



Midpeninsula Regional  
Open Space District

January 29, 2014  
Board Meeting 14-04

## **SPECIAL MEETING**

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

Hillview Community Center –Multi Purpose Room  
97 Hillview Ave.  
Los Altos, CA 94022

**January 29, 2014**

### **APPROVED MINUTES\***

#### **SPECIAL MEETING**

##### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Harris called the Special Meeting of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Board of Directors to order at 6:02 p.m.

##### **II. ROLL CALL**

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

Members Absent: Nonette Hanko

Staff Present: General Manager Steve Abbors, Assistant General Manager Ana Ruiz, Assistant General Manager Kevin Woodhouse, General Counsel Sheryl Schaffner, Natural Resources Manager Kirk Lenington, and District Clerk Jennifer Woodworth

##### **III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

General Manager Steve Abbors provided comments related to the overall Vision Plan and described how the two tiers of projects may be implemented by the District. Mr. Abbors also explained how the top tier of Vision Plan projects will help inform staff as they prepare for a potential funding measure. Finally, Mr. Abbors thanked the members of District staff who have led the Vision Plan team and the process used to create the Vision Plan.

Director Hanko arrived at 6:08 p.m.

##### **IV. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

\*Approved by the Board of Directors on February 12, 2014

Director Cyr moved, and Director Siemens moved to adopt the agenda.

VOTE: 7 – 0

**V. BOARD BUSINESS**

**Agenda Item #1 – Vision Plan Priority Actions (R-14-25)**

Natural Resources Manager Kirk Lenington explained that the Vision Plan Priority Actions will be implemented through the District's annual Action Plan. He also reiterated that the Vision Plan Priority Actions will not be the only projects being completed by the District but are only a portion of planned District projects. Mr. Lenington reviewed the Vision Plan timeline and described the evaluation process and criteria utilized by District staff to create the list of priority actions. Mr. Lenington then reviewed an additional six Vision Plan Priority Actions. These included: Sierra Azul – Fire management; South Bay Foothills – Saratoga-to-Sea Trail and Wildlife Corridor; Cities & Baylands Region – Major Roadway Signage; Rancho San Antonio – Interpretive Improvements, Refurbishing, and Transit Solutions; Skyline Ridge – Education Facilities, Trails, and Wildlife Conservation Projects; Skyline Subregion – Fire Management and Forest Restoration.

Director Kishimoto requested additional details related to the two fire management priority actions.

Mr. Lenington outlined detailed steps that could be taken by the District to implement these two priority actions.

Director Hassett expressed his opinion that fuel load reduction in forests should be a major component of the District's fire management activities.

Mr. Lenington stated that fuel load reduction is included in the two priority actions related to fire management.

Public hearing opened at 6:53 p.m.

Ken Nitz commented that he is interested in the cost of the Priority Actions. He also stated that the priority actions may change as the makeup of the Board and opportunities change. Finally, Mr. Nitz commented that fire management is one of the duties of the District.

Public hearing closed at 6:56 p.m.

Director Hassett commented that after learning more about the project from District staff, he now supports the inclusion of the reopening of Alpine Road in the 23 priority actions included in the Tier 1 Priority Actions.

Director Kishimoto expressed her support for including priority action #30 in the Tier 1 Priority Actions.

Director Cyr expressed his support for including priority action #30 in the Tier 1 Priority Actions.

Director Hanko expressed her support for the top tier of 23 priority actions and her desire that the additional six priority actions all be included in the Tier 1 Priority Actions.

Director Riffle expressed his support for the 23 priority actions included in the Tier 1 Priority Actions.

Director Harris expressed her support for the 23 priority actions included in the Tier 1 Priority Actions and supported the inclusion of priority action #18 in the Tier 1 Priority Actions.

Director Siemens expressed his support for including priority actions #18 and #30 in the Tier 1 Priority Actions.

**Motion:** Director Siemens moved, Director Kishimoto seconded the motion to approve the general manager's recommendation with addition of #18 and #30 to the list of Tier 1 Priority Actions.

**Amendment to the Motion:** Director Hanko moved to amend the motion to include Priority Action #25 (Major Roadway Signage) in the list of Tier 1 Priority Actions.

Motion died for lack of a second.

VOTE: 7-0-0

Director Kishimoto thanked the members of the Citizens Advisory Committee and staff who put so much effort into creating the Vision Plan.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

President Harris adjourned the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District at 7:16 p.m.

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Jennifer Woodworth, CMC  
District Clerk