



SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETING

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT**

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

*The Board of Directors conducted this meeting in accordance with
California Government Code section 54953.*

DRAFT MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDPENINSULA
REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT**

President Kishimoto called the special meeting of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District to order at 5:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jed Cyr, Craig Gleason, Karen Holman, Zoe Kersteen-Tucker, Yoriko Kishimoto, Margaret MacNiven, and Curt Riffle

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: General Manager Ana Ruiz, General Counsel Hilary Stevenson, Assistant General Manager Susanna Chan, Assistant General Manager Brian Malone, Chief Financial Officer/Director of Administrative Services Stefan Jaskulak, District Clerk/Assistant to the General Manager Maria Soria, Senior Planner Gretchen Laustsen, Capital Projects Field Manager Bryan Apple, and Wildlife Program Lead Julie Anderson

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**1. PURISIMA-TO-THE-SEA TRAIL AND PARKING AREA FEASIBILITY
STUDY, PREFERRED TRAIL ALIGNMENT AND PARKING AREA
CONCEPTUAL DESIGN (R-23-52)**

Senior Planner Gretchen Laustsen provided the presentation of the Purisima-to-the-Sea Trail and Parking Area Feasibility Study findings and recommendations. Ms. Laustsen provided a general project overview and a project vicinity and regional trail connections map that showed the

existing and planned regional trails in the area. The project is significant for its nexus to many regional trails, including as a key segment of the Bay to Sea trail and as a new coastal trailhead and parking area to District coastal lands. Specifically, the Purisima-to-the-Sea trail is envisioned to be a roughly 15-mile regional trail connecting the Purisima preserve to the San Mateo County coast. The trail will create a critical east-west link in the regional trail network from the Bay Area Ridge trail to the California Coastal trail. Ms. Laustsen stated that the purpose of the feasibility study is to evaluate the potential for a new trail connecting the existing preserve trail network to the coastal trail and a new parking area with a trailhead. The project also analyzes opportunities for connector trails and crossings that will be necessary to connect to the Cowell-Purisima parking area along the coast. Ms. Laustsen highlighted the feasibility study process, the project vision and goals, public engagement activities, and reviewed the key and recurring feedback heard throughout the engagement process.

Capital Projects Field Manager Bryan Apple continued the presentation and reviewed the trail process for evaluating trail alignments alternatives and stated that the District trail crews began field scouting efforts in late 2020 to evaluate potential trail connections from the existing Irish Ridge Trail to the proposed parking area on Verde Road. Staff also worked with the biological consultant SWCA to do reconnaissance level evaluations of natural resources along the alignment alternatives and engaged with grazing tenants to understand the considerations for a trail alignment in an actively grazed area. The findings of these surveys have informed the proposed trail alignments and identified alignment number one as the preferred alignment. Mr. Apple commented that three primary trail alignment alternatives were identified, along with two connector trail options. He provided an overview of each trail alignment alternative and stated that all alignments have components of new trail construction and utilize some existing routes.

Mr. Apple then provided an overview of the trail grade for all three proposed trail alignments and stated that the typical grade target for new trail construction is 8% to 10% but, may occasionally exceed those thresholds when necessary to accommodate a natural resource concern or geological consideration. Mr. Apple pointed out that most of the new trail alignment for alternative number one is less than 10% in grade. Mr. Apple continued to review the trail alignment considerations for the three alternatives and for the connectors using the classifications of strong, moderate, and weak alignment. Lastly, Mr. Apple reviewed the cost estimates for the proposed trail alternatives, including the connectors.

Director Riffle inquired if there was any flexibility in softening the grade for connector A to make it a more moderate trail for new users or families.

Mr. Apple explained that there is potential, and it could be evaluated, but one of the challenges is that this area is largely within active pastureland, making it difficult to pull the grade out without expanding the footprint and adding switchbacks. Another constraint is that on the western side of the property, there are existing erosion gullies located right above the coastal terrace.

Director Gleason inquired and received information on what sections are shared with working ranch roads for connectors A and B and alignment one.

Director Cyr inquired on the location for a helicopter landing zone in the event of emergencies.

Mr. Apple replied that a site would be identified as part of the trail planning efforts.

