

R-18-56 Meeting 18-24 June 13, 2018

STUDY SESSION AGENDA ITEM 1

AGENDA ITEM

2018 State of California Legislative Session – Board of Directors Briefing on Matters of Interest to Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

ACTING GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

Receive and discuss the 2018 State of California Legislative Session update from legislative consultants, Public Policy Advocates LLC., and Environmental and Energy Consulting.

SUMMARY

Representatives from Public Policy Advocates LLC., (PPA) and Environmental and Energy Consulting (EEC), will provide a legislative briefing on the 2018 State of California legislative session, including an overview of the current state legislative climate and its possible effect on the legislative session and the state budget.

DISCUSSION

On June 13, 2018, the Board of Directors (Board) will receive a 2018 State of California Legislative Session briefing. The 2018 Legislative Program, which the Board approved at its January 10, 2018 meeting, reflects Board policy positions on a variety of issues affecting the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District), its mission, and annual strategic goals. The 2018 Legislative Program has guided the determination of priority legislation to track this year.

Staff and the District's legislative consultants, PPA and EEC, provided a legislative update to the Board's Legislative, Finance, and Public Affairs Committee (LFPAC) on March 27, 2018. Committee members provided feedback on proposed priority legislation to track, where the most significant feedback emphasized the need for the District to continue its work on the definition of Disadvantaged Communities. The full Board reviewed and approved the recommended list of specific priority bills at the April 11, 2018 meeting. Staff and the District's legislative consultants actively use the Board-approved 2018 Legislative Program to communicate District positions on bills, budget recommendations, and other legislative items to the respective authors and/or legislative committees as appropriate. Staff also continues to field time-sensitive requests from partners as well as monitor evolving pieces of legislation based on Board Policy 1.11 (Attachment 3). Legislation deemed a priority by the Board pursuant to Board Policy 1.11 continue to be tracked, and if appropriate, either supported or opposed. Please refer to Attachment 2 for a snapshot on the status of priority bills as of June 8, 2018.

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Legislative Categories

Legislation and topics to be discussed by PPA and EEC on June 13, 2018 may include, but are not limited to:

- Cap and Trade/Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund/Climate Change
- California budget process
- Wildlife corridors
- Water legislation
- Wildfire prevention/Forest health legislation
- Pension reform
- Redevelopment revival

State of California Upcoming Legislative Calendar

The state entered the second half of the 2018 Legislative Session in June, where bills that successfully passed out of their house of origin receive hearings in their opposite house (i.e., introduced in Assembly, now heard in Senate). Key deadlines are as follows (see Attachment 1 for full calendar):

- June 15 Budget Bill must be passed by midnight
- **June 28** Last day for a legislative measure to qualify for the November 6 General Election ballot
- **June 29** Last day for policy committees to hear and report fiscal bills to fiscal committees
- **July 6** Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills. Summer Recess begins upon adjournment provided Budget Bill has been passed
- July 7 August 5 Summer Recess (following passage of Budget Bill)
- August 17 Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills
- August 24 Last day to amend bills on the floor
- **August 31 -** Last day for each house to pass bills, except bills that take effect immediately or bills in Extraordinary Session. Final Recess begins upon adjournment

Legislative Consultant Team

In 2017, the District issued a Request for Proposals for legislative consulting services. The request included requirements that the firm(s) be proficient in both administrative matters relevant to the operation of a special district and mission-related issues – such as habitat preservation, public access, and land stewardship. No single firm was found to meet all needs, therefore two contracts were issued to firms with strengths in each respective area. Generally, PPA handles legislation related to the administration of special districts and EEC focuses on environmental legislation. This fall, staff plans to review the performance of each firm and recommend adjustments, as necessary.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this briefing.

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BOARD COMMITTEE REVIEW

Legislative updates are periodically brought to the Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs Committee throughout each year.

