

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

R-14-88 Meeting 14-14 June 11, 2014

AGENDA ITEM 4

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Call District Elections in Wards 1, 2, 5, and 6 and Request Election Consolidation Services from Santa Clara, San Mateo, and Santa Cruz Counties

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Adopt a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District calling an election and requesting election consolidation services – Santa Clara County, Wards 1, 2, and 5.
- 2. Adopt a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District calling an election and requesting election consolidation services San Mateo County, Wards 5 and 6.
- 3. Adopt a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District calling an election and requesting election consolidation services Santa Cruz County, Ward 2.
- 4. Reconfirm Board Policy 1.07 (*Board Elections*) regarding a maximum of 200 words per candidate statement and payment of candidates' statements and, if required by the respective county, translations of candidates' statements pursuant to the Elections Code of the State of California, in those wards where two or more candidates have qualified to appear on the ballot.
- 5. Adopt a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District authorizing not listing any unopposed candidate for election on the November 4, 2014 ballots of Santa Clara, San Mateo, and Santa Cruz Counties.

DISCUSSION

The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District will hold a District election on November 4, 2014 for the purpose of filling elective offices for Board of Directors seats for Wards 1, 2, 5, and 6. Pursuant to state election code, the Board must adopt resolutions calling the election and request election consolidation services from Santa Clara, San Mateo, and Santa Cruz Counties. The resolutions specify the Counties' responsibilities throughout the filing and election process.

The nomination period for the election will open on Monday, July 14, 2014 and close on Friday, August 8, 2014. If an incumbent who is eligible fails to file for re-election by August 8th, the voters have until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 13, 2014 to nominate candidates other than the incumbent.

If the consolidation of election services with other legislative districts within the Counties is approved, the District's responsibilities will include: issue, receive and process candidate

nomination papers and statements; forward candidates' statements to the appropriate county for translation, printing and mailing to the voters; forward any vote by mail applications and write-in declarations received by the District Clerk to the Registrar of Voters; and publish notices of election, nominees and polling places.

Four of the District's seven wards are scheduled for election during the November 4, 2014 General Election. These wards and their current Directors are:

WARD	GENERAL DESCRIPTION	INCUMBENT
1	Cupertino, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Saratoga	Director Pete Siemens
2	Cupertino, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Palo Alto, Stanford, Sunnyvale	Director Yoriko Kishimoto
5	East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Palo Alto, Stanford	Director Nonette Hanko
6	Atherton, La Honda, Loma Mar, Menlo Park, Pescadero, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Gregorio, Woodside	Director Larry Hassett

Payment of Candidates' Statement

The District Clerk must also relay to the Registrar of Voters in each County the Board's policy regarding payment of candidates' statements and number of words to be included in each statement. Board Policy 1.07 *Board Elections* of the Board Policy Manual states:

"In those wards where two or more candidates have qualified to appear on the ballot, a candidate may file a candidate's statement, not exceeding 200 words. The District will pay for the cost of the statements, and, if required by the respective county, translations of candidates' statements pursuant to the Elections Code of the State of California, and no such candidate shall be billed for availing himself or herself of these services."

Candidates Running Unopposed

Board Policy 1.07 (Board Elections) reads: "In the case where there is a single candidate qualified to appear on the ballot, such candidate shall <u>not</u> be permitted to have his or her name on the ballot (Public Resources Code Section 5532 (e)). If such unopposed candidate requests that his or her candidate's statement be included in official election material distributed to voters, the District shall bill such candidate for the cost thereof, including costs related to any required translation."

The Board may also adopt a resolution confirming this portion of Board Policy 1.07 and Public Resources Code §5532 (e), which will notify Santa Clara, San Mateo, and Santa Cruz Counties to not list any unopposed candidates on the ballot, and the unopposed, qualified candidates will be appointed to the Board of Directors the board of directors at the first regular or special meeting after the date upon which the election would have been held. The person appointed shall qualify and take office and serve exactly as if elected for the office.

FISCAL IMPACT

The District's FY2013-14 Budget reserved \$120,000 for this election based upon the history of election expenditures for contested seats over the past decade. In the event that multiple seats are contested, funds will be reallocated during mid-year budget review to cover the increased election costs.