Director Kishimoto commented that she had previously asked if it would be feasible to use alignments one and three as a loop trail and inquired if the response she received was correct, that it could not be done because there is a limit on the mileage length of the trails.

Mr. Apple confirmed the information was correct, there is an existing conservation easement on the South Cowell property, which is fairly restrictive and limits the length of the trail.

Public comment opened at 6:01 p.m.

Public Access Program Manager Rachel Faye from the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) expressed support for the trail recommendations and offered to partner on future phases of this project. Ms. Faye emphasized that this project is part of the larger Bay-to-the-Sea Trail that is envisioned to extend from the San Francisco Bay through Redwood City, East Palo Alto, and eventually to the coast near Half Moon Bay. The Purisima-to-the-Sea Trail is a significant contributing segment, and POST is very appreciative of all the investments in its planning and future construction. Ms. Faye stated she looks forward to being a partner in the future phases of implementation of the connector trail D, which runs along the POST trail easement and other implementation efforts as appropriate.

Dave Evans thanked Bryan Apple and the District for the hard work and stated that the prospect of having a continuous trail from Skyline to the sea is exciting. Mr. Evans suggested reaffirming the commitment to multi-use access for the entire length of the corridor, and he acknowledged that this would require redesignation and potentially realignment of the Irish Ridge and Bald Knob trails within the Purisima Creek Redwoods Preserve since these trails are currently for hikers only. In addition, he inquired if there is a tradeoff between accepting alignment 3 versus perhaps some of the smaller loop connectors.

John Boothroyd commented that in the effort to increase the amount of loop trails, he suggested that a bit of the existing road that goes between alignment two and alignment one would be a great way to add a loop. The loop would create two route choices for hikers.

Jim Sullivan thanked Mr. Apple for the presentation and the Board for their constructive comments. Mr. Sullivan encouraged staff to expand their outreach and noted many of the neighbors are not internet savvy, specifically the residents at 1151 and 1212 Verde Road. The resident at 1212 asked Mr. Sullivan to state his concern that he does not want to see any parking on Verde Road. Mr. Sullivan also commented that during an outreach meeting there was support for preserving the old remnants of an oil rig located across from the POST trail easement and inquired if there was going to be any discussion on the topic. In addition, he inquired if the trail was going to run parallel to Verde Road and if so, has staff had any conversations with the resident at 1000 Verde Road. Lastly, he inquired if there was going to be any discussion whether there would be a dedicated area for dogs and suggested using the flat area off the parking lot.

Public comment closed at 6:12 p.m.

Mr. Apple commented that the residence at 1000 Verde Road was recently acquired by the District and staff will engage with the tenant to help them understand the alignment proposal, and work to manage the privacy of that resident.

Ms. Laustsen stated that on the South Cowell parcel, there is a limitation on the overall length of trail. Staff will need to evaluate further whether or not different options can fit within the constraints of the trail easement allowance. In addition, neither the Cowell-Purisima trail nor the Purisima preserve allow access to dogs.

Mr. Apple commented on Mr. Evan's suggestion of an additional looping opportunity and stated that it would overlap with the South Cowell parcel, which has trail length constraints, and would extend into an active grazing site.

Ms. Laustsen mentioned that postcard notices were sent to all of the neighbors along Purisima Road and Verde Road.

Director Holman inquired if staff could elaborate on the commenters remarks about retaining a remnant oil rig.

Ms. Laustsen stated that on the Purisima Uplands property, there is a remnant oil facility that the District is preparing to remediate. Some of the equipment will be retained and fenced. She stated that there may be some minimal piping on the South Cowell property that would be removed, and that the commenter may be referring to the Purisima Uplands property.

Director Holman suggested if staff could follow up on the matter.

Wildlife Program Lead Julie Anderson commented that there was a question about tradeoffs between alternative one and three, and speaking from a wildlife perspective, there are badgers throughout this area, and they move primarily north to south. Maintaining good connectivity between existing ponds on the property is important for the local wildlife. Alternative one versus three helps to maintain the connectivity for wildlife and provides a much larger public use buffer for the adjacent riparian area.

