



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

August 20, 2014
Board Meeting 14-22

SPECIAL MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

Administrative Office – Board Room
330 Distel Circle
Los Altos, CA 94022

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APPROVED MINUTES*

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-President Siemens 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, Nonette Hanko, Larry Hassett, Curt Riffle, and Pete Siemens

Members Absent: Cecily Harris and Yoriko Kishimoto

Staff Present: General Manager Steve Abbors, Assistant General Manager Kevin Woodhouse, General Counsel Sheryl Schaffner, Natural Resources Manager Kirk Lenington, Senior Resource Management Specialist Cindy Roessler, and District Clerk Jennifer Woodworth

III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No speakers present.

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Directors Harris and Kishimoto absent.)

Director Harris arrived at 6:03 p.m.

V. BOARD BUSINESS

1. Integrated Pest Management Program (R-14-106)

Senior Resource Management Specialist Cindy Roessler provided the staff report. Ms. Roessler summarized the schedule for the upcoming Environmental Impact Report (EIR), public review of the EIR and Board hearing regarding the EIR. Ms. Roessler reviewed the definition of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and IPM policy goal previously adopted by the Board of Directors, and described the IPM Guidance Manual. Ms. Roessler provided several examples of pests found on District lands and how the threshold tables in the IPM Guidance Manual would be applied to the example situations. Ms. Roessler reviewed the pest management categories included in the IPM Guidance Manual describing types of pest management that may be utilized for each category. Finally, Ms. Roessler described projected annual use of herbicides, fungicides, insecticides, and rodenticides.

Director Riffle left the dais at 7:22 p.m. and returned at 7:25 p.m.

Director Hassett suggested that in addition to approved pest management products, a list of products that are not allowed also be included and provided to District tenants.

Director Riffle suggested that the IPM Coordinator report annually on lessons learned through application of the IPM Guidance Manual and policies. Mr. Riffle also suggested that staff should consider how the information learned can be shared with members of the public and District neighbors.

Director Hassett suggested that second generation rodenticides be removed from the list of available products for use by District staff.

Ms. Roessler explained that this type of pesticide would only be used in very specific circumstances where public health was a factor, such as a large infestation at a District office. Extensive discussion ensued. The Board members agreed that second generation rodenticides would remain on the list of pesticides, so they could be studied as part of the EIR.

Public hearing opened at 8:11 p.m.

John Lidden spoke regarding his method of controlling coyote brush on his property.

Craig Beckman, District Construction Maintenance Supervisor, spoke in favor of the flexibility contained in the IPM Guidance Manual for treating pests in the District, particularly regarding herbicide use.

Public hearing closed at 8:19 p.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

President Harris adjourned the special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District at 8:19 p.m.

Jennifer Woodworth, CMC
District Clerk