BOARD COMMITTEE REVIEW

Committee review is not required for this agenda item.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice was provided as required by the Brown Act. No additional notice is required.

CEQA COMPLIANCE

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

NEXT STEP

Upon approval of the General Manager's recommendations, staff will submit the adopted resolutions, maps of District boundaries and other required documents to Santa Clara, San Mateo, and Santa Cruz Counties to receive consolidated election services for the November 4, 2014 General Election.

Attachments:

- 1. Resolution Request for and Consent to Consolidation of Elections Santa Clara County
- 2. Resolution Request for and Consent to Consolidation of Elections San Mateo County
- 3. Resolution Request for and Consent to Consolidation of Elections Santa Cruz County
- 4. Resolution Authorizing Not Listing Any Unopposed Candidates for Election on the November 4, 2014 Santa Clara County, San Mateo County, and Santa Cruz County Ballot
- 5. Maps showing Ward Boundaries for Wards 1, 2, 5, and 6

Responsible Manager: Steve Abbors, General Manager

Prepared by: Jennifer Woodworth, District Clerk

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT REQUEST FOR AND CONSENT TO CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTIONS – SANTA CLARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, a General District Election has been ordered to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, in the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District) of Santa Clara County (County) for the purpose of electing three Directors (Wards 1, 2, and 5) of the Board of Directors of the District; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the General District Election be consolidated with the Statewide General Election to be held on the same date and that within the District, the precincts, polling places and election officers of the two elections be the same, and that the Registrar of Voters of the County of Santa Clara canvass the returns of the General District Election, and that the election be held in all respects as if there were only one election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District requests the Board of Supervisors of Santa Clara County to completely consolidate such elections and to further provide that the Registrar of Voters canvass the returns of the election, including:

- 1. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 5530 and 5533, the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District does call an election in the District for the election of three members of the Board of Directors of the District, each for a full term of four years, in Wards 1, 2, and 5 on Tuesday, November 4, 2014.
- 2. The District Clerk is authorized, instructed, and directed to coordinate with the County of Santa Clara Registrar of Voters to procure and furnish any and all official ballots, notices, printed matter and all supplies, equipment and paraphernalia that may be necessary in order to properly and lawfully conduct the election.
- 3. The polls for the election shall be open at 7:00 a.m. of the day of the election and shall remain open continuously from that time 8:00 p.m. of the same day when the polls shall be closed.
- 4. Pursuant to the requirements of Part 3 (Consolidation of Elections; §§10400 et seq.) of Division 10 of the Elections Code, the Board of Directors hereby requests the governing body of any other political subdivision, or any officer otherwise authorized by law, to partially or completely consolidate such elections, and to further provide that, upon consolidation, the consolidated election shall be held and conducted, election officers appointed, voting precincts designated, ballots printed, polls opened and closed, ballots opened and returned, returns canvassed, and all other proceedings in connection with the election shall be regulated and done by any body or official authorized to perform such functions and canvass the returns of the elections; and that this Board of Directors consents to such consolidation.

- 5. That the Registrar of Voters Office of Santa Clara County is hereby authorized and instructed to canvass the returns of said election for the office of members of the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District and is requested to certify the results of said election to the Board of Directors of the District.
- 6. The Board of Directors further requests, pursuant to Election Code Section 10002, that County election official(s) be authorized to render services to the District relating to the conduct of said election. The election shall be held in all respects as if there were only one election, and only one form of ballot shall be used. The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's General District Election will be held and conducted in accordance with the provisions of law regulating the statewide or special election.
- 7. Pursuant to Sections 10509 and 13307 of the Elections Code, each candidate for elective office to be voted for at the General Municipal Election on November 4, 2014, may prepare a candidate statement on an appropriate form provided by the District Clerk. The statement may include the name, age, and occupation of the candidate, and a brief description of no more than 200 words of the candidate's education and qualifications expressed by the candidate himself or herself. The statement shall not include party affiliation of the candidate, nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations. The statement shall be filed with the District Clerk at the time the candidate's nomination papers are filed. The statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5:00 pm of the next working day after the close of the nomination period. Candidates shall not be permitted to submit materials other than the candidate's statement with the sample ballot and the voter's pamphlet.
- 8. Pursuant to Board Policy 1.07 *Board Elections*, in those wards where two or more candidates have qualified to appear on the ballot, a candidate may file a candidate's statement, not exceeding 200 words. The District will pay for the cost of the statements, and, if required by the respective county, translations of candidates' statements pursuant to the Elections Code of the State of California, and no such candidate shall be billed for availing himself or herself of these services.
- 9. The General Manager of the District is hereby authorized to reimburse the County in full for the services performed upon presentation of a bill to the District.
- 10. The District Clerk is hereby directed to submit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Board of Supervisors of Santa Clara County, and to appropriate County election officials of said County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District on _____, 2014, at a Regular Meeting thereof, by the following vote:

