



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, March 9, 2021

DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Director Cyr 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 Karen Holman

Members absent: None

Staff present: General Manager Ana Ruiz, General Counsel Hilary Stevenson, Assistant General Manager Brian Malone, Assistant General Manager Susanna Chan, Chief Financial Officer Stefan Jaskulak, District Clerk/Assistant to the General Manager Jennifer Woodworth, Public Affairs Manager Kori Skinner, Governmental Affairs Specialist Josh Hugg

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 Hassett moved, and Director Holman seconded the motion to adopt the agenda.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 3-0-0

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Approve the February 2, 2021 Legislative, Funding, & Public Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Director Holman moved, and Director Hassett seconded the motion to approve the February 2, 2021 Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs committee meeting minutes.

Public comment opened at 2:04 p.m.

Ms. Woodworth reported no public comments had been submitted.

Public comment closed at 2:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 3-0-0

2. Legislative Positions for Consideration by the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (R-21-35)

Governmental Affairs Specialist Joshua Hugg provided the staff presentation describing the District's bill-tracking and disposition process. Mr. Hugg reviewed the District's proposed legislative priorities for the upcoming 2021-22 legislative session, including supporting efforts to promote effective guidelines for wildland fire fuel reduction, potential establishment of a California conservation grazing incentive program, and pursuing climate change-related funding to benefit a wide range of open space priorities.

Committee members requested and received clarification regarding various legislative bills.

Director Holman requested clarification regarding AB1500 and SB45, which address wildfires, drought, and flooding.

Mr. Hugg stated the bills are being considered in the senate and assembly and reflect varying priorities there. Both bills will potentially be considered by both houses depending on how they progress and may eventually be consolidated.

Director Holman expressed concern regarding AB11 relating to regional climate change authorities stating this will continue to need to be watched depending on how it progresses.

Director Holman suggested connecting the various legislative positions to the Board-approved legislative program.

Public comment opened at 2:59 p.m.

Ms. Woodworth reported no public comments had been submitted.

Public comment closed at 2:59 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Cyr adjourned the meeting of the Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs Committee at 3:00 p.m.

Jennifer Woodworth, MMC
District Clerk