



SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

Administrative Office
330 Distel Circle
Los Altos, CA 94022

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

DRAFT MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

President Holman called the special meeting of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District to order at 5:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Karen Holman, Zoe Kersteen-Tucker, Yoriko Kishimoto, and Curt Riffle

Members Absent: Jed Cyr, Larry Hassett, and Pete Siemens

Staff Present: General Manager Ana Ruiz, General Counsel Hilary Stevenson, Chief Financial Officer/Director of Administrative Services Stefan Jaskulak, Assistant General Manager Brian Malone, Assistant General Manager Susanna Chan, Executive Assistant/Deputy District Clerk Maria Soria, Planning Manager Jane Mark, Senior Planner Tina Hugg, Public Affairs Manager Kori Skinner, Engineering and Construction Manager, Jay Lin, Senior Capital Project Manager Tanisha Werner

1. Historic Structures – Review of Other Agency Policies and Practices (R-20-20)

General Manager Ana Ruiz reported this is the third in a series of public meetings to review the District's policies and practices related to historic resources. Ms. Ruiz stated the District engaged the services of 2M Associates to augment District staff's research, analysis, and comparison of District and other public agency historic resource policies and practices. Ms. Ruiz reported that based on this assessment, the District's policies are consistent with existing laws and regulations; however, a varying degree of specificity and purpose exists among the various Board policies, with the overarching principles and implementation guidelines remaining consistent and adhering to current rules and regulations. Additionally, the District's historic resources policies align with the District's overarching mission statement and Coastside mission. Ms. Ruiz emphasized that while many park agencies have specific verbiage in their mission

statements related to historic cultural resources preservation, many open space districts do not. Ms. Ruiz recommends clarifying internal administrative procedures, consistent with Board policy, to ensure consistency and oversight of staff application District-wide.

Senior Planner Tina Hugg reiterated the General Manager's recommendation and introduced Patrick Miller, a partner at 2M Associates, who conducted the comparative research on the policies and procedures of various park and open space agencies.

Mr. Miller provided an overview of his findings stating that all of the documents that mention historic buildings or cultural resources are complimentary to the District's operations and address the Department of Secretary of the Interior's standards for how to operate and maintain a historic building. Secondly, Mr. Miller stated the policies align with the District's overarching mission and coastside mission, noting open space is the prime directive of the District. Mr. Miller noted many regional park agencies have a broader mission than the District, which explicitly includes preservation of historic and/or cultural resources – an element that is not included within the District's mission or the missions of other open space agencies.

Mr. Miller reported interviews were held with outside partner agencies and regulatory agencies (seventeen cities and two counties). Mr. Miller explained partner agencies and regulatory agencies either have a stand-alone inventory or a context statement included in their general plan. Mr. Miller stated there are 517 buildings and structures currently documented in the District's GIS system. The District's characterization of buildings and structures is not consistent with the nomenclature used by local, state, or federal agencies about historic properties.

Mr. Miller concluded no conflicts arise between policies, and they generally complement each other and conform with legal standards and practices. Mr. Miller suggested the District could clarify the policies, but the guidelines work in their current form. Instead, the District may consider creating an administrative historic resources procedural guide to include relevant District policies and other key information to inform staff of the steps required for historic resources management. Additionally, Mr. Miller suggested standardizing terms in the District's GIS system to conform to historic building and structure standards and centralize the written and photographic documentation of buildings and structures.

Director Kishimoto suggested the District create its own context statement, which could provide the Board guidance on the top preservation priorities rather than individually analyzing each structure.

Director Kishimoto suggested revising the Basic Policy to modify "the District depends on partners" to "we would prefer to work with partners" since the District now has more resources.

Ms. Ruiz reported staff considered creating a context statement. However, it was determined that creating a context statement would place a much greater emphasis on historic structure preservation, raising questions about the policy consistency with the District's mission and coastside mission.

Ms. Ruiz reported she reviewed the Basic Policy and highlighted the section stating that historic preservation would be considered when outside funding and partnerships could be leveraged. When the Basic Policy was adopted, the Board decided to reserve general funds for projects

supporting the District's core mission. Measure AA includes historic structures and cultural resources preservation projects, and Measure AA funds can supplement the general fund. The Board may choose to revise the Basic Policy; however, this change may affect the emphasis of the District's mission and how general funds may be used in the future.

