sierra Club.

Ms. Maki described the process of clearcutting forests and its harm to the environment, including loss of biodiversity and animal habitat. Ms. Maki described areas throughout California where clearcutting is practiced and spoke in favor of selective logging as an alternative to clearcutting. Ms. Maki described options for ending clearcutting in California, such as legislative changes, rules modifications by the Board of Forestry, etc.

Director Hanko spoke regarding a proposed Board action to remove eucalyptus trees on District land in the Los Trancos area.

Ms. Maki stated the Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club is in favor of removing eucalyptus trees. Other chapters have taken differing positions.

General Manager Steve Abbors inquired regarding the next steps for the Sierra Club.

Ms. Maki explained that the Sierra Club hopes that as additional agencies oppose clearcutting, support will grow for statewide legislation banning clearcutting.

Public comment opened at 3:01 p.m.

No speakers present.

Public comment closed at 3:01 p.m.

Motion: Director Harris moved, and Director Cyr seconded the motion to recommend to the full Board of Directors adoption of a resolution supporting the prohibition of industrial clearcutting in California forests.

VOTE: 3-0-0

ADJOURNMENT

Director Cyr adjourned the meeting of the Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs Committee at 3:48 p.m.

Jennifer Woodworth, MMC
District Clerk