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 Governmental Affairs Specialist will bring legislative updates and proposals to LFPAC and the Board throughout the state legislative session:

- July 17 Legislative, Finance, and Public Affairs Committee (LFPAC) update
- August 22 Board update
- October 24 Board update

Attachments:

- 1. 2018 California Legislative Calendar
- 2. MROSD Priority Bill Legislative Status as of June 5, 2018
- 3. MROSD Board Policy 1.11, Positions on Ballot Measures and Legislative Advocacy

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2018 TENTATIVE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

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DEADLINES

- Jan. 1 Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).
- Jan. 3 Legislature Reconvenes (J.R. 51(a)(4)).
- Budget must be submitted by Governor (Art. IV, Sec. 12(a)). Jan. 10
- Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees Jan. 12 fiscal bills introduced in their house in the odd-numbered year (J.R. 61(b)(1)).
- **Jan. 15** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- Last day for any committee to hear and report to the floor bills introduced in that house in the odd-numbered year (J.R. 61(b)(2)). Last day to submit bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel.
- Jan. 31 Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house in the odd-numbered year (J.R. 61(b)(3), (Art. IV, Sec. 10(c)).
- Feb. 16 Last day for bills to be introduced (J.R. 61(b)(4), (J.R. 54(a)).
- Feb. 19 Presidents' Day.
- Mar. 22 Spring Recess begins upon adjournment of this day's session (J.R. 51(b)(1)).
- Mar. 30 Cesar Chavez Day observed.

- **Apr. 2 Legislature Reconvenes** from Spring Recess (J.R. 51(b)(1)).
- Apr. 27 Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees **fiscal bills** introduced in their house (J.R. 61(b)(5)).

- May 11 Last day for policy committees to hear and report to the floor nonfiscal bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61(b)(6)).
- May 18 Last day for policy committees to meet prior to June 4 (J.R. 61(b)(7)).
- $May\ 25 \quad \hbox{Last day for {\it fiscal committees}} \ to \ hear\ and\ report\ to\ the\ floor\ bills$ introduced in their house (J.R. 61(b)(8)). Last day for **fiscal committees** to meet prior to June 4 (J.R. 61(b)(9)).
- May 28 Memorial Day.
- May 29- June 1 Floor Session only. No committees, other than conference or Rules committees, may meet for any purpose (J.R. 61 (b)(10)).

^{*}Holiday schedule subject to Senate Rules committee approval

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- Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house June 1 (J.R. 61(b)(11)).
- June 4 Committee meetings may resume (J.R. 61(b)(12)).
- June 15 Budget Bill must be passed by **midnight** (Art. IV, Sec. 12(c)(3)).
- **June 28** Last day for a legislative measure to qualify for the Nov. 6 General Election ballot (Elections code Sec. 9040).
- June 29 Last day for policy committees to hear and report fiscal bills to fiscal committees (J.R. 61(b)(13)).
- July 4 Independence Day.
- July 6 Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills (J.R. 61(b)(14)). Summer Recess begins upon adjournment provided Budget Bill has been passed (J.R. 51(b)(2)).
- Legislature Reconvenes (J.R. 51(b)(2)). Aug. 6
- Aug. 17 Last day for **fiscal committees** to meet and report bills (J.R. 61(b)(15)).
- Aug. 20-31 Floor Session only. No committees, other than Conference and Rules Committees, may meet for any purpose (J.R. 61(b)(16)).
- Aug. 24 Last day to \boldsymbol{amend} on the floor (J.R. 61(b)(17)).
- **Aug. 31** Last day for each house to pass bills, except bills that take effect immediately or bills in Extraordinary Session (Art. IV, Sec. 10(c), (J.R. 61(b)(18)).
 - Final Recess begins upon adjournment (J.R. 51(b)(3)).