Director Riffle asked if the Board could receive information on the long term costs of preserving a building to help the Board determine whether it wants to preserve or protect a building.

Ms. Ruiz stated the District has begun providing more information upfront, such as for the Mount Umunhum Radar Tower long-term repairs.

Director Kersteen-Tucker asked for clarification on the definition of rural character, especially as it relates to open space and the Coastside mission.

Mr. Miller responded the undeveloped character of the Coastside landscape makes it rural.

Ms. Ruiz replied it is also geographic based, so for the San Mateo County Coast, the rural character relates to the lack of high-density communities, the presence of ranches and agricultural uses, and vegetation along the ridgeline. These elements combined create the rural character of the San Mateo County Coast.

Public comments opened at 6:13 p.m.

No speakers present.

Public comments closed at 6:13 p.m.

President Holman concurred with Director Kersteen-Tucker that additional clarification is needed to define rural character.

President Holman stated policy clarification for the existing policies is needed, and that this may be achieved by combining policies and including references to other pertinent policies so staff would be able to identify all relevant policies in one location.

Ms. Ruiz affirmed that all policies adhere to current rules and regulation, are consistent with each other, and are comprehensive as a compilation. Combining policies and modifying policies to reference other internal policies would take significant time and instead recommends preparing an administrative historic resources procedural guide that compiles the relevant policies and includes other procedural guidance for staff to use as a resource and ensure consistency of approach District-wide and across time.

President Holman questioned the time required to combine policies and incorporate references and felt that this action would make the policies more coherent. President Holman expressed frustration that when a property with a structure is acquired, the structure is not addressed early, at the time of acquisition or soon after. When the structure is eventually brought to the Board for consideration, the price to restore the building is therefore much higher. President Holman suggested evaluating the structure when it is first acquired to determine its historic value and create an action plan for the structure.

Ms. Ruiz commented that historically many District structures have been preserved in place because the District's focus has been on preserving the land, restoring the natural resource, and providing public access. Mr. Ruiz reported that when a property with structures is considered for acquisition, and purchase terms and conditions allow adequate time, an evaluation is completed and brought to the Board for consideration.

President Holman inquired if historic structures are listed separately in the GIS system inventory list, so staff is aware of which structures are historic.

Mr. Miller indicated the historic structures are not listed separately on the GIS inventory list and advised improvements should be made in the terminology for tagging structures.

Director Riffle stated although the District has more funds now, they should not necessarily be spent on buildings, since the mission statement of open space is the District's focus. Additionally, Mr. Riffle agreed with President Holman that the Board should make a determination for a structure when it is initially acquired.

Motion: Director Riffle moved, and Director Kersteen-Tucker seconded the motion to confirm that no Board Policy changes are warranted; instead, the General Manager will proceed with making administrative procedural improvements and clarifications consistent with existing Board Policy, as stated in the staff report.

Director Kersteen-Tucker added that the procedural guide should be created, and clarity is needed for the GIS inventory list related to structure status.

President Holman stated she will not be supporting the motion at this time because although she supports creation of a procedural manual, she recommends clarifying the policy language to make the policies comprehensive as well as combining the policies and ensuring all relevant policies are referenced when considering the disposition of historic structures. Additionally, President Holman indicated she is interested in learning more about context statements and the cost to implement one.

Substitute Motion: President Holman offered a substitute motion to continue the item to a date uncertain to allow for the three absent Board members to be involved in the discussion.

Friendly Amendment: Director Kishimoto seconded the substitute motion and offered a friendly amendment to the substitute motion to request staff to address two questions:

- How much work would it take to add clarity to the policies?
- How much work would it take to do a simple context statement for an open space district?

President Holman accepted the friendly amendment and amended her original motion to include further discussion on the inventory list and status.

Substitute Motion: President Holman moved, and Director Kishimoto seconded the motion to continue the item to a date uncertain and for staff to address how much work would it take to add clarity to the policies, how much work would it take to do a simple context statement for an open space district and have further discussion on inventory list and status.

VOTE: 2-2-0 (Directors Kersteen-Tucker and Riffle opposed; Directors Cyr, Hassett, and Siemens absent)

Main Motion: Confirm that no Board Policy changes are warranted; instead, the General Manager will proceed with making administrative procedural improvements and clarifications consistent with existing Board Policy, as stated in this report.