Project Manager Mark Brandi with SWCA Environmental Consultants reviewed the parking area planning and site analysis process, which included a biological resources assessment, riparian setback analysis, cultural resource survey, culvert drainage study, topographic survey, traffic study, geotechnical investigations, and multimodal access study. An opportunities and constraints analysis was completed for the project to better understand key considerations for the site, such as protection of scenic resources along the Highway 1 corridor, minimizing impacts to the adjacent farmland and grazing operations, the protection of sensitive habitats and need for riparian setbacks, and public safety. Mr. Brandi commented that the potential parking areas located on either side of Verde Road are not located on prime agricultural lands, unique farmlands or farmlands of statewide importance. Mr. Brandi displayed the three design alternatives for the parking and trailhead areas and summarized the key similarities and differences between each. Mr. Brandi also reviewed the three pedestrian crossings and the proposed design elements. One of the crossings is located on Highway 1 to connect visitors to the Cowell-Purisima lot, and two crossings are located at Verde Road.

Ms. Laustsen continued to summarize all of the key considerations for the parking area and the probable estimated costs. She also summarized the trail connectors and crossings and provided the next steps and project timeline.

Director Kersteen-Tucker inquired how the District minimizes the parking impact on locals and noted the likelihood of escalating parking needs for the area over time and the effects of more vehicles on regional, low-capacity roads.

Ms. Laustsen stated that the traffic study did identify that parking area C and the traffic volumes associated with the original build-out would not exceed the roadway capacity.

Director Kersteen-Tucker inquired and received information whether any analysis has been done to consider under-crossings for wildlife.

Public comment opened at 6:47 p.m.

District Clerk Maria Soria stated that there are no additional oral comments, but the Board did recently receive written comments, and these will be emailed to the Board for their review.

Public comments closed at 6:47 p.m.

Director Kersteen-Tucker commented that she appreciates all of the outreach, and the detailed planning that has gone into the project and believes the project will accommodate the regional needs nicely.

Director Riffle commented that he supports alternative one but does not like alternative three, and although a loop trail is desired in this area, Ms. Anderson's remarks regarding alternative three and its potential impacts on wildlife made him rethink his original position. Director Riffle also agrees with the concept of multi-use trails, and he would like to see dog access too but, understands there is no dog access in the preserve. He suggested the Board can revisit dog access in the future, and he is happy to hear from Ms. Faye with POST about the regional importance of this project. Lastly, he stated that he supports parking alternative C.

Director Gleason commented that he also likes the recommended proposals and will support them, and supports the multi-use of hiking, biking and equestrian use for the whole alignment, including the change of use on the existing trails to Irish Ridge, and parking option C. In addition, he commented that 90% of hikers indicate a preference for loop trails and agrees with Director Riffle that option 3 is not one that should be pursued but, inquired if there is an opportunity on the north side for other creative options with smaller segments that might provide some loop trails. Lastly, he suggested identifying a unique point of interest on the regional trail to make the journey especially meaningful rather than simply going to an arbitrary point and turning around.

Director Holman commented that she agrees with Director Gleason's input and requested not to use urban parking lot stripping in the parking area.

Director MacNiven suggested that the District should focus on the "preserve and protect" aspect of the mission when developing this beautiful, magnificent, world-class landscape for public use.

Motion: Director Kersteen-Tucker moved, and Director Riffle seconded the motion to affirm, with any final modifications as directed by the Board of Directors, the findings and recommendations of the Purisima-to-the-Sea Trail and Parking Area Feasibility Study, accept the recommended Trail Alignment 1, Connectors Trails A, B, C and D, Trail Crossings 1, 2 and 3

and the Conceptual Parking Area Design Alternative C as the project scope and description to initiate environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act, and direct staff to collaborate with partners in identifying the lead agency for the implementation of Connector Trail D and Trail Crossing 1.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7-0-0

Director Riffle requested moving the project in phases so that a portion of it could open sooner than 2029.

