



Midpeninsula Regional  
Open Space District

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## AGENDA ITEM 5

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Approval of a commemorative rock with plaque for Dr. Frances Conley at Long Ridge Open Space Preserve

### GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION *den*

Approve the recommendation from the Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs Committee to install a commemorative rock with plaque for conservationist and significant supporter Dr. Frances Conley, who wishes to honor her late parents, Konrad and Kathryn Krauskopf, at Long Ridge Open Space Preserve.

### SUMMARY

Dr. Frances Conley is a conservationist and a long-standing supporter of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District) and Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST). In November 2018, POST requested that the District recognize Dr. Conley with a commemorative rock with plaque for her donation of land to Long Ridge Open Space Preserve. The request was reviewed and unanimously supported by the Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs Committee (LFPAC) on March 12, 2019. An existing rock on the property would serve as the commemorative rock and POST would pay for the cost of the plaque. If approved by the Board of Directors (Board), installation and future maintenance of the rock with plaque would have no direct fiscal impact; staff would install the plaque and perform future maintenance as needed.

### DISCUSSION

Konrad and Kathryn Krauskopf raised their daughter Dr. Conley and her three siblings in Palo Alto, instilling in them a love of the outdoors. Konrad Krauskopf was a professor of geochemistry and dean of the School of Earth Sciences at Stanford University. In the 1960s, the Krauskopfs bought a 191-acre redwood forest property on Shingle Mill Road, close to what is now Long Ridge Open Space Preserve.

Upon the death of her parents, Dr. Conley honored their wishes by donating a conservation easement to POST in 2004 and preserving the 191-acre redwood forest property in perpetuity. The property consists of three parcels, mostly undeveloped, in unincorporated San Mateo County. The property lies just outside the western boundary of Long Ridge Open Space Preserve, 1.5 miles southwest of Skyline Boulevard near the intersection of Shingle Mill Road and Big Basin Way.

In May 24, 2017, the Board approved the purchase of the POST (Conley) 191-acre property as an addition to Long Ridge Open Space Preserve (R-17-29). The property was sold by Dr.

Conley to the District, through POST, for \$500,000 with a gift component of \$450,000, equaling a fair market appraised value of \$950,000. The purchase was funded by Measure AA Portfolio #15, Regional Redwood Protection and Salmon Fisheries Conservation. The District currently manages the property as a closed area.

The purchase agreement with POST included a covenant providing POST five years to recognize the Krauskopf family as significant donors in accordance with District Policy 5.01 *Site Naming, Gifts, and Special Recognition*. That policy requires Board approval of such proposals.

The Conley and Krauskopf families have been long-standing supporters of the District and POST. With this property donation, Dr. Conley meets the criteria as a significant supporter. Providing a commemorative rock with plaque for Dr. Conley in honor of her parents, Konrad and Kathryn Krauskopf, is consistent with Board Policy 5.01 *Site Naming and Special Recognition*, which includes the following criteria:

#### I. SITE NAMING

##### B. Preserve Areas, Trails, Site Improvements, Historic Sites and Unnamed Natural Features

This designation refers to specific locations, land formations, trails, natural and physical features, staging areas and other site improvements, and areas of significance within open space preserves. Recognition of significant land gifts, including "bargain" purchases, will be negotiated at the time of the gift or bargain purchase.

1. Preserve areas, trails, site improvements including benches and bridges, historic sites and previously unnamed natural features shall ordinarily be named after:
  - a) Geographical, botanical or zoological identification;
  - b) Historical persons, uses, or events associated with the site, *or persons and organizations listed in Section III: "Special Recognition."*

#### III. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

##### D. Founders, Significant Supporters, and Volunteers

"Significant Supporters" shall be defined as individuals or group of individuals who have shown conspicuous or noteworthy support for the District through extraordinary contributions of time and effort to the advancement of the goals, philosophy and mission of the District.

The General Manager is forwarding LFPAC's recommendation to approve a commemorative rock with plaque for Dr. Conley, who wishes to honor her late parents, Konrad and Kathryn Krauskopf, at Long Ridge Open Space Preserve.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with the recommendation. The recommendation includes the following elements: one rock, one commemorative plaque, plaque installation and occasional maintenance. An existing rock will be identified on the property to serve as the commemorative rock. The commemorative plaque purchase will be paid directly by POST. District staff would facilitate commemorative plaque installation and perform ongoing maintenance as needed.

