



SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETING

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

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

*The Board of Directors conducted this meeting in accordance with
California Government Code section 54953.*

DRAFT MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDPENINSULA
REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT**

President MacNiven called the special meeting of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District to order at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jed Cyr, Craig Gleason, Karen Holman, Zoe Kersteen-Tucker, Yoriko Kishimoto, Margaret MacNiven, and Curt Riffle

Members Absent: Karen Holman (4:37 p.m.)

Staff Present – Closed Session: General Manager Ana Ruiz, General Counsel Hilary Stevenson, Assistant General Counsel II Egan Hill, Assistant General Manager Susanna Chan, Assistant General Manager Brian Malone, District Clerk/Assistant to the General Manager Maria Soria, Real Property Manager Allen Ishibashi, Senior Real Property Agent Kelly Hyland, Planner III Aaron Peth

Staff Present – Study Session: General Manager Ana Ruiz, Assistant General Counsel II Egan Hill, Assistant General Manager Susanna Chan, Assistant General Manager Brian Malone, District Clerk/Assistant to the General Manager Maria Soria, Executive Assistant/Deputy District Clerk Shaylynn Nelson

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**1. CLOSED SESSION CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
(Government Code Section 54956.8)**

Property: San Mateo County APNs: 066-093-080, 066-093-090, 066-093-100, 066-093-160, 066-093-170, 066-093-250, 066-093-260

Agency Negotiator: Allen Ishibashi, Real Property

Manager Negotiating Party: Mike Hayes, Rabo Bank Agri-Finance

Under Negotiation: Purchase Terms

Public comment opened at 4:30 p.m.

District Clerk Maria Soria reported no public comments were submitted for the closed session.

Public comment closed at 4:30 p.m.

The Board convened into closed session.

Director Holman arrived at 4:37 p.m.

President MacNiven reconvened the special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District at 5:36 p.m.

5:30 TIME CERTAIN

2. SAFER Levee Plans

Assistant General Manager Brian Malone introduced the SAFER Bay project, noting its importance in protecting communities from sea level rise and flooding. He provided an overview of the proposed levee alignment within the District's Ravenswood Open Space Preserve (Preserve), acknowledging potential impacts on the environment and public access. He then introduced San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority (SFCJRA) Executive Director Margaret Bruce to discuss the SFCJRA, the levee and the efforts to minimize impacts.

Ms. Bruce provided the history of the SFCJPA, and that it was established in 1999 as a solution to the long-standing challenge of managing a waterway that crosses two counties and three cities. These entities work together to manage the creek and protect the communities of East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, and Palo Alto from flooding. While some work has already been done, the community remains vulnerable to tidal flooding and sea level rise. This realization led to the creation of the SAFER Bay project. Ms. Bruce introduced Senior Project Manager Tess Byler to provide an overview of the project.

Ms. Byler provided an update on the SAFER Bay project, emphasizing the outreach efforts undertaken with local tribes due to the presence of sacred lands along the shoreline. Additionally, outreach has been conducted with disadvantaged communities in the cities of Menlo Park, Belle Haven, and East Palo Alto. Funding for the project includes a \$5M grant from the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority and \$1M from the Department of Water Resources, which is enabling the SFCJPA to complete the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements. Environmental Impact Reports (EIR) will be prepared at the programmatic and project levels. The programmatic report will cover the entire SAFER Bay project within San Mateo County, while certain key sections, prioritized by urgency or funding availability, will have detailed project-level reports. Ms. Byler outlined the current design and environmental considerations. The Project scope within the Preserve, located north of Bay Road, is at the 10% design stage,

while other areas have progressed to 30%. She identified potential impacts on the snowy plover habitat, which will need to be addressed as the project moves forward. The project proposes three types of flood protection, and site-specific refugia assessments have been conducted to determine the best locations for refugia habitats, avoiding the Faber-Laumeister marshes. She spoke about avoiding and minimizing the impacts of the proposed levee alignment. Furthermore, she noted that the Emerson Collective has proposed an alternative alignment that would place the levee along the current Bay Trail. They have held three public meetings to gather support for this option. However, the SFCJPA has advised against this alignment. She commented that the SAFER Bay is more than just a levee project, it is a multi-benefit project, which will restore tidal marsh of an estimated 550 acres on ponds R1 and R2. A public draft project description is anticipated fall of 2024, the Draft EIR is planned for August 2025 with the final EIR expected in November 2025. She explained the funding for the project is a unique public/private collaboration, and that cost estimates were originally done in 2015 or 2016 when the feasibility study came out. Costs have increased since and the SFCJPA is trying to preserve the funding they have received to complete CEQA and the programmatic permit. Afterwards, the project will be handed off to member cities. The cities can then apply for an additional project level permit, with construction occurring over many years, starting with the areas which have funding. The project is not completely funded, and they are actively applying for grants.

