



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, August 29, 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 Hanko, and Cecily Harris (Director Harris participating by telephone)

Members absent: None

Staff present: Assistant General Manager Ana Ruiz, General Counsel Sheryl Schaffner, District Clerk/Assistant to the General Manager Jennifer Woodworth, Public Affairs Manager Christine Butterfield, Governmental Affairs Specialist Josh Hugg

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No speakers present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: 3-0-0

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Approve the June 27, 2017 Legislative, Funding, & Public Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Director Hanko moved, and Director Harris seconded the motion to approve the June 27, 2017 Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs committee meeting minutes.

Public comment opened at 2:32 p.m.

No speakers present.

Public comment closed at 2:32 p.m.

VOTE: 3-0-0

2. Staff Legislative Update (R-17-106)

Governmental Affairs Specialist Josh Hugg provided the staff report updating the Committee regarding SB492 and SB793, including recent and upcoming testimony at the Assembly Committees. Mr. Hugg also provided updates on park measures AB18 and SB5 and potential statewide park initiatives.

Russ Noack of Public Policy Associates participated by teleconference and provided additional information regarding the bills discussed, including the likelihood of the park measures and initiatives to proceed.

Director Harris requested additional information regarding the District's proposed legislative program.

Mr. Hugg provided an update on the proposed program and the dates the program will be presented to the Committee and Board of Directors.

No Committee action required.

3. Board Compensation Legislation (R-17-107)

Mr. Hugg provided the staff report, including feedback previously provided by the Committee on the topic and current Board compensation and benefits. Mr. Hugg described three options for increasing Board compensation: tie compensation increases to the Consumer Price Index; increasing the number of days of service per month that can be compensated; and allowing compensation for each meeting even when multiple meetings are held on the same day.

Director Harris inquired if only Board or Committee meetings are compensated, or if staff briefings are also being discussed for potential compensation.

District Clerk/Assistant to the General Manager Jennifer Woodworth and General Counsel Sheryl Schaffner provided additional information regarding the Board's policy and California Public Resources Code 5500 that define the types of meeting that are compensable.

Director Hanko commented on the initial founding of the District and the desire of the founders to keep Board member compensation low.

The Committee discussed the possibility of mileage reimbursement for attending Board meetings held at the administrative office or other locations.

Director Cyr suggested the full Board should weigh in on the topic of increasing the number of meetings that are compensated per month and whether Board members could receive mileage reimbursement for attending non-Board or non-Committee meetings, such as staff briefings or meetings with other elected officials.

Public comment opened at 3:35 p.m.

No speakers present.

Public comment closed at 3:35 p.m.

No Committee action required.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Cyr adjourned the meeting of the Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs Committee at 3:37 p.m.

Jennifer Woodworth, MMC
District Clerk