



Midpeninsula Regional  
Open Space District

## **MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT**

### **LEGISLATIVE, FUNDING, AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

*The Committee conducted this meeting in accordance with California Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20. All Board members and staff participated via teleconference.*

**Tuesday, September 29, 2020**

### **DRAFT MINUTES**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

#### **ROLL CALL**

Members present: Jed Cyr, Larry Hassett, and Zoe Kersteen-Tucker

Members absent: None

Staff present: General Manager Ana Ruiz, General Counsel Hilary Stevenson, Assistant General Manager Susanna Chan, Chief Financial Officer Stefan Jaskulak, District Clerk/Assistant to the General Manager Jennifer Woodworth, Planner III Aaron Peth, Planning Manager Jane Mark, Grants Program Manager Deborah Hirst

District Clerk Jennifer Woodworth announced this meeting is being held in accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order allowing Committee members to participate remotely. The District has done its best to conduct a meeting where everyone has an opportunity to listen to the meeting and to provide comment. The public has the opportunity to comment on the agenda, and the opportunity to listen to this meeting through the internet or via telephone. This information can be found on the meeting agenda, which was physically posted at the District's Administrative Office, and on the District website. Ms. Woodworth described the process and protocols for the meeting.

#### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Ms. Woodworth reported no public comments had been submitted.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE: 3-0-0**

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**1. Approve the August 25, 2020 Legislative, Funding, & Public Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes.**

**Motion:** Director Hassett moved, and Director Cyr seconded the motion to approve the August 25, 2020 Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs committee meeting minutes.

Public comment opened at 2:03 p.m.

District Clerk Jennifer Woodworth reported no public comments had been submitted.

Public comment closed at 2:03 p.m.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: 3-0-0**

**2. Grant Funding from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission for the Highway 35 Multi-use Trail Crossing and Parking/Multimodal Access Study (R-20-101)**

Planner III Aaron Peth provided the staff presentation describing the background of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) South Skyline Ridge Trail Extension project and reporting potential District concerns, including trail user safety and increased parking demand. The project scope includes analysis of the feasibility of a Ridge Trail crossing of Highway 35 and expansion of the North Ridge parking lot. Additionally, multimodal access opportunities for the parking lot will be studied. Mr. Peth described project funding, including from the SFPUC, Peninsula Open Space Trust, Ridge Trail Council, and the District.

Public comment opened at 2:21 p.m.

District Clerk Jennifer Woodworth read the submitted comments into the record.

Ross Heitkamp supported the general manager's recommendation and appreciates the SFPUC is putting in nearly half the cost of the study

Josh Stivers stated e-bikes should be allowed on District bike trails.

Alex Sabo, on behalf of the Bay Area Ridge Trail supported the general manager's recommendation, which will help provide safe access to multi-use trails.

Public comment closed at 2:24 p.m.

**Motion:** Director Hassett moved, and Director Cyr seconded the motion to recommend Board adoption of a resolution authorizing the General Manager to accept \$114,000 in grant funding from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission for the Highway 35 Multi-use Trail Crossing and Parking/Multimodal Access Study.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: 3-0-0**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Director Kersteen-Tucker adjourned the meeting of the Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs Committee at 2:26 p.m.

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Jennifer Woodworth, MMC  
District Clerk