Director Kishimoto inquired what square footage would be affected by the encroachment into District lands.

Ms. Bayler stated that she was unsure but would attain the answer.

Director Kishimoto asked if staff will prepare a letter for Board review.

Ms. Byler explained there are three key areas in the process to submit a comment. The first is internal staff coordination when SFCJPA hands over the 10% design package. The second is the public draft project description, which would be an ideal time to provide comments on the District's preference for an inner or outer levee or any action on the alignment. It would also be an appropriate time to request the square footage affected by the encroachment into District lands. The third is the draft EIR, expected in 2025.

Mr. Malone stated that a formal Board action is not necessary for the SFCJPA's process at this stage. However, there will likely be land rights requests from the SFCJPA, which would need to be brought before the Board for formal approval. The Board will be kept informed of the progress through an FYI update, and the SFCJPA will return for a future presentation.

Director Kishimoto noted that while what Ms. Byler explained may be the minimum, the Board may want to be send a proactive letter to state their preference.

Mr. Malone replied that staff has already sent a letter early in the process stating the preference for an interior levee alignment along with requests for how to address the impacts to public infrastructure and the natural habitats. Formal letters can be sent during the EIR process, but if the Board desires to provide comments sooner, staff can prepare a letter for Board consideration.

Director Kishimoto stated that her preference would be to submit a letter earlier.

Director Holman asked how soon a comment letter from the District's Board would be helpful.

Ms. Byler mentioned that the SFCJPA would accept public comments at any time. She added that if the District comments on the levee alignment on its property, it could be useful for other purposes, noting that East Palo Alto may be interested in that information.

Director Holman believes that it is important for the Board to send their comments early, if for no other reason that the District is willing to impose its own property. She expressed support for the inner levee, as opposed to what the Emerson Collaborative is proposing.

Director Holman inquired if there is concern that contamination would be spread from the toxic site.

Mr. Malone explained the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is currently concerned about contaminants moving through groundwater out into the Bay and it is a valid concern. He stated he does not have the knowledge of how the levee would affect that, but it is probably an impact regardless. The EPA is managing the site and trying to limit any release of the contaminants into the Bay.

Director Gleason asked if there are specific tribal partners the SFCJPA will be working with.

Ms. Byler stated that two tribes have been interested in the project, but due to the project's long-term range and their limited resources, they have yet been actively engaged. She noted that SFCJPA has received funding from DWR and will be awarding a contract to the Ramaytush Ohlone tribe.

Director Gleason inquired if East Palo Alto has taken a position on the levee alignment.

Ms. Byler stated East Palo Alto has endorsed the SAFER Bay alignment.

Director Holman asked if the SFCJPA has a list of entities that have endorsed the inner bay alignment and, if so, for the District to be added.

Ms. Byler stated that they have not, but it would be a great idea, and it would be helpful to the city as they are making a determination as well.

Public comment opened at 6:40 p.m.

Eileen McLaughlin with Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge commented that the organization has followed the complicated project closely. She mentioned that the City of East Palo Alto is updating their specific plan and has recently released the draft plan and the draft EIR. She endorses advocating for the inner marsh area adjacent to the Emerson property and hopes to support this idea as broadly as possible.

Public comment closed at 6:42 p.m.

Director Holman asked when the Board could expect to sign a letter to support the inner levee.

Mr. Malone requested time to consult with SFCJPA's staff and then a letter will be presented to the Board.

