



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

**MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT
LEGISLATIVE, FUNDING, AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Administrative Office
330 Distel Circle
Los Altos, CA 94022

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Director Harris called the meeting of the Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs Committee to order at 2:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present Director Nonette Hanko, Director Cecily Harris

Members absent: Director Jed Cyr

Staff present: Chief Financial Officer Stefan Jaskulak, Assistant General Counsel Hilary Stevenson, Acting Assistant General Manager Christine Butterfield, Assistant General Manager Ana Ruiz, District Clerk Jennifer Woodworth, Public Affairs Administrative Assistant Jordan McDaniel

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No speakers present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Director Hanko moved, and Director Harris seconded the motion to adopt the agenda.

VOTE: 2-0-0

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Approve the August 29, 2017 Legislative, Funding, & Public Affairs Committee meeting minutes.

Motion: Director Hanco moved, and Director Harris seconded the motion to approve the August 29, 2017 Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs committee meeting minutes.

Public comment opened at 2:32 p.m.

No speakers present.

Public comment closed at 2:32 p.m.

VOTE: 3-0-0

2. Legislative Program 2018 (R-17-118)

Governmental Affairs Specialist Josh Hugg presented the staff report outlining the proposed legislative program, including the motivations behind development of a legislative program and the proposed structure of the program. The Board may adopt proactive policy positions to be taken by the District on a variety of relevant issue areas, which will help ensure consistent advocacy. Policies will also be prioritized according to the Board's Strategic Plan Goals/Strategy areas to provide a clear connection to organizational priorities.

Director Hanco spoke regarding the importance of wildlife corridors and land connectivity for healthy ecosystems in light of the proposed wall across the border of California and Mexico.

Director Harris expressed the importance of species protection and commented on the federal and state level threats to mega vertebrates, including high human population levels, negative interactions between people and wildlife, and proposed protection of sea lions and mountain lions.

Director Harris advised that Legislative Priority number 7 under Public Access and Education ("Funds and enables programs for hiring youth to work in parks and open space careers.") should be made more explicit for each of the two goals mentioned. One, to enable programs for hiring youth to work in parks, and two, to encourage careers in open space.

Director Harris advised that Legislative Priority number 8 under Public Access and Education should define what is meant by "public access, provide fire clearance, and enable housing rehabilitation." Director Hanco was in agreement.

Director Hanco and Director Harris applauded the quality of the Legislative Session Program 2018 draft.

Public comment opened at 3:02 p.m.

No speakers present.

Public comment closed at 3:02 p.m.

Motion: Director Hanko moved, and Director Harris seconded the motion to approve the motion to Receive and provide comments on the Draft 2018 Legislative Program. The draft document outlines the District's legislative priorities and policies for the coming year.

VOTE: 2-0-0

ADJOURNMENT

Director Harris adjourned the meeting of the Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs Committee at 3:04 p.m.

Jordan McDaniel
Public Affairs Administrative Assistant