IMPORTANT DATES OCCURRING DURING INTERIM STUDY RECESS

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- Sept. 30 Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature before Sept. 1 and in the Governor's possession on or after Sept. 1 (Art. IV, Sec. 10(b)(2)).
- Nov. 6 General Election
- Nov. 30 Adjournment Sine Die at midnight (Art. IV, Sec. 3(a)).
- Dec. 3 12 Noon convening of the 2019-20 Regular Session (Art. IV, Sec. 3(a)).

Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).

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Updated: 6/5/2018

Measure	Author	Category	Topic	Status	Location	Brief Summary	Position	Priority
AB 1945	Garcia, Eduardo D	Climate	California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: investment plan.	Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS.	5/31/2018- S. RLS.	Would require the State Air Resources Board to work with state agencies administering grant programs that allocate moneys from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to give specified communities preferential points during grant application scoring for programs intended to improve air quality, to include a specified application timeline for programs with competitive application processes, and to allow applicants from the Counties of Imperial and San Diego to include daytime population numbers in grant applications.	Watch	2
<u>SB 1015</u>	Allen D	Climate	California Climate Resiliency Program.	5/29/2018-Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 27. Noes 9.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.	5/29/2018- A. DESK	Would establish the California Climate Resiliency Program to increase resiliency to climate change impacts in urban and rural communities throughout the state and to fund the planning and implementation of projects that improve and enhance the climate change resiliency of natural systems, natural and working lands, and developed areas. The bill would require that the program be developed and implemented by the Wildlife Conservation Board, in coordination with any participating state conservancies, as defined.	Support	2

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SB 1401	<u>Wieckowski D</u>	Climate	Climate change: climate adaptation information: clearinghouse.	5/17/2018-	5/17/2018- A. NAT. RES.	Current law requires the Office of Planning and Research to coordinate with appropriate entities to establish a clearinghouse for climate adaptation information for use by state, regional, and local entities. The bill would require the office to seek feedback from entities that use the clearinghouse to maximize the efficacy and usefulness of the clearinghouse.	Support	2
SB 262	Wieckowski D	Climate	climate adaptation:		5/17/2018- A. NAT. RES.	Current law requires the Office of Planning and Research to administer the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program. Current law requires the office, in coordination with appropriate entities, to establish a clearinghouse for climate adaptation information for use by state, regional, and local entities. Current law requires the office to establish an advisory council, comprised of members for a range of disciplines, to support the office's goals to facilitate coordination among state, regional, and local agency efforts to adapt to the impacts of climate change. This bill would recast the advisory council as the California Council for Adaptation and Resiliency.	Support	2
AB 2534	<u>Limón D</u>	Education	Parks: environmental education: grant program.	5/31/2018-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.	5/31/2018- S. RLS.	Would require the Director of Parks and Recreation, on or before May 1, 2019, to establish the Outdoor Equity Grants Program, to increase the ability of underserved and at-risk populations to participate in outdoor environmental educational experiences at state parks and other public lands where outdoor environmental education programs take place. The bill would require the director to, among other things, give priority for funding to outdoor environmental education programs that primarily provide outreach to and serve students who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, foster youth, or pupils of limited English proficiency, as provided.	Watch	2

