



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

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La Honda Public Access Working Group Interviews for La Honda Area Representatives

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

Interview and select members for the three open La Honda Area Representative seats on the La Honda Public Access Working Group from the candidates listed in the staff report.

SUMMARY AND DISCUSSION

On April 9, 2019, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District) Board of Directors (Board) approved the formation and composition of the La Honda Public Access Working Group (Working Group) (R-19-39). District staff held a community meeting on May 2, 2019 to provide information on the Working Group and the process to apply for one of three La Honda Area Representative seats. The application was available online and printed copies were left at the La Honda Country Market, the La Honda Main U.S. Post Office, Alice's Restaurant, the Skywood Trading Post & Deli at the intersection of Highway 35 and Highway 84, and the District's Administrative Office at 330 Distel Circle in Los Altos.

The application period closed on May 20, 2019, and the District received eight (8) applications. Based on the process approved on April 9, 2019, the Board will interview all applicants and select three to fill the La Honda Area Representative seats. The Board will appoint all members of the Working Group at a regular Board meeting on June 26, 2019. The Working Group is expected to begin meeting in August 2019 and conduct its work over a period of 12 to 18 months.

Per the formation process approved by the Board on April 9, 2019, each Board member will select a Ward stakeholder to represent the interests of that ward. The Board determined that because the project is located in Ward 6, that ward would be represented by two Ward stakeholders. Following the close of the application period, Ward 6 Board Director Larry Hassett chose two applicants, Lou Bordi and Barbara Hooper, as the two selected Ward 6 stakeholders. Therefore, they will no longer be in the applicant pool for the three open La Honda Area Representative seats. The remaining six (6) applicants to be interviewed by the full Board are:

- Ari Delay
- Karl Lusebrink
- Peter Marchi
- Kathleen Moazed
- Patrick Thomasson
- Randall Vail

Interviews will consist of several predetermined questions and last approximately 15 minutes per applicant. Immediately following the interview process, the Board will formally vote on the applicants by ballot. The balloting process for selecting the three La Honda Area Representatives will be as follows:

1. The District Clerk will provide Board members with ballots listing all six applicants.
2. Each Board member will rank all six applicants in order of preference, and the District Clerk will tabulate the results.
3. The Board will select the three applicants receiving the highest rankings to the Working Group. In the event of a tie, the District Clerk will facilitate another round of voting. Each Board member will have the same number of votes as unfilled Working Group seats. The District Clerk will then tabulate the results.
4. If any ties remain, the General Counsel will draw lots from among those applicants receiving tied votes in order to fill the remaining La Honda Area Representative seat(s).

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommendation. There are minimal costs associated with initiating the Working Group, including meeting costs as well as postage and mailing for recruitment efforts. Staff time, and potentially facilitation services, will be needed to support the ongoing coordination, public noticing, and meetings with the Working Group. Associated costs are not funded by Measure AA.

BOARD COMMITTEE REVIEW

Due to Board interest in the formation of this Working Group, this report is being brought to the full Board without prior Committee review to allow full Board participation.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice was provided as required by the Brown Act. Notice was also provided to each applicant.

CEQA COMPLIANCE

This item is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act.

NEXT STEPS

Following selection of the three La Honda Area Representatives, the General Manager will present a complete roster of Working Group members to the Board on June 26, 2019 for appointment. The Working Group is expected to begin meeting in August 2019 and conduct its work over a period of 12 to 18 months. Staff will provide a tentative meeting schedule for the duration of the Working Group at the first meeting in August.

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