VOTE: 2-2-0 (Directors Holman and Kishimoto opposed; Director Cyr, Hassett, and Siemens absent)

President Holman stated both motions failed, and the Board will take no action.

President Holman urged the Directors to continue the item since three Directors are absent from the meeting.

Director Riffle proposed he would then follow the Board President's lead and will vote to continue the item to allow the three absent Director's participate in the discussion since both motions failed, but did not want to spend more staff time on this project and reiterated his support for the General Manager's recommendation.

Ms. Ruiz stated briefings for the absent Board members will be required to provide the context and information from the Board meeting.

Director Kersteen-Tucker stated her support for the General Manager's recommendation and shared concerns related to the enormous amount of Board and staff time spent on this topic noting it was an administrative issue.

Director Riffle suggested the General Manager provide an FYI to the Board regarding implementation of her recommendation.

Ms. Ruiz confirmed staff will provide an FYI to the Board.

General Counsel Hilary Stevenson commented the Board would have an opportunity to agendize the item again when the FYI comes to them.

By consensus the Board directed the General Manager to prepare a FYI for a future Board agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

President Holman adjourned the special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District at 7:02 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

President Holman called the regular meeting of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District to order at 7:12 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Karen Holman, Zoe Kersteen-Tucker, Yoriko Kishimoto, Pete Siemens, and Curt Riffle

Members Absent: Jed Cyr and Larry Hassett

Staff Present: General Manager Ana Ruiz, General Counsel Hilary Stevenson, Chief Financial Officer/Director of Administrative Services Stefan Jaskulak, Assistant General Manager Brian Malone, Executive Assistant/Deputy District Clerk Maria Soria, Natural Resources Manager Kirk Lenington, Senior Resource Management Specialist Coty Sifuentes-Winter, Rangeland Ecologist/Botanist Lewis Reed, Senior Property Management Specialist Omar Smith

General Manager Ana Ruiz took a moment to acknowledge the February 16 incident at the Rancho San Antonio Open Space preserve, a mountain lion injured a child hiking with the family. The child is safe and was treated and released back to the family. Ms. Ruiz thanked staff for their quick response and for closing the preserve until the California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW) located and trapped the mountain lion responsible. Due to the circumstances of the attack and after matching DNA from the mountain lion, CDFW officials made the determination to euthanize the mountain lion. Ms. Ruiz commented the District continues to preserve natural resources and move forward with various projects, such as the Highway 17 Wildlife Corridor, that improve critical wildlife linkages.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Angela Terra spoke against euthanizing the mountain lion stating the preserves are wildlife habitat, so people need to exercise caution when visiting the preserves, noting there are warning signs posted. Ms. Terra suggested limiting the number of visitors at the preserves by charging for parking. Additionally, Ms. Terra commented the attack should have not been a surprise since cameras are installed at the preserves and have captured more than thirty active lions including a mother with cubs. Ms. Terra urged staff to close preserves longer when they are closed due to mountain lion activity.

Denise Bolbol also spoke against euthanizing the mountain lion stating staff must have known the mountain lion was roaming the area. Ms. Bolbol stated the Board should have closed the park and that lack of action led to a child being hurt and consequently the taking of a mountain lion. Ms. Bolbol commented the District started to livestock graze since 2004 without voter approval on public lands noting the voters approved open spaces for wildlife, wildlife habitat, and some recreation uses for people, not for grazing.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Director Kishimoto moved, and Director Riffle seconded the motion to adopt the agenda.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Director Cyr and Hassett absent)

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Director Riffle moved, and Director Kishimoto seconded the motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Director Cyr and Hassett absent)

- 1. Approve February 12, 2020 Minutes**
- 2. Claims Report**
- 3. Award of Contracts to Coastside Environmental Tech, Inc., for the Abatement and Removal of Selected Dilapidated Non-Historic Structures at Bear Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve (R-20-21)**

General Manager's Recommendation:

1. Authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract with Coastwide Environmental Technologies, Inc., of Watsonville, California, for a base amount of \$402,000.
2. Authorize a 15% contingency of \$60,300 to be reserved for unanticipated issues, bringing the total contract to a not-to-exceed amount of \$462,300.