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SB 1072	<u>Leyva D</u>	Equity	Regional Climate Collaborative Program: technical assistance.	5/29/2018-Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 27. Noes 10.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.	A. DESK	Would establish a regional climate collaborative program, to be administered by the Strategic Growth Council, to assist under-resourced communities, as defined, in a region to access statewide public and other grant moneys, as specified, for climate mitigation and adaptation projects by establishing collaboratives, as specified. The bill would authorize the council to award specified grants to collaboratives for specified activities.	Support in Concept	2
AB 2916	Grayson D	Finance	Property tax revenue allocations: qualified fire protection districts.		3/22/2018-A. L. GOV.	Would, for the 2020–21 to 2024–25 fiscal years, inclusive, require the auditor of a county in which a qualified fire protection district, as defined, is located to increase the total amount of ad valorem property tax revenue that is otherwise required to be allocated to each qualified fire protection district by the fire protection district equity amount, as defined, and to commensurately reduce the total amount of ad valorem property tax revenue otherwise required to be allocated among all other local agencies in the county that are not fire protection districts by the fire protection district equity amount.	Oppose	2
AB 3037	Chiu D	Finance	Community Redevelopment Law of 2018.	5/25/2018-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(8). (Last location was A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/23/2018)	5/25/2018- A. DEAD	Existing law dissolved redevelopment agencies as of February 1, 2012, and designates successor agencies to act as successor entities to the dissolved redevelopment agencies. This bill, the Community Redevelopment Law of 2018, would authorize a city or county to propose the formation of a redevelopment housing and infrastructure agency by adoption of a resolution of intention that meets specified requirements, including that the resolution of intention include a passthrough provision and an override passthrough provision, as defined. The bill would require the city or county to submit that resolution to each affected taxing entity, and would authorize an entity that receives that resolution to elect to not receive a passthrough	Watch	2

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AB 1800	Levine D	Fire	Fire insurance: indemnity.	5/10/2018- Referred to Com. on INS.	5/10/2018- S. INS.	Current law defines the measure of indemnity for a loss under an open fire insurance policy and specifies time limits under which an insured must collect the full replacement cost of the loss. Current law prohibits, in the event of a total loss of the insured structure, a fire insurance policy issued or delivered in the state from limiting or denying payment of the replacement cost of property if the insured decides to rebuild or replace the property at a location other than the insured premises. Current law requires the measure of indemnity to be based upon the replacement cost of the insured property and prohibits it from being based upon the cost to repair, rebuild, or replace at a location other than the insured premises. This bill would instead prohibit, in the event of a	Support	2
AB 1954	Patterson R	Fire	Timber harvest plans: exemption: reducing flammable materials.	5/24/2018- Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.	5/24/2018- S. N.R. & W.	The Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practices Act of 1973 authorizes the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to exempt from some or all of those provisions of the act a person engaging in specified forest management activities, including a person engaged in forest management whose activities are limited to the cutting or removal of trees on the person's property in compliance with existing laws relating to defensible space, as provided, and requires the board to adopt regulations to implement this exemption no	Support	2
AB 2091	<u>Grayson D</u>	Fire	Fire prevention: prescribed burns.	6/4/2018-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.	6/4/2018- S. RLS.	Would rename the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection the State Board of Forestry and Fire Prevention and Protection. The bill would additionally require members to have general knowledge of, interest in, and experience with fire prevention. The bill would require at least one member to be selected with a background and understanding of fire prevention, including prescribed fire. The bill would require the board to appoint a prescribed fire advisory committee, as provided, and would require the advisory committee to consult with the board on prescribed	Support	2
AB 2551	Wood D	Fire	Forest and Wildland Health Improvement and Fire Prevention Program: joint prescribed	5/31/2018-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.	5/31/2018- S. RLS.	Would require the Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention to establish, implement, and administer the Forest and Wildland Health Improvement and Fire Prevention Program, as prescribed. The bill would require the department to take specified actions to implement and administer programs that are intended to promote forest and wildland health, restoration, and resilience, and	Support	2

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AB 2585	Patterson R	Fire	burns: burn managers: liability.	4/27/2018-Failed		Would provide that a property owner and his or her agent conducting a prescribed burn, as defined, shall not be liable for damage or injury caused by fire or smoke, unless negligence is proven, when the prescribed burn meets specified conditions, including that the prescribed burn in conducted under the supervision of a certified prescribed burn manager, as defined, and proper burn permits have been obtained from all appropriate state and local agencies.	Support If Amended	2
AB 2645	Patterson R	Fire	forestry and fire prevention.		3/8/2018- A. NAT. RES.	Would, beginning in the 2019–20 fiscal year, continuously appropriate \$74,805,000 from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund annually to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for purposes of fire prevention activities that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.	Support	2
SB 1002	Nielsen R	Fire	Safe Forests and Grasslands Act of 2018.	2/14/2018- Referred to Com. on RLS.	2/5/2018- S. RLS.	Current law requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to implement and administer various programs designed to improve forests and grasslands and prevent and suppress fires in state responsibility areas, as defined. This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation to create the Safe Forests and Grasslands Act of 2018 to improve the health of the state's forests and grasslands, reduce wildlife fuel, provide for bioenergy production, and reduce uncontrolled fires in state responsibility areas.	Watch	2