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REVIEW**

LFPAC reviewed this item on March 12, 2019 and recommended Board approval.

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public notice was provided as required by the Brown Act.

## **CEQA COMPLIANCE**

Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act exempts the minor alteration of existing public structures or facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of existing use. The installation would be a minor alteration to an existing trail.

## **NEXT STEPS**

If approved by the Board, staff will work with POST to prepare the materials for installation at the proposed site in June/July 2019.

### Attachments

1. Board Policy 5.01 *Site Naming, Gift and Special Recognition*
2. Map of Conley Property Acquisition in Long Ridge Preserve
3. Plaque language
4. Site photos

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## Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

## Board Policy Manual

<b>Site Naming, Gift, and Special Recognition</b>	<b>Policy 5.01 Chapter 5 – Historical/Cultural</b>
Effective Date: 8/25/93	Revised Date: 9/12/18
Prior Versions: 8/25/93, 9/14/94, 6/24/98, 9/12/01, 10/8/08, 1/13/10, 10/27/10, 11/13/13	

I. SITE NAMING

All District site names and signs should be kept as simple and functional as possible. When a property is acquired, either as an addition to an existing preserve or for the establishment of a new preserve, a name will be recommended in the Preliminary Use and Management Plan. In most cases, "open space preserve" is appropriate as part of the name; however, there may be circumstances when another designation may be used. In some cases, a temporary name may be retained until the next Comprehensive Use and Management Plan review.

A. Open Space Preserves

The name given to each open space preserve should be general enough to remain suitable if the site is enlarged, but specific enough to give its location some significance. Properties added to an open space preserve may not always be contiguous with that preserve.

1. Preserves shall be named after:
  - a) Geographical features of broad, general significance to the preserve;
  - b) Historical persons, cultural names, uses, or events broadly associated with the locale.
2. Preserves shall not be named after any individuals other than historical persons as noted above.

B. Preserve Areas, Trails, Site Improvements, Historic Sites and Unnamed Natural Features

This designation refers to specific locations, land formations, trails, natural and physical features, staging areas and other site improvements, and areas of significance within open space preserves. Recognition of significant land gifts, including "bargain" purchases, will be negotiated at the time of the gift or bargain purchase.

1. Preserve areas, trails, site improvements including benches and bridges, historic sites and previously unnamed natural features shall ordinarily be named after:

- a) Geographical, botanical or zoological identification;
- b) Historical persons, uses, or events associated with the site, or persons and organizations listed in Section III: "Special Recognition".

2. Preserve areas, trails, site improvements, historic sites and unnamed natural features may in rare instances be named after a living individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the District, subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

II. GIFT RECOGNITION

The purpose of the gift recognition policy is to provide an opportunity for the District to recognize and commend individuals or groups that have made significant contributions of cash, equipment, materials, goods or professional services toward the enhancement of the District, its programs, and its facilities.

A. Unsolicited Cash Gifts:

Up to \$25	Postcard of thanks
\$26 to \$499	Letter signed by General Manager
\$500 to \$1,999	Letter signed by President of the Board
\$2,000 to \$4,999	Letter signed by President of the Board and District gift item (note cards, etc.)
\$5,000 to \$9,999	Letter signed by President of the Board and framed photograph of favorite District preserve
\$10,000 or more	Letter signed by President of the Board and Resolution and framed photograph of District preserve and mention in a District publication*
*These items will be provided only if desired by the donor.	

III. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The Legislative, Funding and Public Affairs Committee (LFPAC) shall be the committee designated to discuss all requests that meet the criteria of the policy for special recognition made by members of the Board of Directors, and after deliberation shall forward a recommendation to the full Board for a vote.

The General Manager or his/her designee will review constituent bench dedication requests to determine eligibility based on the policy guidelines outlined below in Section III D.

Constituent bench requests may be brought to LFPAC if there exists ambiguity regarding whether the request meets the requirements below.

The District places benches in its preserves for three distinct purposes:

A. District Rest Benches

These benches provide constituents with a place to rest. District staff places these benches without involving a District committee or the full Board. Regular benches must be either a backed or a backless standard bench as described in Section V below.

