



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

Meeting 12-35

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

October 24, 2012

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – OPEN SESSION

I. ROLL CALL

President Riffle called the Special Meeting of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Board of Directors to order at 7:07 p.m.

Members Present: Jed Cyr, Yoriko Kishimoto, Pete Siemens, Larry Hassett, Nonette Hanko, Cecily Harris, and Curt Riffle

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: General Manager Steve Abbors, General Counsel Sheryl Schaffner, Interim General Manager Ana Ruiz, Administrative Services Manager Kate Drayson, Real Property Manager Mike Williams, Natural Resources Manager Kirk Lenington, Acting Public Affairs Manager Renee Fitzsimons, Acting Planning Manager Meredith Manning, Senior Planner Sandy Sommer, Planner III Matt Baldzikowski, Planner II Julie Andersen, Media Communications Specialist Peggy Koenig, Management Analyst Gordon Baillie, and District Clerk Michelle Radcliffe.

II. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Upon motion by Director Hanko, seconded by Director Kishimoto, the Board adopted the agenda. (Vote: 7-0-0)

IV. ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

General Manager Steve Abbors pulled Agenda Item #5 for Board discussion, stating that it would be heard before Agenda Item #6.

Motion: Upon motion by Director Cyr, seconded by Director Hanko, the Board approved adoption of the Consent Calendar to approve the **Revised Claims No. 12-35; the Minutes of October 10, 2012, as amended; and Approved Amendments to the District's Conflict of Interest Code.** (Vote: 7-0-0)

V. BOARD BUSINESS

1. **Agenda Item #5** – Adopt a Resolution Appointing Director Pete Siemens as the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's Representative with the Santa Clara County Special District's Association (R-12-106)

Mr. Abbors explained that the District has a history of participating in activities of the Santa Clara County Special District's Association (SCCSDA) and that the Board has not formally designated who will represent the District in these activities. He stated that that the SCCSDA is seeking acknowledgment of the Board's designation for insurance purposes and that although he is listed as the alternate representative, Director Kishimoto has expressed interest in being the alternate representative. Brief discussion ensued.

Motion: Upon motion by Director Hanko, seconded by Director Hassett, the Board adopted a resolution appointing Director Pete Siemens as the District representative and Director Kishimoto as the alternate representative with the Santa Clara County Special District's Association. (Vote: 7-0-0)

2. **Agenda Item #6** – Informational Presentation from the National Marine Fisheries Service Regarding the Central California Coast Coho Salmon Evolutionarily Significant Unit Final Recovery Plan (R-12-105)

Planner II Julie Andersen introduced John Ambrose of National Marine Fisheries (NMFS) and explained that an informational presentation on the Central Coast Coho (CCC) Salmon Evolutionarily Significant Unit (ESU) Final Recovery Plan will be given. Mr. Ambrose stated that NMFS issued a Final Recovery Plan for the CCC Salmon ESU in September 2012 and explained that the Recovery Plan serves as a road map for restoration of listed species and their ecosystems to the point that it no longer needs protection under the Endangered Species Act. He then presented the plan to the Board of Directors. Discussion ensued.

No action was taken by the Board.

3. Agenda Item #7 – Informational Report on the District-Wide Interpretive Plan (R-12-102)

Acting Public Affairs Manager Renée Fitzsimons provided an informational presentation on the District-Wide Interpretive Plan. She explained that the plan was developed to provide the District with a broadly-scoped analysis and understanding of the diverse natural and cultural history assets that are found in District preserves. Brief discussion ensued.

No action was taken by the Board.

VI. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director Siemens reported that the Facilities Committee met and will be recommending to the Board that the Committee be changed to a Standing Committee.

STAFF REPORTS

Natural Resources Manager Kirk Lenington provided an update on Ponds DR07 and DR08.

Interim Assistant General Manager Ana Ruiz reported that Tina Hugg and Meredith Manning will be co-managing the Planning Department.

Administrative Services Manager Kate Drayson provided an update on the Integrated Accounting and Financial Software.

Operations Manager David Sanguinetti reported that new Ranger Andrew Verbrugge begins work with the District on October 29th.

Docent Program Manager Renée Fitzsimons reported that she and Volunteer Program Manager Paul McKowan will be co-managing the Public Affairs Department. She reported that the new Media Communications Supervisor Shelly Lewis will begin on November 5th.

General Counsel Sheryl Schaffner reported that Tamara Gallanter of Shute, Mihaly, Weinberger, LLP has been contracted to be the Interim Assistant General Counsel.

General Manager Steve Abbors reported that the Grants Specialist position will be moved up in the hiring priority list to assist with the capacity issues expected with the Mount Umunhum decision. Director Harris questioned if there is a plan determined yet for the fundraising efforts and partnerships that may come from the Mount Umunhum decision. The Board stated they would like an update on the next steps in January 2013.

Mr. Abbors further noted that project tours were held for members of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors and their staff on October 16th and October 17th and that the graduation for the Santa Clara County Leadership Academy will be held on October 25th.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

The Directors submitted their compensable meeting forms to the District Clerk.

There were no updates from the Board.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

President Riffle adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District at 9:26 p.m.

Michelle Radcliffe, CMC
District Clerk