AYES: NOES: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Secretary Board of Directors President Board of Directors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

General Counsel

I, the District Clerk of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District by the above vote at a meeting thereof duly held and called on the above day.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT REQUEST FOR AND CONSENT TO CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTIONS – SAN MATEO COUNTY

WHEREAS, a General District Election has been ordered to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, in the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District) of San Mateo County (County) for the purpose of electing two Directors (Wards 5 and 6) of the Board of Directors of the District; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the General District Election be consolidated with the Statewide General Election to be held on the same date and that within the District, the precincts, polling places and election officers of the two elections be the same, and that the Registrar of Voters of the County of San Mateo canvass the returns of the General District Election, and that the election be held in all respects as if there were only one election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District requests the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County to completely consolidate such elections and to further provide that the Registrar of Voters canvass the returns of the election, including:

- 1. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 5530 and 5533, the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District does call an election in the District for the election of two members of the Board of Directors of the District, each for a full term of four years, in Wards 5 and 6 on Tuesday, November 4, 2014.
- 2. The District Clerk is authorized, instructed, and directed to coordinate with the County of San Mateo Registrar of Voters to procure and furnish any and all official ballots, notices, printed matter and all supplies, equipment and paraphernalia that may be necessary in order to properly and lawfully conduct the election.
- 3. The polls for the election shall be open at 7:00 a.m. of the day of the election and shall remain open continuously from that time 8:00 p.m. of the same day when the polls shall be closed.
- 4. Pursuant to the requirements of Part 3 (Consolidation of Elections; §§10400 et seq.) of Division 10 of the Elections Code, the Board of Directors hereby requests the governing body of any other political subdivision, or any officer otherwise authorized by law, to partially or completely consolidate such elections, and to further provide that, upon consolidation, the consolidated election shall be held and conducted, election officers appointed, voting precincts designated, ballots printed, polls opened and closed, ballots opened and returned, returns canvassed, and all other proceedings in connection with the election shall be regulated and done by any body or official authorized to perform such functions and canvass the returns of the elections; and that this Board of Directors consents to such consolidation.

- 5. That the Registrar of Voters Office of San Mateo County is hereby authorized and instructed to canvass the returns of said election for the office of members of the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District and is requested to certify the results of said election to the Board of Directors of the District.
- 6. The Board of Directors further requests, pursuant to Election Code Section 10002, that County election official(s) be authorized to render services to the District relating to the conduct of said election. The election shall be held in all respects as if there were only one election, and only one form of ballot shall be used. The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's General District Election will be held and conducted in accordance with the provisions of law regulating the statewide or special election.
- 7. Pursuant to Sections 10509 and 13307 of the Elections Code, each candidate for elective office to be voted for at the General Municipal Election on November 4, 2014, may prepare a candidate statement on an appropriate form provided by the District Clerk. The statement may include the name, age, and occupation of the candidate, and a brief description of no more than 200 words of the candidate's education and qualifications expressed by the candidate himself or herself. The statement shall not include party affiliation of the candidate, nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations. The statement shall be filed with the District Clerk at the time the candidate's nomination papers are filed. The statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5:00 pm of the next working day after the close of the nomination period. Candidates shall not be permitted to submit materials other than the candidate's statement with the sample ballot and the voter's pamphlet.
- 8. Pursuant to Board Policy 1.07 *Board Elections*, in those wards where two or more candidates have qualified to appear on the ballot, a candidate may file a candidate's statement, not exceeding 200 words. The District will pay for the cost of the statements, and, if required by the respective county, translations of candidates' statements pursuant to the Elections Code of the State of California, and no such candidate shall be billed for availing himself or herself of these services.
- 9. The General Manager of the District is hereby authorized to reimburse the County in full for the services performed upon presentation of a bill to the District.
- 10. The District Clerk is hereby directed to submit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County, and to appropriate County election officials of said County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District on _____, 2014, at a Regular Meeting thereof, by the following vote:

AYES: NOES: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Secretary Board of Directors President Board of Directors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT REQUEST FOR AND CONSENT TO CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTIONS – SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

WHEREAS, a General District Election has been ordered to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, in the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District) of Santa Cruz County (County) for the purpose of electing one Director (Ward 2) of the Board of Directors of the District; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the General District Election be consolidated with the Statewide General Election to be held on the same date and that within the District, the precincts, polling places and election officers of the two elections be the same, and that the Registrar of Voters of the County of Santa Cruz canvass the returns of the General District Election, and that the election be held in all respects as if there were only one election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District requests the Board of Supervisors of Santa Cruz County to completely consolidate such elections and to further provide that the Registrar of Voters canvass the returns of the election, including:

- 1. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 5530 and 5533, the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District does call an election in the District for the election of one member of the Board of Directors of the District, for a full term of four years, in Ward 2 on Tuesday, November 4, 2014.
- 2. The District Clerk is authorized, instructed, and directed to coordinate with the County of Santa Cruz Registrar of Voters to procure and furnish any and all official ballots, notices, printed matter and all supplies, equipment and paraphernalia that may be necessary in order to properly and lawfully conduct the election.
- 3. The polls for the election shall be open at 7:00 a.m. of the day of the election and shall remain open continuously from that time 8:00 p.m. of the same day when the polls shall be closed.
- 4. Pursuant to the requirements of Part 3 (Consolidation of Elections; §§10400 et seq.) of Division 10 of the Elections Code, the Board of Directors hereby requests the governing body of any other political subdivision, or any officer otherwise authorized by law, to partially or completely consolidate such elections, and to further provide that, upon consolidation, the consolidated election shall be held and conducted, election officers appointed, voting precincts designated, ballots printed, polls opened and closed, ballots opened and returned, returns canvassed, and all other proceedings in connection with the election shall be regulated and done by any body or official authorized to perform such functions and canvass the returns of the elections; and that this Board of Directors consents to such consolidation.

- 5. That the Registrar of Voters Office of Santa Cruz County is hereby authorized and instructed to canvass the returns of said election for the office of members of the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District and is requested to certify the results of said election to the Board of Directors of the District.
- 6. The Board of Directors further requests, pursuant to Election Code Section 10002, that County election official(s) be authorized to render services to the District relating to the conduct of said election. The election shall be held in all respects as if there were only one election, and only one form of ballot shall be used. The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's General District Election will be held and conducted in accordance with the provisions of law regulating the statewide or special election.
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- 9. The General Manager of the District is hereby authorized to reimburse the County in full for the services performed upon presentation of a bill to the District.
- 10. The District Clerk is hereby directed to submit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Board of Supervisors of Santa Cruz County, and to appropriate County election officials of said County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District on _____, 2014, at a Regular Meeting thereof, by the following vote:

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ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Secretary Board of Directors President Board of Directors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

General Counsel

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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT AUTHORIZING NOT LISTING ANY UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION ON THE NOVEMBER 4, 2014 BALLOTS OF SAN MATEO COUNTY, SANTA CLARA COUNTY, AND SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

WHEREAS, the District Board Policy Manual states that the Board of Directors shall not permit unopposed candidates to have their names appear on the ballot.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District has hereby determined through Board Policy 1.07, *Board Elections*, not to list the unopposed candidates for election on the November 4, 2014 ballots of Santa Clara, San Mateo, and Santa Cruz Counties.

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ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Secretary Board of Directors President Board of Directors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

General Counsel

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EXHIBIT A: WARD 1 MAP



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EXHIBIT F: WARD 6

























Non MROSD Conservation or Agricultural Easement

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City Limit

County Boundary

Miles





Land Trust







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