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SB 1044	Berryhill R	Fire	Responsibility Area Fire Prevention Fees.	4/27/2018-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule		Current law until July 1, 2017, required that a fire prevention fee be charged on each habitable structure on a parcel that is within a state responsibility area, to be used for specified fire prevention activities, and prescribed procedures for the collection and processing of the fees by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration. Existing law repeals those provisions requiring the payment of the fee on January 1, 2031. This bill would instead repeal those provisions on January 1, 2019.	Oppose	2
SB 1079	Monning D	Fire	resources: fire prevention		5/17/2018- A. NAT. RES.	Current law authorizes the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection to provide grants to entities, including, but not limited to, private or nongovernmental entities, Native American tribes, or local, state, and federal public agencies, for the implementation and administration of projects and programs to improve forest health and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The Budget Act of 2017 appropriated moneys to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for purposes of providing local assistance grants, grants to fire safe councils, and grants to qualified nonprofit organizations with a demonstrated ability to	Support	2
SB 1260	Jackson D	Fire	and protection: prescribed burns.	Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.		Current law requires a local agency to designate, by ordinance, very high fire hazard severity zones in its jurisdiction, as provided in connection with a state program for fire prevention. This bill would require the local agency to transmit a copy of the adopted ordinance to the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection within 30 days of adoption. By imposing a new duty on a local agency, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.	Watch	2
AB 1918	Garcia, Eduardo D	Public Access	Sustainable Outdoor Recreation.		5/31/2018- S. RLS.	Current law establishes in the Natural Resources Agency the Blue Ribbon Committee for the Rehabilitation of Clear Lake, for the purposes of discussion, reviewing research, planning, and providing oversight regarding the health of Clear Lake. This bill would establish in the agency the Office of Sustainable Outdoor Recreation. The bill would require the office to undertake certain activities such as promoting economic development and job growth in the outdoor recreation economy of the state. The bill would	Support	2

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AB 2615	Carrillo D	Safety	State highway system: parks and recreation: accessibility for bicycles and pedestrians.	5/31/2018-In	5/31/2018- S. RLS.	Would, to the extent possible, and where feasible, require the Department of Transportation to partner with appropriate public agencies, including, but not limited to, the Department of Parks and Recreation, any federal department or agency, and any regional or local public entity, to develop strategies and plans to maximize safe and convenient access for bicycles and pedestrians to federal, state, regional, and local parks adjacent to or connected to the state highway system.	Support/Co alition	2
SB 835	Glazer D	Safety	ban.	Referred to Com. on W.,P., & W.	6/4/2018- A. W.,P. & W.	Current law makes it an infraction punishable by a fine of \$250 for a person to smoke a cigarette, cigar, or other tobacco-related product within 25 feet of a playground or tot lot sandbox area. This bill would make it an infraction punishable by a fine of up to \$25 for a person to smoke, as defined, in a unit of the state park system or to dispose of used cigar or cigarette waste in a unit of the state park system. The bill would establish a state-mandated local program by creating a new crime.	Support	2
AB 2329	Obernolte R	Special District	board of directors:		5/30/2018- S. GOV. & F.	Current law authorizes the board of trustees of a public cemetery district to approve an ordinance or resolution to compensate its members no more than \$100 to attend a board meeting, for no more than 4 meetings per month, and authorizes a public cemetery district board of trustees to increase that compensation by no more than 5% annually. This bill would authorize a public cemetery district board of trustees to compensate its members for no more	Support	2