BOARD BUSINESS

- 4. Toto Ranch Rangeland Management Plan and Grazing Lease in Tunitas Creek Open Space Preserve (R-20-09)**

General Manager Ana Ruiz stated the item before the Board relates to a pre-existing cattle operation that has occurred prior to the District acquiring the property in 2012. These grasslands have been actively managed with grazing for over 120 years and continue to support native coastal plant communities. Ms. Ruiz stated staff worked closely with outside advisors and consultants to evaluate the operation and develop improvements for the site to help better manage the existing operation, continue to meet the biodiversity goals, and distribute livestock on the property.

Ms. Ruiz remarked she is aware there are strong emotions and opinions on both sides of the grazing topic and noted the District received 12 public comments with the vast majority supporting the grazing lease. Ms. Ruiz reiterated this item is specifically for the property at the Toto Ranch in the Tunitas Creek Open Space Preserve, the Board will consider grazing at a Districtwide policy level at a future date.

Rangeland Ecologist/Botanist Lewis Reed described the location of the Toto Ranch property, its natural resources, and its current uses. In addition to the rangeland lease, there are residential and agricultural leases for the site. Mr. Reed provided an overview of the rangeland management plan (RMP), including its purpose, key proposed improvements, and monitoring, including a recommendation to lease to a single tenant for year-round rotational cattle grazing, guidelines for rangeland use involving horses, infrastructure improvements, and water improvements. Monitoring protocols include photo monitoring, invasive plant tracking, and measuring of residual dry matter.

Senior Property Management Specialist Omar Smith outlined the lease terms, including detailing the responsible party for management, infrastructure, and operations; allowing work to be performed by the tenant as a contractor; updates to comply with current legal requirements; calculation of the animal unit month (AUM); and documentation requirements of the grazing operations.

Director Riffle requested clarification regarding the lease terms related to allowing public access.

Assistant General Manager Brian Malone reported all grazing leases provide for public access.

General Counsel Hilary Stevenson stated Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) holds a conservation easement over the Toto Ranch property, which may contain certain restrictions and would need to be reviewed before making any commitments.

Director Kersteen-Tucker noted the mitigation monitoring reporting program allows up to four horses on the property, but Mr. Lewis indicated it could be seven.

Mr. Lewis stated staff will update the mitigation monitoring program to state seven horses may be allowed.

Director Kersteen-Tucker inquired if the lease has adequate flexibility to allow for other livestock or a combination of livestock to manage brush or would a lease amendment be needed.

Senior Resource Management Specialist Coty Sifuentes-Winter stated the use of livestock goats, sheep, or similar is not excluded, but staff would need to evaluate the type of livestock being considered to confirm it is appropriate for the site.

Assistant General Manager Brian Malone replied the rangeland management plan calls for cattle grazing as the management tool. Staff would need to evaluate whether an amendment to include other livestock would fall under the General Manager's authority or would require Board approval.

Public comment opened at 7:59 pm

Renee Cheung spoke in favor of conservation grazing and stated that it is the best tool to manage the grasslands. The Markegards have been practitioners of conservation grazing for many years, and Ms. Chung recommends the Board renew the lease.

Al Whaley expressed his frustration stating the public has opposed grazing at several public meetings and have been told that additional public education will be conducted. Mr. Whaley commented the Board has stopped listening to their mission and is altering the mission without public input, and the broader science does not support grazing.

Mohan Gurnathan opposed the Board approving the lease and numerous members of the public have raised objections and concerns about the grazing program. Mr. Gurnathan urged the Board not to approve the lease at this time until the Board studies the concerns and objections and takes time to review the science.

Ann Duwe spoke in favor of approving the lease with the Markegards. Ms. Duwe is a member of Slow Food, a nonprofit organization which supports farmers like the Markegards and values local and sustainably produced food. Ms. Duwe stated grazing contributes to healthy soil, and healthy soil supports biodiversity.

Britt Bensen stated the Markegards are great stewards of the land and supports the Board approving their lease.

Isabel Bauer spoke in favor of renewing the Markegards lease because cows can greatly help in providing a healthy soil.

Karen Rubio, a member of the Los Gatos Plant Based Advocate, asked the Board to postpone their decision on renewing the lease and asked the District to conduct an environmental report.

Lester Chen spoke in favor of the Board approving the rangeland management plan and authorizing the general manger to enter into a conservation lease with the Markegards. Additionally, Mr. Chen supported the five-year lease to help advance the District's mission to protect and restore the natural environment.

