



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

**PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT**

Los Gatos Community Center
208 E. Main Street
Los Gatos, CA 95033

April 29, 2015

DRAFT MINUTES

I. ROLL CALL

Director Riffle called the Regular Meeting of the Planning and Natural Resources Committee to order at 6:05 p.m.

Members Present: Jed Cyr, Larry Hassett, and Curt Riffle

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Steve Abbors, General Manager, Ana Ruiz, Assistant General Manager, Hilary Stevenson, Assistant General Counsel, Mike Williams, Real Property Manager, Jane Mark, Planning Manager, Shelly Lewis, Public Affairs Manager, Kirk Lenington, Natural Resources Manager, Tom Lausten, Area Superintendent, Tina Hugg, Senior Planner, Meredith Manning, Senior Planner, Lisa Bankosh, Planner III, Gretchen Laustsen, Planner II, Jeannie Buscaglia, Administrative Assistant, Owen Sterzl, IT Technician, Paul McKowan, Volunteer Program Coordinator, Elaina Cuzick, Senior Real Property Specialists, Elish Ryan, Real Property Planner III

II. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Workshop – Provide feedback on proposed goals and objectives of the Bear Creek Redwoods Preserve Plan.

Director Riffle opened meeting/took roll call. Director Cyr moved, and Director Hassett seconded the motion to adopt the agenda.

Director Riffle welcomed the public to the workshop, which will be the only Preserve Plan public workshop, with additional opportunities for public input at many Committee and Board meetings throughout the spring and summer.

Lisa Bankosh, Planner III, provided background about the District, Measure AA, Bear Creek Redwoods, and the previous preserve planning work to date. She explained that

the goal of the meeting is to work collaboratively with the public to create a comprehensive Preserve Plan that will allow Bear Creek Redwoods to open to general public use in 2016.

Alma Du Solier, consultant with Populous, Inc., described the agenda for the meeting. She described the overall Preserve Plan process, which will incorporate specific plans for Bear Creek Stables and the former Alma College site, and will result in a Preserve-wide environmental impact analysis. Ms. Du Solier introduced the four elements of the Preserve Plan, including Public Use and Facilities, Natural Resources, Cultural Resources, and Maintenance and Operations. She then explained that there were six stations set up around the room to gather public feedback on the goals and objectives for each element, document their ideas and concerns for Alma College and Bear Creek Stables, and measure the attendees' preference for various uses and activities on the Preserve.

Staff concluded presentations at 6:30 pm, at which time the meeting was an open house. Members of the public attending the meeting then provided comments directly to staff at the stations, on comment cards, and on the workshop questionnaire.

At the close of the meeting, Director Riffle thanked the public for attending the meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Director Riffle adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Planning and Natural Resources Committee of Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District at 8:00 p.m.