



Midpeninsula Regional  
Open Space District

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## AGENDA ITEM 7

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2019 Special Park Districts Forum

### GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS *den*

Receive an update and provide comments on the 2019 Special Park Districts Forum. No Board action required.

### SUMMARY

In May, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District is co-hosting the Special Park Districts Forum (SPDF), in partnership with the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD). A yearly gathering of staff and elected officials from agencies across the country, the SPDF allows attendees the opportunity to learn and share stories and best practices during a series of tours of host properties and venues. Host agencies provide presentations about their experiences in planning, restoration, public access, operations, and partnership collaboration.

This year, the SPDF takes place May 5 – 9, 2019 at the Marriott Hotel in Walnut Creek. EBRPD staff is handling overall event management, including event registration, hospitality and transportation. Midpen staff will provide support for some daily operations during the event. Registration opened in mid-January, and approximately 200 guests are anticipated to attend.

On Tuesday, May 7, Midpen will host participants on a tour of the District's most recent public access projects: Mount Umunhum and Bear Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve. Midpen staff is managing all programming and logistics for the tour on this day.

### BACKGROUND

Midpen has previously collaborated with EBRPD to co-host the SPDF in 2006 and 1998. In 2006, Midpen hosted a tour of Mills Creek and La Honda Creek Open Space Preserves, Pomponio State Beach, and Cowell Ranch State Beach.

### SPDF ITINERARY AND REGISTRATION

The SPDF includes 3.5 days of hosted tours and meals in EBRPD Parks and Midpen Preserves. All daily tours will begin in Walnut Creek. The itinerary is as follows:

<b>DATE</b>	<b>HOST</b>	<b>TOUR</b>
Sunday, May 5	EBRPD and Midpen	Welcome and Evening Reception at Walnut Creek Marriott
Monday, May 6	EBRPD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concord Hills Regional Park</li> <li>• Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve</li> <li>• Big Break Regional Park</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday, May 7</b>	<b>Midpen</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mount Umunhum</b></li> <li>• <b>Bear Creek Redwoods</b></li> </ul>
Wednesday, May 8	EBRPD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Point Pinole Regional Shoreline</li> <li>• Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline</li> <li>• McLaughlin Eastshore State Park</li> </ul>
Thursday, May 9	EBRPD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dumbarton Quarry</li> <li>• Ardenwood Historic Farm</li> </ul>

The tentative expanded schedule for the Midpen tour on Tuesday, May 7 is:

- Breakfast at hotel – presentation by Midpen staff
- EBRPD Charter Bus from Walnut Creek Marriott to San Jose
- Transfer to small shuttle buses provided by Midpen
- Mount Umunhum
  - Docent-led tour of Summit
  - Lunch
  - Presentations by Midpen staff
- Bear Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve
  - Presentations by Midpen staff
  - Hiking opportunities in preserve
- No-host dinner in Downtown Los Gatos
- EBRPD Charter bus transportation back to Walnut Creek Marriott

### REGISTRATION

Board members interested in attending the SPDF should register directly online at [www.spdf2019.com](http://www.spdf2019.com). Registration is an easy process that includes the choice of participating for all days or individual days only.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There are sufficient funds in the Public Affairs department budget to cover the cost of the event. The expenditures are not eligible for Measure AA reimbursement.

### **BOARD COMMITTEE REVIEW**

A Board Committee did not previously review this item.

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public notice was provided as required by the Brown Act.

**CEQA COMPLIANCE**

This item is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act.

**NEXT STEPS**

Along with confirming logistics, the project team has begun working with multiple departments to develop presentation themes that highlight the uniqueness of Midpen Preserves. Theme ideas include the variety of historical land uses and the challenges faced in opening for public access, conservation partnerships, biodiversity in Midpen Preserves and the Bay Area, and fault line proximity and shaping of the landscape.

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