



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

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Appointment of Four Measure AA Bond Oversight Committee Members

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION *den*

Select and appoint members to serve on the Measure AA Bond Oversight Committee for the four vacant positions from the candidates listed in the staff report.

SUMMARY AND DISCUSSION

Measure AA requires formation of a bond oversight committee (BOC) to review bond expenditures to verify conformity with the adopted expenditure plan. During the month of August 2024, staff advertised for four seats on the BOC that had terms expiring in June 2024 and received 9 applications. The Board of Directors (Board) interviewed six applicants at a regular meeting on September 11, 2024 who were selected to move forward to the interview phase based on prior Board-approved selection criteria of financial experience, prior experience in serving on committees/boards (especially in an oversight role), knowledge of the District and other open space organizations, ward representation, participation in civic organizations or other nonprofit organizations, and attendance or participation at past or current District Board/ Committee meetings.

Based on a process approved at the January 13, 2016 Board meeting, the Board will select four applicants to fill the BOC vacancies. The new terms will be effective October 1, 2024, and the four appointees will serve through the end of June 2028. The BOC is made up of seven seats with staggered terms. The terms of three currently-seated BOC members will continue until 2026.

The process for appointing the four Committee members is as follows:

1. Six applicants were interviewed at the September 11, 2024 Board meeting. Each Director provided an overall ranking of all six applicants. The District Clerk tabulated the results, and the final ranking of applicants, from highest to lowest is:
 - Bruce Tolley, Ward 4
 - Paul Betlem, Ward 7
 - Brooks Esser, Ward 6
 - Brian Cilker, Ward 4
 - Claudia Newbold, Ward 2
 - Tom Calderwood, Ward 1

2. The four applicants receiving the highest rankings will be appointed to the BOC, unless the Board decides to weigh in other factors as part of the selection process.
3. In the event of a tie, another round of voting will be held with each Board member having the same number of votes as unfilled BOC seats. The District Clerk will then tabulate the results.
4. If any ties remain, the General Manager shall draw lots to randomly select the BOC member(s) from the applicants that received the tied votes.

In the event of an unexpected BOC vacancy prior to the recruitment of new BOC members in 2026, the Board may choose to appoint one of the remaining top applicants to fill the vacancy without conducting a separate recruitment.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the appointment of the BOC members.

PRIOR BOARD OR COMMITTEE REVIEW

The applications were reviewed, and the applicants were interviewed by the full Board of Directors on [September 11, 2024](#).

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice was provided as required by the Brown Act.

CEQA COMPLIANCE

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

NEXT STEPS

Upon appointment to the BOC, the District Clerk will notify all candidates of their appointment or non-appointment. Appointed BOC members will be invited to take the oath of office at the October 9, 2024 Board meeting.

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