



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

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January 8, 2014

AGENDA ITEM 6

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Proposed Names for the New Mount Umunhum Parking Area and Trail

LEGISLATIVE, FINANCE, AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (LFPAC), AND GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the "Bald Mountain Parking Area" as the permanent name for the new vehicle parking area that will be constructed at the Bald Mountain trailhead/Mount Umunhum Road junction (see Attachment A).
2. Approve the "Mt. Umunhum Trail" as the permanent name for the new multi-use trail that will extend between the Bald Mountain Parking Area and Mount Umunhum summit.

SUMMARY

At its September 19, 2012 meeting for the Mount Umunhum Environmental Restoration and Public Access Project (Project), the Board approved a new vehicle parking area at Bald Mountain, and a multi-use trail from this new parking area to the Mount Umunhum summit (R-12-91). Project design and permitting is currently underway. Staff assigned the temporary working names "Bald Mountain Parking Area" and "Mt. Umunhum Trail" to these particular elements (see Attachment 1) during the project design phase. As the project nears actual construction, permanent names need to be selected for these facilities and added to new signage and brochure maps. After holding discussions with a representative of the local Ohlone tribal band, field staff, and LFPAC, the permanent names of "Bald Mountain Parking Area" and "Mt. Umunhum Trail" are recommended for consideration by the full Board.

DISCUSSION

In an effort to identify suitable names for the new parking and trail facilities at Mount Umunhum, staff consulted with Valentin Lopez, Chairperson of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band, for trail name suggestions. The Amah Mutsun Tribal Band is a local tribe for whom Mount Umunhum holds a great deal of cultural significance. Mr. Lopez agreed that the name "Mt. Umunhum Trail" was a good choice for the trail *to* the summit, and also indicated a request for a separate trail name for a future additional trail *at* the summit, which will be discussed at a subsequent LFPAC meeting as a part of the summit area design. Design work for the summit area trails and amenities is anticipated to occur over the next few years.

Staff also consulted with patrol and maintenance staff, who indicated the importance of keeping the trail name leading to the summit simple and clear, as it is anticipated to receive heavy use and as such could produce a relatively high volume of two-way radio traffic between Dispatch Services and the District. Similarly, the name “Bald Mountain Parking Area” provides a clear description of its location at the trailhead to Bald Mountain. The location of the parking area is ideally situated to serve as a staging area for both destinations: Bald Mountain and Mount Umunhum.

FISCAL IMPACT

Selecting names for new public access facilities will not result in any additional fiscal impact. These names will be used as part of new trail sign orders and new brochure orders, which are already anticipated and included as part of the existing budget.

BOARD COMMITTEE REVIEW

LFPAC met on the following date with the following recommended actions:

December 3, 2014

LFPAC reviewed the proposed trail, parking, and overlook names and asked staff to forward them to the full Board for consideration.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice was provided as required by the Brown Act.

CEQA COMPLIANCE

Selecting names for portions of a Project does not constitute a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as it will not result in a direct physical change in the environment.

Pursuant to CEQA, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD), as lead agency, approved the final portion of the Mount Umunhum Environmental Restoration and Public Access Project (Project) and adopted the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) including a Mitigation Monitoring Plan (MMP) on October 17, 2012. The trail, parking areas and associated features were included as part of the Project reviewed under CEQA. The FEIR included findings that all potentially significant impacts from the project were either avoided or mitigated, and no findings of overriding consideration were required. On October 23, 2012, MROSD filed its Notice of Determination with the County Clerk of Santa Clara County. No challenges to the project were made.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will include the permanent names on documents submitted to the County and regulatory agencies for permits, on design drawings by consultants, and on signage, in the newsletter, and in brochures. A third potential feature has been identified as a potential overlook and destination point along the new trail, featuring the surrounding open space views and dramatic scenery of Guadalupe Creek and Mount Umunhum. This feature is shown as “Guadalupe Creek Overlook”

on Attachment A. A description of the overlook was discussed in a Board FYI on November 20, 2013 (Board Meeting 13-33). Because this overlook would result in additional cost, staff anticipates returning to the Board at a later date for the approval to construct the overlook as a featured destination of the new trail system.

