



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

LEGISLATIVE, FUNDING, AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Board of Directors conducted this meeting in accordance with California Government Code section 54953(e) and Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Resolution 21-33. All Board members and staff participated via teleconference.

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cyr called the meeting of the Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs Committee to order at 2:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Jed Cyr and Larry Hassett

Members absent: Karen Holman

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, Planning Manager Jane Mark, Planner I Ari Nuri

District Clerk Jennifer Woodworth announced this meeting is being held in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Resolution 21-33, allowing Board 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 read the submitted comment into the record.

Edward Noskowski provided comments in support of allowing e-bikes on trails in District preserves.

Director Holman joined the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Director Hassett moved, and Director Cyr seconded the motion to adopt the agenda.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 3-0-0

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Approve the December 14, 2021 Legislative, Funding, & Public Affairs Committee meeting minutes.

Motion: Director Hassett moved, and Director Holman seconded the motion to approve the December 14, 2021 Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs committee meeting minutes.

Public comment opened at 2:06 p.m.

Ms. Woodworth reported no public comments had been submitted.

Public comment closed at 2:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 3-0-0

2. Proposed Trail Name for Lower La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve Loop Trail (R-22-08)

Planner I Arianna Nuri provided the staff presentation describing the location of the loop trail in La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve and the policy and process for selecting a trail name. Staff recommends the name Grasshopper Loop trail, and Ms. Nuri reported the proposed name helps promote the various ecosystems preserves visitors will visit along the trail and reported the grasshopper sparrow lives in the grasslands at the preserve. Alternative trail names include Meadowlark Loop and Lasso Loop.

Director Holman expressed concern members of the public may not understand the dual meaning of grasshopper and suggested naming it the Grasshopper Sparrow Loop Trail. Alternatively, she would support the Meadowlark Loop Trail.

Director Hassett spoke in support of the name Grasshopper Loop Trail.

Chair Cyr suggested providing information regarding the meaning of the trail name to visitors and spoke in support of numbering trail junctions.

General Manager Ana Ruiz provided additional information regarding the trail numbering process at the La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve and reported this trail would be incorporated.

Public comment opened at 2:19 p.m.

Ms. Woodworth reported no public comments had been submitted for this item.

Public comment closed at 2:19 p.m.

Ms. Nuri reported the size of the signs for the trail may make it difficult to include the longer trail name.

Director Holman suggested further educating the public to highlight the work the District does to protect the grasshopper sparrow, which is a special species of concern.

Motion: Director Hassett moved, and Director Holman seconded the motion to Forward a recommendation to the full Board of Directors for their review and consideration of the proposed trail name “Grasshopper Loop Trail” for the former Sears Ranch Road loop trail located in lower La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 3-0-0

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cyr adjourned the meeting of the Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs Committee at 2:25 p.m.

Jennifer Woodworth, MMC
District Clerk