President MacNiven reconvened into closed session at 6:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

President MacNiven adjourned the special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District at 7:07 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

President MacNiven called the regular meeting of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District to order at 7:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jed Cyr, Craig Gleason, Karen Holman, Zoe Kersteen-Tucker, Yoriko Kishimoto, Margaret MacNiven, and Curt Riffle

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: General Manager Ana Ruiz, Assistant General Counsel II Egan Hill, Assistant General Manager Susanna Chan, Assistant General Manager Brian Malone, District Clerk/Assistant to the General Manager Maria Soria, Executive Assistant/Deputy District Clerk Shaylynn Nelson, Procurement Program Manager Sarah Araya, Governmental Affairs Program Manager Joshua Hugg, Land & Facilities Manager Brandon Steward, Land and Facilities Management Analyst II Benjamin Talavera

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REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

President MacNiven reported the Board met in closed session, and no reportable action was taken.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Public comment opened at 7:09 p.m.

District Clerk Maria Soria reported there were no public speakers for this item.

Public comment closed at 7:09 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7-0-0

CONSENT CALENDAR

Public comment opened at 7:10 p.m.

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

Public comment closed at 7:10 p.m.

Motion: Director Kishimoto moved, and Director Riffle seconded the motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7-0-0

- 1. Approve the July 24, 2024 Board meeting minutes**
- 2. Approve Claims Report**
- 3. Award of Contract to Mario’s Tree Service for the Cathedral Oaks Non-Native Tree Removal Project at Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve (R-24-99)**
General Manager’s Recommendation:
 1. Award a contract to Mario’s Tree Service of Corona, California to provide nonnative tree removal and biomass disposal services for a not-to-exceed base contract amount of \$201,450.
 2. Authorize a 10% contingency in the amount of \$20,145 to cover unforeseen issues.
 3. Authorize an allowance of \$100,000 for biomass disposal, bringing the total not-to-exceed contract amount to \$321,595.
- 4. Amendment of Contract for Cultural Resources Services at Long Ridge Open Space Preserve (R-24-100)**
General Manager’s Recommendation: Authorize the General Manager to amend the contract with Environmental Science Associates, Inc., of San Francisco, CA, to increase the current contract amount of \$46,500 by \$51,500 to conduct additional cultural resources investigations, monitoring, and reporting at Long Ridge Open Space Preserve for a total contract amount not to exceed \$98,000.
- 5. Adoption of Board Policy 3.03.A - Procurement Procedures for Federal Awards, as a supplement to Board Policy 3.03 - Public Contract Bidding, Vendor and Professional Consultant Selection, and Purchasing (R-24-101)**
General Manager’s Recommendation: Adopt the proposed Board Policy 3.03.A - Procurement Procedures for Federal Awards as a supplement to Board Policy 3.03 - Public Contract Bidding, Vendor, and Professional Consultant Selection, and Purchasing to govern District procurements for projects receiving Federal funds.

BOARD BUSINESS**6. Resolutions taking positions on ballot measures to be presented for the November 5, 2024 general election (R-24-102)**

Governmental Affairs Program Manager Joshua Hugg provided the staff presentation for the ballot measures, which will be a part of the November 5, 2024 general election. He provided an overview of how ballot initiatives can reach the general election ballot and explained the two ballot measures that staff is recommending, Proposition 4 known as the “Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024,” and Proposition 5, “Lower Supermajority Requirement to 55% for Local Bonds Measure to Fund Housing and Public Infrastructure Amendment”. Both are being forwarded to the Board to consider supporting due to the potential impact to the District’s ability to achieve its mission and its previously expressed values. Proposition 4 allocates \$1.2 billion to protect biodiversity and accelerate nature-based solutions. There could potentially be \$3 billion worth of funding sources that the District can access across a wide variety of subject areas. Proposition 5 lowers the voter-approval threshold for bond financing for affordable housing and other types of public infrastructure from 66.67% to 55%. Open space is included as public infrastructure as part of Proposition 5.

Director Riffle expressed appreciation for Mr. Hugg’s work and effort over the years. He supports both measures and notes the inclusion of Coyote Valley in the bill for \$25M, which, while not directly affecting the District, is significant from a broader conservation perspective.

Director Holman echoed appreciation for Mr. Hugg and stated that she is supportive of both measures.

Director Gleason inquired about Proposition 5, noting the challenges in achieving a two-thirds majority for housing and infrastructure projects. However, he observed that high-profile open space projects have successfully met this threshold.