Doniga Markegard stated that she and her family deeply care for the land and all the wildlife on the land. Ms. Markegard spoke about her background in ranching and spoke about the positive effects of regenerative agriculture that supports soil health and biodiversity. Ms. Markegard reported she met with the Audubon Society to discuss how ranchers can support habitat for threatened grassland birds and explained she is applying to be able to sell certified bird-friendly beef.

Meme Rasmussen commented there are members of the public on both sides of the argument and different scientific points of view. Ms. Rasmussen spoke in support of the Markegards stating it is a family run local farm that is responsible with the land and appreciates being able to purchase local grass-fed pastured beef.

Paige Stanley, a PhD researcher at the University of Berkley, a grazing ecologist, and a soil and climate scientist who works with ranchers like the Markegards, is looking into regenerative ranching practices. Ms. Stanley spoke of scientific support for regenerative ranching similar to the Markegards' operations.

Scott Vanderlip spoke in favor or renewing the lease for Toto Ranch and indicated animals on the land provide soil regeneration. Additionally, cows are also used on the coast to graze on non-native grasses since prescribed fires are no longer conducted.

Jessica Campbell, a member of Slow Food, stated her support for sustainable ranchers where people can get a clean source of protein and support regenerative sustainable land management. Ms. Campbell spoke in favor renewing the Markegards lease.

Dennis Logie, a member of Slow Food, described the benefits of cattle grazing related to soil health and wildlife diversity. Mr. Logie spoke in favor of renewing the lease with the Markegards.

Lennie Roberts spoke on behalf of Green Foothills and in support of the General Manager's recommendation. Ms. Roberts commented that in 1980 the nine-hundred-acre property could have been developed into 900 homes, but the county adopted very strict zoning. The development possibility continued until POST and the District acquired the land to preserve in perpetuity open space and agricultural lands of regional significance. Ms. Roberts believes the Board has been true to the Coastside mission in recommending this proposal for adoption.

Peter Cnudde spoke in opposition to the General Manager's recommendation. Mr. Cnudde reported it was previously stated that conservation grazing was affordable, but he has not seen the cost benefits. Taxpayer dollars should not be used to support grazing if it does not make financial sense.

Pat CuvIELLO spoke in opposition to the recommendation and asked if the land being leased was open to bids. Mr. CuvIELLO spoke against grazing and stated coyote brush is a native plant and not invasive. Mr. CuvIELLO commented the staff report does not mention greenhouse gases and urged the Board to reject this recommendation because it is not based on science.

Kim Acker, a member of Slow Food and a climate activist with 350 Silicon Valley stated climate change solutions are needed and is appreciative the Board is looking into unconventional solutions. Ms. Acker encouraged the Board to renew the lease.

Denise Bolbol commented the Board will be voting on the RMP and on a mitigated negative declaration that was prepared by staff. Ms. Bolbol stated there is conflicting scientific data in the RMP such as calling coyote brush an invasive species. She urged the Board to postpone their vote until they thoroughly review the document and questioned why legal counsel did not see any issues with the document.

Victoria Armigo spoke in favor of renewing the Markegards lease and appreciated hearing all the speakers' perspectives.

Ron Sturgeon, a member of the Sam Mateo County Farm Bureau but speaking for himself, raised concerns that the proposed lease had not been presented to the Farm Bureau. Mr. Sturgeon expressed concerns about multiple leases on the property and recommended the item should be reviewed by the Farm Bureau before the Board makes their decision.

Taylor Adam spoke in favor of renewing the Markegards lease and commented she is a young farmer in the regenerative agricultural community, and the Markegards have been an example of regenerative agricultural practices specifically on the coastline and the peninsula.

Davy Davidson opposed all cattle grazing and oppose the Board making a decision not in line with the original mission voted by the public in 1978.

Public comment closed at 8:48 pm

President Holman asked staff to answer some question that was asked by the speakers.

Assistant General Manager Brian Malone replied to the questions asked by the speakers describing the various types of leases for the property and the reasoning for the separate leases. Regarding the Mitigated Negative Declaration and greenhouse gas evaluation, Mr. Malone

reported CEQA requires agencies to evaluate changes to the baseline conditions. The RMP does not change the baseline of having grazing on the property; it does not alter the extent of grazing and therefore does not need to be evaluated under CEQA. Concerning the return investment for conservation grazing, Mr. Malone stated staff reviewed other grassland management methods on the coast, such as mechanical or brushing, which proved to be more expensive over the long term.

