



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, January 28, 2020**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Director Hassett called the meeting of the Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs Committee to order at 2:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Members present: Larry Hassett and Zoe Kersteen-Tucker

Members absent: Jed Cyr

Staff present: General Manager Ana Ruiz, General Counsel Hilary Stevenson, Assistant General Manager Brian Malone, District Clerk/Assistant to the General Manager Jennifer Woodworth, Public Affairs Manager Kori Skinner, Governmental Affairs Specialist Joshua Hugg

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

No speakers present.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** Director Kersteen-Tucker moved and Director Hassett seconded the motion to adopt the agenda.

**VOTE: 2-0-0** (Director Cyr absent)

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**1. Select Committee Chair for Calendar Year 2020**

Public comment opened at 2:00 p.m.

No speakers present.

Public comment closed at 2:00 p.m.

**Motion:** Director Hassett moved, and Director Kersteen-Tucker seconded the motion to select Director Kersteen-Tucker as Committee Chair for Calendar Year 2020.

**VOTE: 2-0-0** (Director Cyr absent)

**2. Approve the October 8, 2019 Legislative, Funding, & Public Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes.**

**Motion:** Director Hassett moved, and Director Kersteen-Tucker seconded the motion to approve the October 8, 2019 Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs committee meeting minutes.

Public comment opened at 2:01 p.m.

No speakers present.

Public comment closed at 2:01 p.m.

**VOTE: 2-0-0** (Director Cyr absent)

**3. Draft 2020 Legislative Program (R-20-14)**

Governmental Affairs Specialist Joshua Hugg described the District's legislative program, its purposed, and reviewed the District's legislative priorities for the upcoming 2020-21 legislative session, including supporting efforts to eliminate the use of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides, effective guidelines for wildland fire fuel reduction, and supporting wildlife and trail corridors. Additionally, the District seeks to strengthen organizational capacity and long-term financial sustainability to fulfill the mission, such as through a potential climate change bond, Proposition 68 implementation, and issuance of green bonds.

Director Kersteen-Tucker suggested including the environmental values of "working lands" in Goal 2 for the next year.

Mr. Hugg reported regional priorities include seeking grant and mitigation opportunities through implementation of several regional funding measures through, such as San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Measure AA and Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Measure B. Federal priorities include advocating for fully funding the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, supporting policies that protect and designate national monuments within our region, and supporting habitat connectivity projects.

Director Kersteen-Tucker suggested remaining up to date on the "Connect the Coast" initiative to ensure District trails in the coastal areas connect to regional trails.

Director Kersteen-Tucker requested a future update on SB50 related to affordable housing requirements and whether there is a "carve-out" for coastal communities.

Mr. Hugg provided a general overview of SB50 and reported additional information may be provided at the next committee meeting.

Public comment opened at 2:39 p.m.

No speakers present.

Public comment closed at 2:39 p.m.

**Motion:** Director Hassett moved, and Director Kersteen-Tucker seconded the motion to approve the motion to forward a recommendation to the Board of Directors for approval with any additional changes to the Legislative Program requested by the committee.

**VOTE: 2-0-0** (Director Cyr absent)

General Manager Ana Ruiz reported staff may be further consolidating the legislative priorities before they are presented to the Board of Directors, but no substantive changes will be made.

Mr. Hugg provided an update on statewide and regional issues that do not directly affect the District's immediate interests or are related to the built and urban environments as opposed to open space.

Ms. Ruiz provided comments related to the possibility of the District taking an increased role in advocating for various regional issues that may not have a direct impact or nexus on the District's mission.

Director Hassett spoke in favor of focusing District resources on issues that are not directly within the District's mission citing concerns about staff and District capacity to advocate for a wide range of issues.

Director Kersteen-Tucker agreed and shared her concerns regarding District capacity to advocate for a wide range of issues. Director Kersteen-Tucker suggested that the Board may weigh in on these issues on an ad hoc basis and determine where the District can have the greatest impact.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Director Kersteen-Tucker adjourned the meeting of the Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs Committee at 2:52 p.m.

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Jennifer Woodworth, MMC  
District Clerk