Mr. Hugg agreed, noting that open space measures often achieve the necessary two-thirds majority, citing the East Bay Regional Park District's recent funding measure which received 85% approval. He emphasized that this success is a result of dedicated effort and highlighted that support for open space can also be seen at the federal level, with bipartisan backing for initiatives like the Land and Water Conservation Fund and the Great American Outdoors Act.

Director Gleason questioned whether lowering the threshold would lead to less rigorous ideas and whether this would be in the public’s best interest.

Mr. Hugg reported that the California Business Roundtable proposed a ballot measure that would have made it nearly impossible to pass funding measures. This led to ACA 13, which was later pulled from the ballot. ACA 13 proposed that if the threshold for passing measures were increased to two-thirds, then achieving that threshold should also require a two-thirds majority. Similarly, for a four-fifths threshold, four-fifths of the electorate would be needed. Both measures were withdrawn.

Director Riffle cited his experience with Measure AA noting that Measure AA passed narrowly, and the Open Space Authority barely succeeded with their first measure, not the second. He

pointed out that some districts and counties avoid placing measures on the ballot due to the difficulty in achieving the supermajority. He argued that the supermajority threshold has prevented substantial funding from being secured, and that relaxing this requirement could enable more valuable funding opportunities.

Mr. Hugg said beyond open space there are a lot of projects waiting for a funding measure to be passed to allow them to happen. There is a lot of neglected infrastructure that is waiting funding.

Public comment opened at 7:32 p.m.

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

Public comment closed at 7:32 p.m.

Motion: Director Kishimoto moved, and Director Riffle seconded the motion to:

1. Adopt a resolution in support of Proposition 4, the "Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024," on the November 5, 2024 general election ballot.
2. Adopt a resolution in support of Proposition 5, the "Lower Supermajority Requirement to 55% for Local Bond Measures to Fund Housing and Public Infrastructure Amendment," on the November 5, 2024 general election ballot.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7-0-0

7. Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Fleet Electrification Transition Plan (R-24-103)

Land and Facilities Management Analyst II Benjamin Talavera provided the staff presentation for the Fleet Electrification Transition Plan. Mr. Talavera reviewed the project background and stated that there were two drivers for the project. One was the District's Climate Action Plan (CAP) that was adopted by the Board of Directors (Board) in 2018 and established goals for reducing the District's greenhouse gas emissions. The second driver is the state of California implementing measures for fleet electrification - the Advanced Clean Fleet Regulation. The Californian Air Resources Board issued regulation that requires all public fleets to transition to zero emission technology. Beginning in 2024, 50 percent of the total number of new vehicles purchased must be zero emissions vehicles. In 2027, 100% of new vehicle purchases must be zero emission vehicles.

Senior Director with ICF Inc., Sam Pournazeri, continued the presentation and reviewed the fleet electrification plan objectives, transition planning, EV replacement schedule and infrastructure assessment, the electrical infrastructure upgrade needs, and the cost analysis.

Mr. Talavera explained that the District currently has 5 EVs in the fleet. There are 16 level 2 chargers throughout the District. 10 are at the administrative office, 4 at the Skyline Field Office, and 2 at the South Area Office. There are 11 vehicles on order, 8 Ford Lightnings with a 320-mile range and 3 Jeep Wranglers plugin hybrids and the first 22 miles being hybrid. The District has been aggressive moving forward with EV purchases requests on an annual basis. He then reported on the next steps, the Board will be presented with a Capital Purchase for FY25 Board report in September 2024, with a request for 2 more EV's for the Ford Lightnings, which will be

for the grazing program manager and the visitor services volunteer program lead. The Capital Improvement Action Plan includes several key projects: In FY25, the Information Systems Technology department will lead the Fleet Management Solutions project. In FY26, the Engineering and Construction department will oversee the FFO and Solar Panel and EV Chargers projects. Additionally, there will be a recruitment for a Fleet Manager in FY26.

Director Riffle inquired as the District builds out the infrastructure, will there be a consideration that staff will also be driving EVs as their personal vehicles and will need to charge their vehicle.

Mr. Talavera stated that the scope of this project was only to transition the fleet to zero emissions vehicles and support those vehicles.

Director Riffle commented that the District should consider that employees will also have electric vehicles.

Land & Facilities Manager Brandon Steward commented that as part of the Solar Power project staff is considering adding additional charging stations for staff.