ADJOURNMENT

President Kishimoto adjourned the special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District at 6:58 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

President Kishimoto called the regular meeting of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District to order at 7:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jed Cyr, Craig Gleason, Karen Holman, Zoe Kersteen-Tucker, Yoriko Kishimoto, Margaret McNiven, and Curt Riffle

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: General Manager Ana Ruiz, General Counsel Hilary Stevenson, Assistant General Manager Susanna Chan, Assistant General Manager Brian Malone, Chief Financial Officer/Director of Administrative Services Stefan Jaskulak, District Clerk/Assistant to the General Manager Maria Soria, Public Affairs Manager Kori Skinner, Administrative Assistant Stephanie Gross

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Matthew Czaikoski thanked the District for keeping Bear Creek Stables open during the transition time and spoke in support of the Friends of Bear Creek Stables and the important work they do helping children connect with animals in nature.

Jane Krejci shared a personal story on how the exploration and respect and care for the earth was deeply instilled in her and suggested that it is important for children to have the same experience

in nature, to respect, love, and care for the outdoors and for animals, and urged the Board to find a way to make these spaces and animals available to the community.

Public commenter commented that he would like for his daughter to have an opportunity to be close to nature, animals, meet people, and make friends.

Annie River spoke in support of Friends of Bear Creek Stables and hopes that the District can work with the new management and the Friends to continue providing community events. Ms. River also expressed her gratitude for former board member Pete Siemens for everything he did for open space, the Bear Creek preserve and the stables, and for also fighting to keep St Joseph's Hill protected and preserved.

William Stout spoke about the importance of kids having access to nature, and in particular, access to horses. Mr. Stout shared an article that he submitted to the Mountain News Network, which described why he is so passionate and personally invested in nature.

Melissa Sheridan shared her children's experiences at Bear Creek Stables and hopes that the Board considers saving Bear Creek Stables.

Nancy Cole, President of the Friends of Bear Creek stables informed the District that they will welcome and cooperate fully with Chaparral. She offered to host a welcome party at the stables in the hopes of developing a positive relationship with Chaparral. In addition, they would like to collaborate with Chaparral on their public outreach programs, as well as reintroduce the programs that were in place prior to the new operator. The Friends of Bear Creek Stables want to make it clear that Chaparral will be welcomed.

Zoya Girshfeld boarder at Bear Creek Stables commented that she has created a native plant garden at the stables and believes nature has a lot to offer to people and children.

Jim Zhang spoke on his observations of his kids growing up with the stables and how they learned to approach and develop a relationship with the animals and supports the Bear Creek Stables.

Ruth Gantly spoke on how having an outdoor space for kids is important and especially to the kids who are suffering from anxiety and depression, and how important it is to get them out into open space and connect with the horses. Ms. Gantly shared an article she wrote about how her daughter has developed a deep connection with a horse and how this connection has renewed her strength and interest in life.

Aria McLeod commented she lives in San Jose but loves horses and that Bear Creek Stables allows her to be close to her dream of owning one of her own. She commented that she never had many friends, but at the stables, she has been able to work with horses and this has helped her grow as a person, make new friends, and learn how to navigate new environments.

Lisa McLeod spoke in support of the Friends of Bear Creek Stables, and how much it has meant for both of her kids. She could not be more grateful for the opportunity to have her kids have that chance to learn and grow and be outdoors and connect with nature.

Rhoda Fry expressed her concerns about the ridgeline abutting Lehigh Quarry and that she appreciates the District having shared oversight of the ridgeline easement and supports Supervisor Simitian’s “Don’t Chop the Top” initiative. She requested that the District encourage the County to enforce the approved 2012 Reclamation Plan to reclaim and stabilize the site in order to preserve and protect the ridgeline.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

Introduction of Staff

- Stephanie Gross, Administrative Assistant

Proclamation

- In recognition of Finance Manager Andrew Taylor

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7-0-0

CONSENT CALENDAR

Public comment opened at 7:41 p.m.

District Clerk Maria Soria reported there were no public speakers for this item.

Public comment closed at 7:41 p.m.

Director Gleason commented on agenda item numbers 4 and 6 and stated that these two projects are excellent examples of how the District partners with other agencies because these two tasks would not be able to be accomplished by one agency alone. He also believes that these initiatives would not be completed without strong leadership from the District and thanked the Board and staff for taking on these two projects.

President Kishimoto read the proclamation for agenda item 8 - Annual Display of the Pride Progress Flag in June.

