AGENDA ITEM

Board Liaison Appointments

GENERAL MANAGER’S RECOMMENDATIONS

Review the list of current Board of Director assignments and determine any additional Board assignments to add to this list, including representative Board liaison appointments with external organizations.

SUMMARY

The members of the Board of Directors (Board) currently serve on several standing Board Committees, which are appointed each year by the Board President. Additionally, the Board members represent the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District) on outside bodies, with consent of the full Board. Earlier this year, the Board expressed an interest in reviewing the list of appointments to consider if there should be any additions to this list. At this meeting, the Board will have an opportunity to consider suggestions for additions to update the list of appointments.

DISCUSSION

In addition to serving on standing Board committees, Board ad hoc committees, and taking on other District assignments, Board members also represent the District on various external bodies. The current assignments for external bodies are as follows:

- Santa Clara County Special Districts Association – Pete Siemens
- San Mateo County Special Districts Association – Zoe Kersteen-Tucker
- Santa Clara Valley Water District Water Commission – Jed Cyr
- Santa Clara County Local Agency Formation Commission Independent Special District Representative – Yoriko Kishimoto
- San Francisco Bay Conservation & Development Commission – Yoriko Kishimoto
- San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority – Karen Holman
- California Joint Powers Insurance Authority Delegate – Zoe Kersteen-Tucker
  - California Joint Powers Insurance Authority Alternate – Yoriko Kishimoto
- City Council meetings – assigned by Board members wards
  - Pete Siemens Ward 1 - Representing Cupertino, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Saratoga
  - Yoriko Kishimoto Ward 2 - Representing Cupertino, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Palo Alto, Stanford, Sunnyvale
  - Jed Cyr Ward 3 - Representing Sunnyvale
At the January 26, 2022 Board meeting, Director Riffle suggested the Board may want to review the various assignments to consider where additional assignments may be helpful. There may be meetings held by other organizations that Board members could attend in order to represent the District and provide reports back to the Board on topics discussed and opportunities for partnerships. Potential organizations and agencies include:

- San Mateo County Farm Bureau*
- Friends of Stevens Creek Trail*
- Friends of Bear Creek Stables*
- Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (Policy Advisory Committee)
- San Mateo County Transportation Authority (Citizen Advisory Committee)
- Sierra Club, Loma Prieta Chapter (Executive Committee Meetings)
- Pescadero Municipal Advisory Council*
- Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)*^ (ABAG and MTC meet jointly and regularly to consider elements of Plan Bay Area.)
- Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)*^ (Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)*^)
- Santa Clara County Housing, Land Use, Environment, and Transportation Committee (HLUET)
- City and County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (Bike/Ped, Resource Management/Climate Protection Committees)
- San Mateo Resource Conservation District
- Santa Cruz County Local Agency Formation Commission
- San Mateo County Local Agency Formation Commission
- Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority
- East Bay Regional Parks District
- Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency

*District staff members periodically attend meetings of these organizations.
^ABAG and MTC meet jointly and regularly to consider elements of Plan Bay Area.

The above-listed organizations are suggestions of organizations where the District has a current interest in their work or because the organization is involved in areas where the Board has shown interest in various regional issues, such as housing and transportation. For most of the organizations listed above, the Board can consider reviewing Agendas first to determine which meetings to attend based on scheduled items of relevant District interest.

**Applicable Board Policies**
Board Policy 6.06 (Meeting Compensation, Reimbursement of Authorized Necessary Expenses for Performance of Official Duties, and Adoption of Ethics Training Requirements Pursuant to Government Code Section 53232 et seq. (AB1234)) of the Board Policy Manual states that all Standing Committees are compensable and compensability for attendance of Ad Hoc Committee meetings is determined on an as-needed basis by the Board. It is recommended that Board members
be compensated for attendance at meetings where the Board member is the District’s appointed representative be compensated.

FISCAL IMPACT

In accordance with California Public Resources Code section 5536 and Board Policy 6.06, each District Board member may receive compensation in an amount not to exceed one hundred and five dollars ($105) per day for each attendance at a Board meeting. On January 12, 2022, the Board approved Resolution 21-01, which authorized compensating Board members for up to six meetings per month. Accordingly, with seven Board members, the maximum the entire Board can receive is $52,920 per year. The District’s current proposed budget for Board meeting compensation is $42,000 for fiscal year 2021-22. If it is later determined that additional funds are required, a budget adjustment may be requested.

BOARD COMMITTEE REVIEW

This item is annually brought to the full Board for review and approval.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice was provided pursuant to the requirements of the Brown Act. No further notice is required.

CEQA COMPLIANCE

This proposed action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and no environmental review is required.

NEXT STEPS

Depending on the organizations selected to have an appointed Board member liaison, the appointed Board members may work with the appropriate District staff to contact the organizations to inform them of the appointment and receive information regarding upcoming meetings.

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