B. Constituent Bench Dedications

These are benches which have been requested by constituents in order to honor or memorialize a member of the public and are funded by the requestors who must pay \$5,000 for a 10-year term. Requests must be in reference to a significant supporter or a volunteer, as defined in Section III D below. The General Manager or his/her designee reviews requests to determine if they meet the eligibility definitions. Requests that are administratively declined because they do not meet the eligibility definitions may be appealed to the General Manager for a second review. Eligible requests will be administratively implemented.

- a) Constituent bench dedications shall only be selected from and placed in locations that have been pre-determined by the District and/or approved by the Planning and Natural Resources Committee and/or by the full Board of Directors.
- b) If a request for a constituent bench meets the eligibility requirements, the requestor(s) shall pay for the cost of constructing, installing and maintaining a bench and plaque by contributing \$5,000 to cover the 10-year dedication term of the bench.
- c) Bench plaques will be 2 x 6 inches in size.
- d) Benches must be one of the two District standard bench designs.
- e) Constituent bench dedications will have a term limit of 10 years. After 10 years, the original donor will have the option to contribute an additional \$5,000 donation for each additional 10-year term. Should the original donor decline to renew an existing bench, the bench will be offered to the public for re-dedication.

C. District Bench Dedications

These are benches which are installed by the District in response to requests by members of the Board of Directors to honor "Founders," "Significant Supporters", and "Volunteers".

- a) LFPAC can initiate a bench request and refer a decision to the full Board or individual Board members can initiate a bench request which will be referred to LFPAC for discussion before it is referred to the full Board for a final decision. Honorees must be "Founders", "Significant Supporters", and "Volunteers" (per policy Section III D below).
- b) For these benches there are no design specification limits or limits on their location. The District will pay for the lifetime cost of the bench.

D. Founders, Significant Supporters, and Volunteers

"Founders", "Significant Supporters", and "Volunteers" are eligible for special recognition, including memorials.

"Founders" shall be defined as an individual or group of individuals who participated in the formation of the District, or were significant supporters of the formation of the District.

"Significant Supporters" shall be defined as individuals or group of individuals who have shown conspicuous or noteworthy support for the District through extraordinary contributions of time and effort to the advancement of the goals, philosophy and mission of the District.

"Volunteers" shall be defined as individuals or groups of individuals who donated a minimum of 250 volunteer hours and 5 years of service to the District by working for the District's docent or volunteer program.

#### IV. RECOGNITION OF HISTORIC SITES

A. A recognition monument, normally in plaque form, may be considered by the Board if it is in relation to a specific existing building or other remaining structure of significant historic value. In such cases, the plaque will be affixed or in close proximity to the structure itself. If there is no structure, then recognition may be considered for inclusion on District informational materials or trail signage. Such a site, in the absence of a building or structure, will ordinarily not be physically marked except as determined by the Board on a case-by-case basis as part of the Use and Management planning process for the corresponding open space preserve.

Any Board-approved memorial names shall be included in site brochures, maps, or other informational materials.

#### V. STANDARD BENCH DESIGN SPECIFICATION

A. District Rest Benches and Constituent Bench Dedications, described in III (A) and (B) above, are limited to either of the two following standard bench designs:

Backed bench:

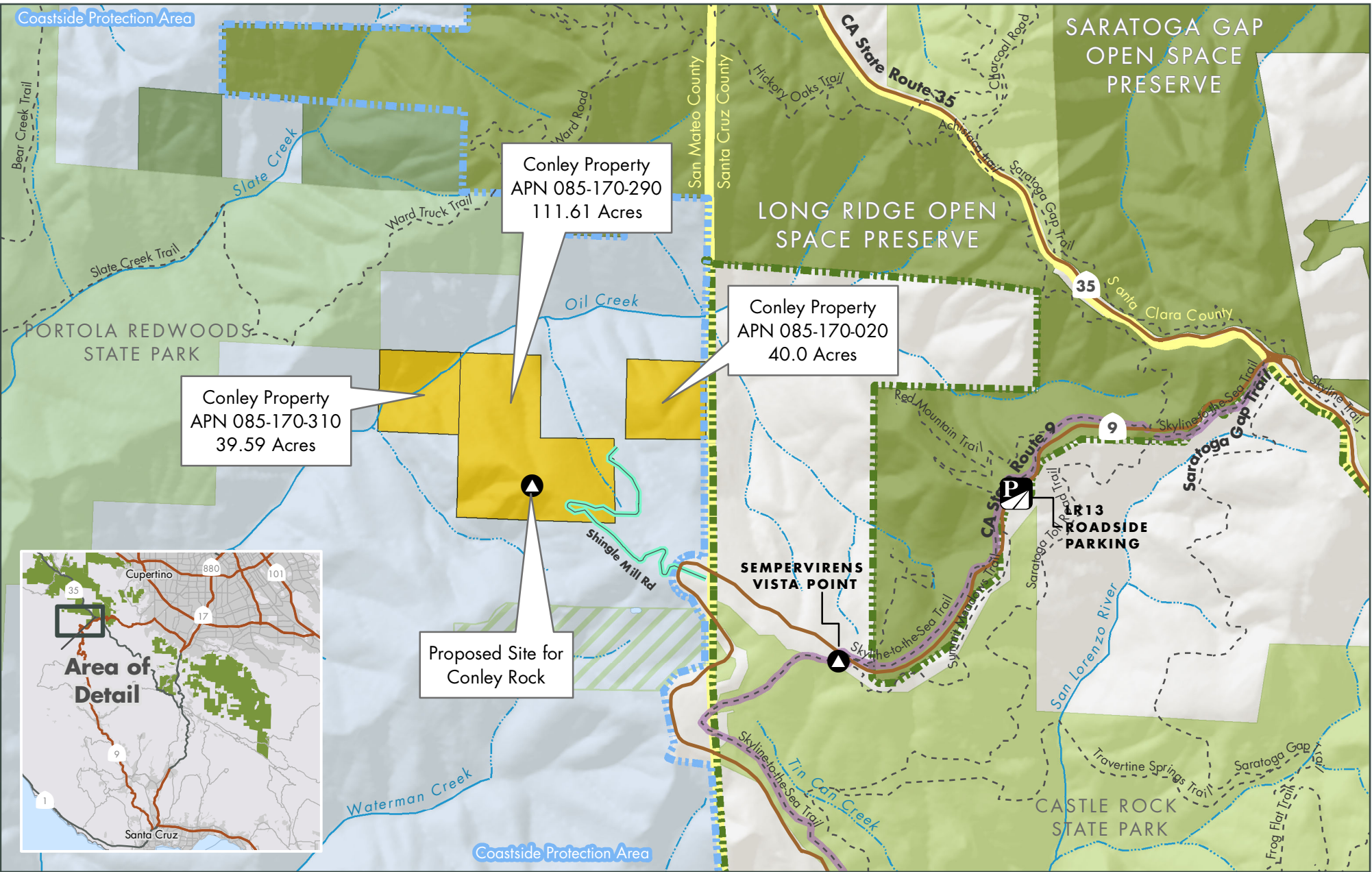
Dumor - Bench 88, recycled plastic slates (color: CEDAR), steel leg supports  
(color: BLACK, IMBEDDED)  
6' or 8' lengths

Backless bench:

Dumor - Bench 103, recycled plastic slates (color: CEDAR), steel leg supports  
(color: BLACK, IMBEDDED)  
103-60PL 6' long, 3 supports  
103-80PL 8' long, 3 supports

B. The General Manager or LFPAC can at any point bring designs to the Board that differ from the District's standard bench designs.

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### Conley Property Acquisition

- MROSD Preserves
- Conley Properties w/ POST Conservation Easement
- Other Protected Lands
- Coastside Protection Boundary
- Private Property
- Property Access Road

### ATTACHMENT 2 Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD) March 2019

- Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail
- MROSD Boundary
- County Boundaries



While the District strives to use the best available digital data, these data do not represent a legal survey and are merely a graphic illustration of geographic features.



This land was gifted to the public by Frances Conley, in honor of her parents,

**Konrad and Kathryn Krauskopf**

and shall serve for all time as a nature sanctuary for people and wildlife alike.

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Site Location Photos for the Conley Rock and Plaque



Site location is marked by the umbrella