Motion: Director Riffle moved, and Director Kersteen-Tucker seconded the motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7-0-0

- 1. Approve the Mach 8, 2023 Board meeting minutes**
- 2. Approve Claims Report**
- 3. Award of Contract to Bay Area Tree Specialists for Wildland Fire Fuel Treatments and Tree Maintenance Services (R-23-53)**

General Manager's Recommendation:

1. Authorize the General Manager to execute an initial one-year term contract (Year 1) with Bay Area Tree Specialists of San Jose, California in the amount of \$351,400 for District-wide wildland fire fuel treatments and tree maintenance services.
2. Authorize the General Manager to extend the contract with Bay Area Tree Specialists for up to four additional one-year terms, each at a \$500,000 annual cost, based on contractor performance, for a not-to-exceed base contract amount of \$2,351,400 over the five-year term.
3. Authorize a 15% contingency in the amount of \$352,710 over the five-year term to address unforeseen issues, for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$2,704,110 over the five-year term.

4. Alma Bridge Road Newt Passage Feasibility Analysis, Project Goals, and Grant Application with the Wildlife Conservation Board (R-23-54)General Manager's Recommendations:

1. Receive and accept the Alma Bridge Road Newt Passage Feasibility Analysis.
2. Adopt the Project Goals, as reviewed and confirmed by the Project Stakeholders.

5. Contract Amendment for the La Honda Creek Parking and Trailhead Access Feasibility Study at La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve (R-23-55)General Manager's Recommendations:

1. Authorize the General Manager to amend a contract with RHAA Landscape Architects of Mill Valley, California in the amount of \$37,470 to conduct additional technical studies and support additional public engagement.
2. Authorize a 10% contingency in the amount of \$19,700 to cover unforeseen tasks for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$431,884.

6. Highway 17 Wildlife and Trail Crossings Cooperative Agreement with the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (R-23-56)General Manager's Recommendations:

1. Authorize the General Manager to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority for the Plans, Specifications and Estimates phase of the Highway 17 Wildlife and Trail Crossings project.
2. Authorize the General Manager to amend the Cooperative Agreement in the future to specifically allow: (i) the disbursement of future grant funds to cover project costs, if obtained after the execution of the original agreement, and (ii) a six-month extension of the agreement term, if necessary.

7. Amendment to Board Policy 5.01 – Site Naming, Gift, and Special Recognition – related to Monetary Gift Acknowledgements (R-23-57)

General Manager's Recommendation: Approve amendments to Board Policy 5.01 – Site Naming, Gift, and Special Recognition – to acknowledge all gifts annually in a standard publication regardless of and without specifying the gift amount, as reviewed and supported by the Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs Committee.

8. Annual Display of the Pride Progress Flag in June (R-23-58)

General Manager's Recommendation: Approve the annual display of the Pride Progress flag on flag poles at Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District facilities during the month of June, including the attached Proclamation.

BOARD BUSINESS**9. Public Hearing on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget and Three-Year Capital Improvement and Action Plan (CIAP) (R-23-59)**

Chief Financial Officer and Director of Administrative Services Stefan Jaskulak provided an overview of the budget planning process and highlighted the budget development cycle. Mr. Jaskulak stated that at the March 2023 Board retreat, there were 101 CIAP projects and 17 supporting projects. With the recent adjustments to the workplan, there are now 109 CIAP projects and 15 supporting projects identified, with 11 newly added storm damage repair projects. He continued to review the storm damage CIAP reprioritization criteria and highlighted the repair projects added, the timeline extensions, scope reductions, and deferrals. Mr. Jaskulak also reviewed the proposed FY24 budget, the changes from the year prior, and stated the overall budget is 1% less than the FY23 adopted budget. He continued to review the District budget summary, and the proposed expenses by fund, and the six-year general fund revenue trend from FY19 to FY24. In addition, he reviewed the grant funding, the proposed FY24 expenditures by fund, the annual Measure AA expenditures by a five-year trend, the debt service, Measure AA debt service, reviewed the long-range financial plan and the change in general fund balance, the proposed personnel budget and the three proposed new full-time equivalent positions for FY24.

Assistant General Manager Brian Malone reviewed areas of interest for the CIAP, including projects supporting agriculture, diversity and inclusion and wildland fire resiliency.