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SB 929	McGuire D	Special District	Internet Web sites.	4/30/2018- Referred to Com. on L. GOV.	4/30/2018-A. L. GOV.	The California Public Records Act requires a local agency to make public records available for inspection and allows a local agency to comply by posting the record on its Internet Web site and directing a member of the public to the Web site, as specified. This bill would, beginning on January 1, 2020, require every independent special district to maintain an Internet Web site that clearly lists contact information for the special district, except as provided. Because this bill would require local agencies to provide a new service, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.	Support	2
AB 2470	Grayson D	Stewardship		5/31/2018-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.	5/31/2018- S. RLS.	Would establish the Invasive Species Council of California, composed as prescribed, to help coordinate a comprehensive effort to prevent the introduction of invasive species in the state and to provide for the control or eradication of invasive species already established in the state. The bill would establish a California Invasive Species Advisory Committee to advise the council on a broad array of issues related to preventing the introduction of invasive species and providing for their control or eradication, as well as minimizing the economic, ecological, and human health impacts that invasive species cause.	Support	2
AB 2805	Bigelow R	Stewardship	validations.	5/31/2018-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.	5/31/2018- S. RLS.	Current law requires a person to procure, as specified, either a hunting license and a wild pig tag or a depredation permit in order to take a wild pig. However, current law provides that any wild pig that is encountered while in the act of inflicting injury to, or damaging or destroying, or threatening to immediately damage or destroy, land or other property may be taken immediately by the owner or the owner's employee or agent, as specified. Under current law, a violation of the Fish and Game Code is a crime. This bill would revise and recast the provisions applicable to	Support	2

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SB 1414	Beall D	Stewardship	harvesting plans: San Jose Water Company.	5/25/2018-Failed		Would require the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to ensure that, before the approval of a timber harvesting plan or an associated permit on lands owned by the San Jose Water Company, the San Jose Water Company conducts 2 public hearings on the timber harvesting plan or associated permit, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District is a member of the interagency review team for any timber harvesting document proposed by the San Jose Water Company, and the County of Santa Clara and the appropriate regional water quality control boards each conduct a public hearing on the timber harvesting plan or associated permit.	Watch	2
SB 881	Wieckowski D	Stewardship	County of Santa Clara: South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project.		A. DESK	Would authorize the state to provide subvention funds to the Santa Clara Valley Water District for the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project for flood control in areas along the south San Francisco Bay in the County of Santa Clara, as described, at an estimated cost to the state of the sum that may be appropriated for state cooperation by the Legislature upon the recommendation and advice of the Department of Water Resources and upon a determination by the department that the project meets specified financial aid requirements. The bill would provide that the state assumes no liability for damages that may result from the project by authorizing the provision of subvention funds, or	Support	2
<u>SB 919</u>	Dodd D	Stewardship	resources: stream gages.	5/29/2018-Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 29. Noes 8.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.	A. DESK	Would require the Department of Water Resources, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to develop a plan to deploy a network of stream gages that includes a determination of funding needs and opportunities for reactivating existing gages. The bill would require the department, in consultation with the board, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, interested stakeholders, and, to the extent they wish to consult, local agencies, to develop the plan to address significant gaps in information necessary for water management.	Support	2

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

Board Policy Manual

Positions on Ballot Measures and Legislative Advocacy	Policy 1.11 Chapter 1 – Administration and Government			
Effective Date: 4/13/16	Revised Date: N/A			
Prior Versions: N/A				

Purpose

To establish a policy governing positions on local and state ballot measures/propositions and state and federal legislative advocacy. It is intended to cover all matters before the Legislature and the voters.