Director Gleason inquired what the impacts are of a 10-year battery life.

Mr. Pournazeri said there is a warranty on the batteries, but they are the most expensive part of the EVs at approximately 20-25% of the total vehicle cost. The cost of replacing a battery that no longer works is equivalent to the cost of selling the vehicle. There is currently not a lot of information on actual battery life. The battery technology of 10 years ago is significantly different than the battery technology available today so the data points may not reflect an accurate battery life. The 10 years mainly reflects the average warranty life of the batteries, which is 8-10 years and up to 100,000 miles but that is speculation.

Director Gleason asked if the consultant's best guess is that battery life will not be a huge impact to the program.

Mr. Pournazeri confirmed it would not be a huge impact for fleets with a retirement schedule of 6-10 years. It does become risky to keep EVs past the 10-year point.

Director Gleason inquired what other safety agencies are currently doing when deciding whether to convert emergency vehicles from gas powered to electric.

Mr. Pournazeri explained there is a risk. A light duty gas SUV can be fueled within 5-7 minutes. It takes approximately 30 minutes to fully charge electric vehicles even with the fastest chargers. There is no issue if an emergency vehicle is able to have 2-3 hours to charge daily. The issue occurs when emergency vehicles need to operate around the clock. Some agencies are keeping both gas and electric vehicles so they can continue to operate in emergency situations if their EVs go down. The City of Pasadena became the first police department in the nation to be at 100% zero emission. They set up DC fast chargers and level 3 chargers and top off their Tesla vehicles at every opportunity since Tesla batteries do not have a constraint with frequent charging. It remains to be seen how the department will perform in an emergency where the entire fleet is engaged at once and unable to charge frequently.

Director Kersteen-Tucker asked if the assumed 10-year vehicle obsolescence is factored into the financial analysis of transitioning to an electric fleet.

Mr. Pournazeri confirmed the cost reflects the first set of the first generation of EVs purchased. Calculations have been performed for each EV for the capital costs, maintenance costs, and operational costs, including the electricity used over the vehicle's lifetime.

Director Kersteen-Tucker inquired about disaster preparedness if the electrical grid shuts down. She asked if the District is considering solar installation at various field offices.

Mr. Stewart stated solar panels will be installed as part of the Foothills Field Office project scheduled for next fiscal year. Staff is also considering how to integrate backup batteries. He noted there is an exemption for safety vehicles, which allows the District to not transition them into EVs. The District will retain a portion of the fleet with gas vehicles until the District becomes more versed in electrical fleets and has more robust infrastructure.

Director Kishimoto asked how much solar energy would have to be added to offset the fleet.

Mr. Pournazeri said it has not been calculated but 800 kilowatts is the peak load if all EVs are plugged in simultaneously. Solar is not always at peak load. The District can consider how much resiliency is desired, such as a 4-hour or 8-hour system. In order for a 4-hour system to operate at 800 kilowatts, roughly 3,200 kilowatt hours of battery energy store system is needed. Based off that, the District can calculate what array of solar panels would be needed to get the system up to 3,200 kilowatt hours.

Director Kishimoto inquired if PG&E had to make any improvements on the grid.

Mr. Pournazeri confirmed that some facilities likely require transformer upgrades. PG&E requires an application to attain information about the transformers serving each facility. It is assumed that the load is significant enough that transformer upgrades will be needed in the Skyline and Foothill Field Offices. The upgrades are included in the cost and there are rebates available, such as the PG&E fleet program. The funding expires December 1, 2026.

Director Holman asked if the 230-mile range vehicles are still available and adequate, and whether 320-mile range vehicles are needed.

Mr. Talavera explained the 230 short range vehicles are available, but after reviewing daily mileage, how the District will charge EVs, and considering the uneven terrain patrol staff goes over, it was determined the 320-mile ranger vehicles are better suited for patrol staff needs.

Director Holman inquired about the process of disposing inoperable EV batteries and the environmental impacts.

Mr. Pournazeri said there are programs looking at the second life of the EV batteries, including recycling or reusing batteries as stationary batteries. A battery life can be extended beyond its function as an EV battery. As California shifts the grid to renewables, there will be a need for a significant amount of utility grade and stationary batteries to store solar energy and use it overnight.

President MacNiven inquired about the federal tax credit.