Assistant General Manager Susanna Chan and Mr. Malone presented on the District's four program areas: Land Acquisition and Preservation Program, Natural Resource Protection and Restoration Program, Public Access, Education, and Outreach program, and Assets and Organizational Support Program. They highlighted key projects within each program.

The Board members requested and received additional information regarding various proposed projects.

President Kishimoto and Director MacNiven thanked the Action Plan and Budget Committee (APBC) for their work.

Director Riffle commented that the members of the ABC include Directors Holman and Gleason, with himself serving as committee chair. The ABC held two meetings, which totaled about six hours during which they reviewed the budget and other matters. Director Riffle expressed his appreciation for staff's organization, great overview, and level of details. He was particularly pleased with how quick staff was able to incorporate the storm damage projects and defer other projects seamlessly into the CIAP and that unanimously the ABC recommends that the full Board approve the General Manager's recommendation of the proposed budget. Furthermore, he mentioned that the District Controller was unable to attend tonight's meeting but, he did attend the committee meetings and voiced his support for the budget. In addition, the ABC requested

that staff consider a way to see how much is being spent and budgeted by preserve for the development of next year's budget process. Lastly, Director Riffle thanked Budget & Finance Manager Rafaela Ocegüera and her team, and the managers for their hard work.

Director Holman commented she had suggested at the ABC that it may be beneficial to have the project numbers relate to the preserve for the next year's budget review.

Director Gleason commented that organizing the presentation by preserve was very helpful during the ABC meeting and requested having an index that shows all the projects by preserve for tracking ongoing work for the next year's budget. In addition, he commented that staff was very fast to integrate the storm repair projects into the CIAP and that the field staff quickly responded with the cleaned up and were able reopen preserves.

General Manager Ana Ruiz clarified that she asked the ABC if they would grant staff the ability to come back to the Board in December with a proposal for how to provide the desired by-preserve information to better understand what projects are occurring at each preserve. It may not be necessarily a numbering system, but staff will discuss the best way to provide the information.

Director Cyr reflected on the early years and how the budget was quite different and opaque, and how it has improved with each passing year.

Public hearing opened at 9:17 p.m.

District Clerk Maria Soria reported there were no public speakers for this item.

Public hearing closed at 9:17 p.m.

Motion: Director MacNiven moved, and Director Gleason seconded the motion to bring the proposed FY24 Budget and Action Plan back for adoption at the June 14, 2023 regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7-0-0

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

A. Committee Reports

Director Kersteen-Tucker reported that the Agricultural Policy Ad Hoc Committee met and heard a presentation on the public and stakeholder outreach and input received so far and reported that the draft Agriculture Policy should be ready for Board review this summer.

B. Staff Reports

General Manager Ana Ruiz reported she along with Director Gleason and Government Affairs Specialist Joshua Hugg met with Cupertino City Manager Pamela Wu and Mayor Wei to introduce them to the District and discuss projects of interest. Additionally, she noted that she and Mr. Malone met with Rhoda Fry and a number of citizens to discuss Lehigh and how staff is monitoring quarry activities. She also highlighted that this month is Mental Health Awareness

Month and complimented staff for the number of events, resources and the series of trainings for staff. Finally, she mentioned that staff is drafting a letter to LAFCO regarding their draft County Wide Fire Service Review recommendations.

C. Director Reports

Director Cyr requested to adjourn the meeting in honor of former board member Pete Siemens and reported that he hiked Russian Ridge and saw at east fifty different varieties of wildflowers.

Director Gleason reflected on Pete Siemens' services and commented it was a nice remembrance and a very welcoming environment and it was great to Directors, staff, and his family and friends. He also mentioned the meet and greet with the City of Cupertino and felt everyone was interested in the update.

President Kishimoto reported that she is a member of the Technical Advisory Committee for the Fire Services Study for LAFCO and attended the May 15 meeting and is also glad to hear the District will be presenting a letter, and she attended the BCDC meeting on May 18.

ADJOURNMENT

President Kishimoto adjourned the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District at 9:24 p.m. in honor of former Board Member Pete Siemens.

Maria Soria, MMC
District Clerk