



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

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AGENDA ITEM 5

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Election of the Calendar Year 2021 Officers for the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Board of Directors

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

Elect Officers of the Board of Directors for Calendar Year 2021.

SUMMARY

Pursuant to Board Policy 1.06 (*Board Officers*), the Board is required to elect new officers for the calendar year at its first regular meeting in January. The election will be held by signed ballot and counted by the District Clerk. After the election, the ballots will be available for public inspection.

DISCUSSION

Public Resources Code §5500 requires the Board to elect from its members a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary at the first regular meeting in January of each year. The duties of each officer are outlined as follows:

President: The President shall be the presiding officer of the Board and shall assume his/her place and duties as such immediately following his/her election. The presiding officer shall preserve order at all meetings of the Board, announce its decisions on all subjects, and decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Board. S/he shall participate in debate, make motions, and vote on all questions as other members of the Board. The President shall sign all Board-approved ordinances, resolutions, contracts and conveyances on behalf of the District, shall sign financial instruments as appropriate, and s/he shall perform such other duties as may be imposed upon him/her by the Board.

Vice-President: In the absence of the President, or in the event of his/her inability to act, the Vice-President shall perform all the powers and duties of the President.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be a member of the Budget Committee and shall sign financial instruments as appropriate.

Secretary: The Secretary shall countersign all ordinances and resolutions, and the District Clerk shall countersign all contracts and conveyances approved by the Board.

Board Policy 1.06 lists the order of officers to be elected as follows: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Each Board Officer will be elected by a separate vote starting with a call for nominations from the Board. Following the close of nominations, election of each Board Officer will proceed by signed ballot and counted by the District Clerk. The Director receiving a majority of the vote of the members of the Board will be elected. Each of the four Board officers will be elected using this procedure. After the election, the ballots will be available to the public for inspection.

At the January 8, 2020 Board meeting, the Board discussed various options for determining the next Board member to serve as Board President and Board Vice-President. The Board discussed and directed staff to return with the following voluntary guidelines for the 2021 selection of Board President and Vice-President:

1. The Director representing the ward, which ward has not held the position of president for the longest duration of time, could be nominated to serve as the Board President.
2. If the Director representing that ward is newly elected, he/she could serve as the Board Vice-President to allow sufficient opportunity to become familiarized with the Board and District before serving as Board President.
3. The ward that has the second longest duration of time since serving as president could be nominated to serve as vice-president.
4. A Director may decline a nomination to the position of president, vice-president, or any other office if desired.

The Board determines the process for deciding which Directors will serve as Board officers for the calendar year and may use the previously discussed guidelines or another process, as determined by the Board.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommendation.

BOARD COMMITTEE REVIEW

Board Committee review of this agenda item is not required.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice was provided pursuant to the Brown Act. No additional notice is necessary.

CEQA COMPLIANCE

No compliance is required as this action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

NEXT STEPS

Following the election of Board officers, staff will prepare a new roster for posting and notify the Secretary of State.

Attachments:

1. History of Board Officers 2000-2020

Responsible Department Manager:

Ana Ruiz, General Manager

Prepared by:

Jennifer Woodworth, District Clerk/Assistant to the General Manager

2000

President – Kenneth C. Nitz
Vice-President – Pete Siemens
Treasurer – Mary Davey
Secretary – Jed Cyr

2001

President – Pete Siemens
Vice-President – Deane Little
Treasurer – Ken Nitz
Secretary – Larry Hassett

2002

President – Deane Little
Vice-President – Nonette Hanko
Treasurer – Ken Nitz
Secretary – Larry Hassett

2003

President – Nonette Hanko
Vice-President – Mary Davey
Treasurer – Larry Hassett
Secretary – Ken Nitz

2004

President – Mary Davey
Vice-President – Larry Hassett
Treasurer – Jed Cyr
Secretary – Pete Siemens

2005

President – Larry Hassett
Vice-President – Jed Cyr
Treasurer – Pete Siemens
Secretary – Nonette Hanko

2006

President – Jed Cyr
Vice-President – Ken Nitz
Treasurer – Mary Davey
Secretary – Nonette Hanko

2007

President – Ken Nitz
Vice-President – Pete Siemens
Treasurer – Curt Riffle
Secretary – Mary Davey

2008

President – Pete Siemens
Vice-President – Nonette Hanko
Treasurer – Ken Nitz
Secretary – Mary Davey

2009

President - Nonette Hanko
Vice-President – Mary Davey
Treasurer - Curt Riffle
Secretary - Jed Cyr

2010

President – Mary Davey
Vice-President – Larry Hassett
Treasurer – Curt Riffle
Secretary – Jed Cyr

2011

President – Larry Hassett
Vice-President – Curt Riffle
Treasurer – Pete Siemens
Secretary – Cecily Harris

2012

President – Curt Riffle
Vice-President – Jed Cyr
Treasurer – Pete Siemens
Secretary – Yoriko Kishimoto

2013

President – Jed Cyr
Vice-President – Cecily Harris
Treasurer – Pete Siemens
Secretary – Yoriko Kishimoto

2014

President – Cecily Harris
Vice-President – Pete Siemens
Treasurer – Curt Riffle
Secretary – Larry Hassett

2015

President – Pete Siemens
Vice-President – Yoriko Kishimoto
Treasurer – Curt Riffle
Secretary – Jed Cyr

2016

President – Yoriko Kishimoto
Vice-President – Larry Hassett
Treasurer – Curt Riffle
Secretary – Cecily Harris

2017

President – Larry Hassett
Vice-President – Curt Riffle
Treasurer – Jed Cyr
Secretary – Pete Siemens

2018

President – Jed Cyr
Vice-President – Cecily Harris (through 10/10/18); Pete Siemens (beginning 10/24/18)
Treasurer – Curt Riffle
Secretary – Yoriko Kishimoto

2019

President – Pete Siemens
Vice-President – Karen Holman
Treasurer – Yoriko Kishimoto
Secretary – Zoe Kersteen-Tucker

2020

President – Karen Holman
Vice-President – Curt Riffle
Treasurer – Yoriko Kishimoto
Secretary – Jed Cyr