Attachment(s)

1. Map of Project Area
2. Draft Minutes of LFPAC meeting on December 3, 2013

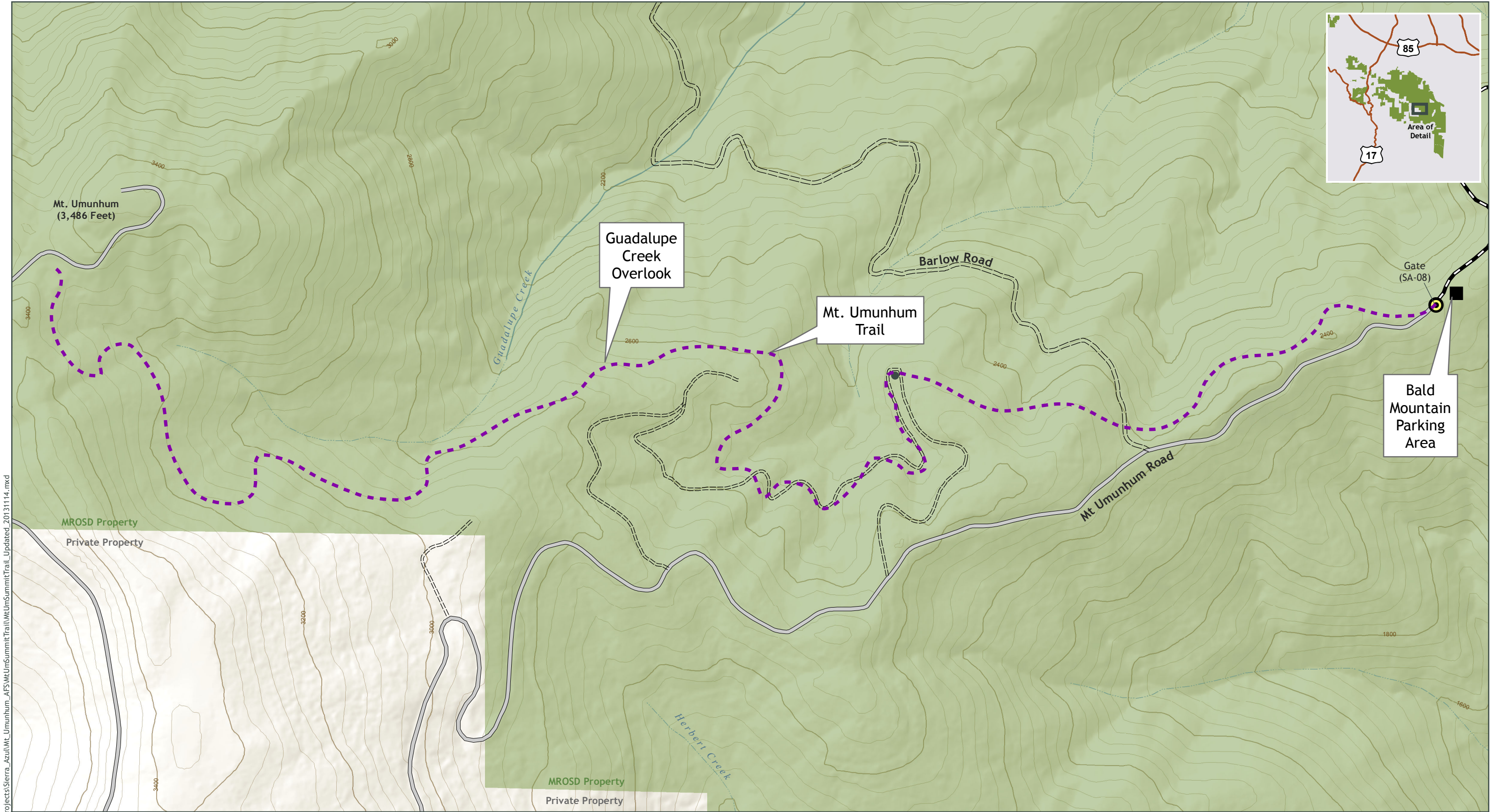
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Graphics prepared by:

Jon Montgomery, GIS Intern

Casey Hiatt, GIS Coordinator



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Attachment A: Rough Trail Alignment, Proposed Parking Area, Overlook, and Trail Names for Mt. Umunhum Project

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Proposed trail (~4 miles)
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County
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Seasonal
- =====

Paved
- =====

Old Dirt

While the District strives to use the best available digital data, this data does not represent a legal survey and is merely a graphic illustration of geographic features.



