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LOS ALTOS, CA—On May 31, 2017, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (Midpen) Action Plan and Budget Committee met to review proposed adjustments to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 Budget and recommend a final budget for consideration by the full Board of Directors at their regular meeting on June 14th. The Committee voted to recommend increasing funding for the Mt. Umunhum Radar Tower 2nd Assessment to 50% of the total estimated cost, directing staff to seek grant funds and/or donation for the remaining amount. In addition, a second recommended modification to the proposed budget more accurately reflects prior Board funding commitments for site improvements to Bear Creek Stables.

Ana Ruiz, Assistant General Manager noted that, “This action reaffirms Midpen’s commitment to both the Mount Umunhum Summit, which is scheduled to open in mid-September, and the Bear Creek Stables, which is an active horse stable that is regularly visited by various schools groups in the Los Gatos area.”

The Board of Directors, will meet at the Midpen Administrative Office located at 330 Distel Circle, Los Altos, CA 94022 at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 14 to adopt the FY 2017-18 Budget.

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Created by voter initiative in 1972, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District has successfully protected more than 63,000 acres of open space. The District is a California special district governed by an elected board of directors. The District's mission is to acquire and preserve a regional greenbelt of open space land and agricultural land of regional significance in perpetuity, protect and restore the natural environment, and provide opportunities for ecologically sensitive public enjoyment and education.

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