Definitions

For the purposes of the *Positions on Ballot Measures and Legislative Advocacy* policy, the following terms and definitions shall be used:

Measure – may be included on a municipal, county, or district ballot and includes ordinances, initiatives, referenda, advisory measures, issuance or refunding of bonds, city or county charter amendments, or any other measure or proposition a legislative body may submit to the voters within the body's jurisdiction.

Ballot Proposition – can be a referendum or an initiative measure that is submitted to the electorate for a direct decision or direct vote. Propositions may be placed on the ballot by the California State Legislature or by a qualifying petition signed by registered voters.

Initiative – power of the electors to propose legislation, and to adopt or reject them. Any proposed ordinance may be submitted to the legislative body by means of a petition.

Referendum – applies to the process for repealing newly enacted legislation. Within specified time limits, the electors may file a petition protesting the adoption of that legislation.

Local Legislation – typically ordinances, which are the laws of a city, charter, or district, often having the force of law, but only within the local jurisdiction.

State or Federal Legislation – bills or proposed legislation under consideration by the legislature at the state or federal level.

Policy

- 1. Positions on Matters Before the Voters
 - a. From time to time the Board of Directors may be asked or may desire to take a position on local or state measures. The Board may consider taking a position on the measure/proposition if the measure/proposition:
 - Would directly impact the District's finances, responsibilities, legal authority, or operations; AND
 - ii. Is in line with or inconsistent with the District's mission and/or commitment to preserve open space within its boundaries and sphere of influence.

The Board, by majority vote, may direct the General Manager to research the measure/proposition and return to the Board at a future meeting with information and a General Manager recommendation. At that time, the Board may vote to take a position on a measure/proposition.

- b. Measures/propositions determined to not impact District business may nonetheless be analyzed by the General Manager when directed by a majority vote of the Board, of which the analysis report would include possible alternatives for Board action, but no position recommendation.
- 2. Local, State, and Federal Legislative Advocacy
 - a. The Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs Committee (LFPAC) receives periodic updates regarding the District's legislative program. When LFPAC determines that proposed legislation may affect District business, it may direct the General Manager to prepare a recommendation for consideration by the full Board or where there is not adequate time to convene the full Board, may direct the General Manager to take action to support or oppose the legislation without full Board approval. In such cases, the General Manager or designee shall report to the Board any actions taken to support or oppose legislation at or before the next Board meeting.
 - b. When time is so short that neither the full Board nor LFPAC can be convened to consider positions to support or oppose local, state or federal legislation, the General Manager is authorized to take a position on behalf of the District if the legislation:
 - i. Is related to the District's mission; AND
 - ii. Would directly impact the District's business, such as project delivery, operations, finances, legal authority, or other District responsibilities; AND
 - iii. The position being taken is consistent/inconsistent with existing District policy, past action, or District Strategic Plan; OR
 - iv. The legislation carries other considerations that make it contrary to the District's interests.

In such instances, the General Manager or designee shall report to the Board any actions taken to support or oppose the legislation at or before the next Board meeting.

c. Full Board action is required regarding legislation that is not clearly within the criteria listed above under Section 2.b. or guided by direction previously given by LFPAC.

- 3. Full Board action is required to support or oppose any type of grassroots advocacy action, such as social, political, or economic movements, that are not legislation.
- 4. Board members representing the District in their official capacity on regional or other bodies may, at his or her discretion, take actions based on the principles above consistent with previously approved Board positions and policies.
- 5. This policy is not intended to limit the prerogative of individual Board members from expressing their individual support for or opposition to any local ballot measure, State proposition, State or Federal legislation, or grassroots advocacy actions. However, in doing so, the member should clearly state they are speaking for themselves, and not in an official capacity on behalf of the Board or the District. Individual Board Members who take a position in support or opposition to ballot measure or legislation for which the Board has not previously taken a position are encouraged as a professional courtesy to include the language for identification purposes only parenthetically following their signature referencing their position on the Board.