Director Riffle inquired whether the grazing lease should have gone out to bid.

Mr. Malone responded the Coastal Service Plan requires staff to evaluate an existing tenant on the property to confirm the tenant is taking care of the land and meets the lease requirements. If a property is acquired without an existing tenant, a Request of Proposals is solicited through a competitive process.

Ms. Stevenson added there are various laws in the District's enabling legislation related to competitive bidding, but there is not a requirement for this particular lease to go out for bid.

Director Riffle pointed there was a public comment regarding coyote brush as an invasive species.

Mr. Lewis provided clarification on the terminology that is used to categorize plants and the different components of native or non-native species and how those species behave competitively with other species. Coyote brush is a native plant, and the District is not interested in eradicating this species.

Director Riffle also commented a public speaker asked about the timing of this lease in relation to the timing of the District's agricultural policy.

Ms. Ruiz stated the District is continuing discussions related to the agricultural policy, which will require the Board to weigh in on how land will be managed and in what shape and form agricultural uses will exist on District lands.

Director Riffle inquired if the decision being considered by the Board could potentially run counter to any of agricultural policies the Board will be considering in the future.

Ms. Ruiz stated the proposed lease does not preclude changes from occurring after the Board makes a decision within the short order of the proposed five-year lease term.

Director Kersteen-Tucker inquired if the Farm Bureau had the opportunity to review the grazing lease.

Mr. Malone replied staff meet with the Farm Bureau on February 19, 2019 to discuss the rangeland management plan, which set the ground rules for the proposed property uses. Staff will also meet with the Farm Bureau when the agricultural lease is being developed.

Director Kersteen-Tucker commented on one of the public letters, which asserted voter approval was never granted to change the scope of the District's mission, which they refer to as a second-tier mission. Director Kersteen-Tucker asked staff to respond to this statement.

General Manager Ana Ruiz commented there were many multiple discussions and meetings on the District's role on the Coast when determining whether the District should consider expanding its boundaries. These discussions were heavily covered by the press at the time. Also, a community advisory vote was also held, and the majority voted for the District to expand its boundaries. As part of the annexation, the District incorporated community concerns to protect and preserve agricultural lands and the agricultural heritage of rural San Mateo County Coast.

Real Property Manager Mike Williams added that staff visited each city and town within the District's existing boundary and sought resolutions of support, which the District received from all but the Town of Woodside.

Ms. Stevenson commented that the annexation itself underwent review by the San Mateo County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), so there was extensive public process, including public comment.

Mr. Williams added there was involvement by San Mateo County, and they adopted a Coastal Service Plan for the District as part of that process.

Lennie Roberts reemphasized the Coast did have an advisory vote in 2004, which passed.

Director Kersteen-Tucker explained she wanted to confirm the process is on record, including that there was extensive public outreach and involvement. Additionally, there are Coastal projects that were codified in Measure AA that support the preservation of sustainable agriculture and the rural character on the Coast. Director Kersteen-Tucker reemphasized the extensive voter approval for the work being done on the Coastside.

Motion: Director Riffle moved, and Director Kersteen-Tucker seconded the motion to

1. Approve a Resolution adopting the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Mitigation Monitoring Program for the Toto Ranch Rangeland Management Plan in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
2. Adopt the Toto Ranch Rangeland Management Plan.
3. Amend the Toto Ranch Preliminary Use & Management Plan to reflect the adoption of the Rangeland Management Plan.
4. Approve a Resolution authorizing the General Manager to enter into a new, five-year conservation grazing lease with an option for a five-year extension at Toto Ranch with Erik and Doniga Markegard.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Directors Cyr and Hassett absent)

Recess was taken at 9:40 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 9:42 p.m. with Directors Holman, Kersten-Tucker, Kishimoto, Riffle, and Siemens present.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

A. Committee Reports

Director Riffle reported a Public Access Working Group (PAWG) meeting will be held on March 5, 2020 where the PAWG will make their recommendation for the Planning and Natural Resources Committee meeting current scheduled for April 21, 2020.

B. Staff Reports

No staff reports.

C. Director Reports

The Board members submitted their compensatory reports.

ADJOURNMENT

President Holman adjourned the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District at 9:46 p.m.

Maria Soria, CMC
Deputy District Clerk