Mr. Pournazeri explained that tax-exempt organizations can benefit from a federal direct pay program. He noted that the instructions for accessing this program should be included in the report, and if not, he can add them. Essentially, when purchasing the vehicles, the District can file an 8835 form with the IRS and register for elective pay, and upon submission, the District can receive a check.

Public comment opened at 8:31 p.m.

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

Public comment closed at 8:31 p.m.

Director Cyr thanked staff for a great presentation.

Director Riffle commended the District for pursuing fleet electrification. He noted that as others will likely attempt similar initiatives, acting quickly will make the process smoother for the District. He added that the District can be a good example for other agencies and demonstrate to the constituents that the District is taking aggressive action. He expressed strong support for the program and the recommendations presented.

Mr. Stewart expressed his gratitude for the Board's support, acknowledging the Board's willingness to approve the purchase of electric vehicles, noting staff's aggressive approach in acquiring them. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to continue these efforts.

President MacNiven commented that technology is constantly changing and posed a question of when to take action, and what is more important, the money or the atmosphere. She believes that spending the money is worth it to help save the atmosphere.

Motion: Director Kersteen-Tucker moved, and Director Cyr seconded the motion to review and accept the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Fleet Electrification Transition Plan.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7-0-0

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

A. Committee Reports

Director Gleason reported that the Hawthorns Historic complex ad hoc met on August 5 with the Whites and Page & Turnbull to discuss potential partnership plans for the barn.

B. Staff Reports

Mr. Malone reported on the coyote situation. He mentioned that the previously closed area has been reopened to visitors but remains restricted for dog access. Unfortunately, there was another recent incident where three coyotes followed a dog owner up Spring Ridge, nearly to the summit. As a result, the "No Dogs" area will be expanded to include Spring Ridge. He also mentioned that the ranger hazing efforts will continue, using air horns to deter coyotes. The Natural

Resources department is consulting with Fish and Wildlife, and they will monitor the situation as it progresses.

General Manager Ana Ruiz reported that she and the President of Peninsula Open Space Trust Walter Moore meet quarterly and have check-in meetings, with the most recent meeting occurring earlier that week. Additionally, the District held another Board Supervisor candidate tour with Margaret Abe-Koga with Director Kishimoto, Mr. Malone, and Mr. Hugg in attendance. They showcased the Highway 17 project, discussed the multiple partnerships with Santa Clara County Parks, the Stevens Creek Trail Corridor, and Lehigh.

C. Director Reports

Director Gleason reported that the Bear Creek Stables ad hoc committee held a meeting on August 6. The main focus was on the Operations and Programming working group, with updates also provided by the Site Planning and Architecture and Funding and Partnership working groups. There was extensive discussion, marking the first opportunity for these working groups to come together and exchange ideas. He also attended the HWY 17 project tour on August 13.

Director Kersteen-Tucker reported that she along with Director Riffle attended the Hwy 17 project tour on August 12, noting it was great tour and thanked the staff for their work on the project.

Director Riffle reported that he attended the Spotlight Training with the Santa Cruz Mountain Stewardship Network.

Director Holman reported that she and President MacNiven will tour the Highway 17 project on August 15.

Director Kishimoto elaborated on the tour with Ms. Abe-Koga who is currently on the City of Mountain View City Council and on the VTA Board. Ms. Abe-Koga expressed interest in the Stevens Creek Trail Corridor as she has been following it from Mountain View's point of view and believes she will continue if she gets elected. She also reported that on August 8, she attended a tour of the Richmond Levee and the Rising Together: The Bay Adapt Summit.

Director Cyr reported attending the Highway 17 project tour on August 13 and it was great to connect with staff and see the vision in person.

President MacNiven reported that she attended a candidate tour on August 2 with Lisa Gauthier along with Mr. Hugg and Public Affairs Specialist II Ryan McCaulley. They toured the Ravenswood Open Space Preserve and saw the levee that was presented by the SFCJPA. Additionally, she attended two meetings with Assistant General Manager Susanna Chan to present the draft Basic Policy amendments with Supervisor Muller and the Farm Bureau.

Director Holman commented that she plans to reach out to the Board to discuss ways to honor former Director Nonette Hanko.

ADJOURNMENT

President MacNiven adjourned the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Maria Soria, MMC
District Clerk