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Midpen's board endorses Proposition 68

The statewide environmental bond measure goes before voters June 5

Los Altos, CA— The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's Board of Directors endorsed Proposition 68 at their regular public meeting last night. The parks, environment and water bond was placed on the ballot by the state Legislature, and goes before California voters June 5.

If passed, Proposition 68 would provide \$4 billion for a wide range of environmental projects across urban, suburban and rural California. These include efforts to protect drinking water supplies, conserve wildlife and natural resources and provide access to parks for all.

“We endorse Proposition 68 because it aligns with Midpen's mission of environmental preservation, restoration and public enjoyment of parks and open space,” said Board President Jed Cyr. “Proposition 68 would also make significant grant funding available for local parks and open space projects that Midpen, and many of our regional partners, are well positioned to compete for.”

Other resources proposed in Proposition 68 that would specifically benefit the Bay Area include \$3 million to protect the Los Gatos Creek and the Guadalupe River watersheds, over \$200 million for California State Parks and \$21 million for the San Francisco Bay Program of the California Coastal Conservancy. More information about Proposition 68 is available at www.openspace.org/parkbond

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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. Midpen is a California special district governed by a publicly elected board of directors. Its 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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