



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Administrative Office
5050 El Camino Real
Los Altos, CA 94022

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Riffle called the meeting of the Planning and Natural Resources Committee to order at 2:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Jed Cyr, Curt Riffle

Members absent: Yoriko Kishimoto

Staff present: General Manager Ana Ruiz, General Counsel Hilary Stevenson, Assistant General Manager Susanna Chan, Assistant General Manager Brian Malone, Executive Assistant/Deputy District Clerk Shaylynn Nelson, Executive Assistant/Deputy District Clerk Nelia Lopez, Area Superintendent Chris Barresi

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Deputy District Clerk Shaylynn Nelson reported there were no public speakers for this item.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Approve the June 23, 2026 Planning And Natural Resources Committee Meeting Minutes

Public comment period opened.

Ms. Nelson reported there were no public speakers for this item.

Public comment period closed.

Motion: Director Cyr moved, and Director Riffle seconded the motion to approve the June 23, 2026 Planning and Natural Resources Committee meeting minutes.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 2-0-1 (Director Kishimoto absent)

2. Update the Long Ridge Open Space Preserve Use and Management Plan to extend dog on-leash access to a 0.2-mile section of Chestnut Trail connecting Castanea Ridge Road and Portola Heights Road. (R-26-122)

Director Kishimoto arrived at 2:07 p.m.

Area Superintendent Chris Barresi presented.

Public comment period opened.

Ms. Nelson reported there were no public speakers for this item.

Public comment period closed.

Motion: Director Kishimoto moved, and Director Cyr seconded the motion to forward a recommendation to the full Board of Directors to approve an update to the Use and Management Plan for Long Ridge Open Space Preserve to allow dogs on leash on a 0.2-mile segment of the Chestnut Trail between Castanea Ridge Road and Portola Heights Road to improve neighborhood dog access. In addition, amend the Use and Management Plan to define and clarify that dogs are allowed only on the existing trails and disc line.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 3-0-0

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Riffle adjourned the meeting of the Planning and Natural Resources Committee at 2:15 p.m.

Shaylynn Nelson
Deputy District Clerk