Midpeninsula Regional
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Legislative, Funding and Public Affairs Committee
December 3, 2013

REGULAR MEETING

LEGISLATIVE, FUNDING AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Administration Office
330 Distel Circle
Los Altos, CA 94022

DRAFT MINUTES

December 3, 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER

Director Hanko called the Special Meeting of the Legislative, Funding and Public Affairs Committee (LFPAC) to order at 2:01 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Cecily Harris, Yoriko Kishimoto, and Nonette Hanko

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Assistant General Manager Kevin Woodhouse, Assistant General Counsel Hilary Stevenson, Co-Acting Planning Manager Meredith Manning, and District Clerk Jennifer Woodworth

III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

IV. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion: Director Kishimoto moved, and Director Harris seconded a motion to adopt the agenda.

VOTE: 3-0-0

V. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Agenda Item #1 – Approval of October 8, 2013 Minutes

The Committee requested that all approved Committee meeting minutes be forwarded to the full Board.

District Clerk Jennifer Woodworth suggested that LFPAC may choose to forward copies of their meeting minutes to the Board, but a decision to forward all committee minutes may be included in a future update to the Board Committees section of the Board Policy Manual.

Director Hanko asked that the language for the motion for agenda item number three be amended to state “consider a MOU” instead of “consider an MOU.”

Motion: Director Harris moved, and Director Kishimoto seconded the motion to approve the minutes for the October 8, 2013 LFPAC meeting, as amended.

VOTE: 3-0-0

Agenda Item #2 – Consideration of Proposed Names for the Mt. Umunhum Project Parking, Trail, and Overlook Areas

Co-Acting Planning Manager Meredith Manning provided the staff report describing staff discussions with Valentin Lopez, Chairperson of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band, and Mark Hylkema, Archaeologist to the District and local tribal bands to help develop names for portions of the Mount Umunhum Environmental Restoration and Public Access Project. These include the Bald Mountain Parking Area, Mt. Umunhum Trail, and for the potential overlook which has yet to be approved by the full Board.

Public hearing opened at 2:13 p.m.

No speakers present.

Public hearing closed at 2:13 p.m.

Motion: Director Kishimoto moved, and Director Harris seconded a motion to (1) approve the temporary working name “Bald Mountain Parking Area” as the permanent name for the new vehicle staging area that will be constructed at the Bald Mountain trailhead/Mount Umunhum Road junction; (2) approve the temporary working name “Mt. Umunhum Trail” as the permanent name for the new multi-use trail that will extend between the Bald Mountain Parking Area and the summit of Mount Umunhum; (3) approve the temporary working name “Guadalupe Creek Overlook” as the permanent name for the potential vista point along the Mt. Umunhum Trail overlooking the Guadalupe Creek drainage.

VOTE: 3-0-0

Agenda Item #3 – Amendments to the “Regulations for Use of Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Lands”

Senior Management Analyst Gordon Baillie provided the staff report outlining the process used to draft the updated ordinance including those included in the review process.

The Committee members reviewed the draft language of the ordinance and requested clarification of the ordinance’s language. Extensive discussion ensued.

Director Harris stated that the language related to permit requirements for organized hikes of more than twenty people due to the fact that oftentimes organized groups do not know how many hikers will attend.

Mr. Baillie and Operations Manager David Sanguinetti explained that the permit system is assists with crowd control, including in parking areas and preventing multiple large groups from attempting to hike the same trails at the same time. Also the permits assist in the case of emergency to provide information to potential emergency service workers to know approximately how many visitors are in a hiking group. Discussion ensued.

Director Kishimoto expressed her concerns regarding protection of water resources.

Mr. Baillie and Mr. Sanguinetti stated that staff will research the issue and bring their suggestions when the draft ordinance is brought to the full Board.

Director Kishimoto inquired whether to keep the language in Section 701.5 Removal of Dog Excrement “if it poses a health hazard, a public nuisance, or is in an area.” Discussion ensued. Director Hanko suggested that the language remain in the draft ordinance when it is agendized for the Board and allow the full Board to discuss the draft language.

Mr. Baillie explained that the proposed bail schedule attached to the Board report only includes fines for the new regulations, and revisions to the complete Bail Schedule is scheduled to go the Board next year.

Public hearing opened at 3:07 p.m.

No speakers present.

Public hearing closed at 3:07 p.m.

Motion: Director Harris moved, and Director Kishimoto seconded a motion to review and recommend to the full Board of Directors: (1) adoption of the proposed amendments to the Regulations for use of Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Lands; (2) adoption of the proposed additions to the District Bail Schedule for newly added Regulations.

VOTE: 3-0-0

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The next LFPAC meeting was not scheduled.

Chair Hanko adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Legislative, Funding and Public Affairs Committee at 3:09 p.m.