



Midpeninsula Regional  
Open Space District

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## **AGENDA ITEM 11**

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Appointment to Redevelopment Dissolution Oversight Board for Redwood City

#### **GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the appointment of Steve Abbors as the primary representative and a Board Member as the alternate, to serve on the Oversight Board for the Successor Agency to the dissolved Redwood City Redevelopment Agency in the County of San Mateo in accordance with Assembly Bill x1 26 (ABx1 26).

#### **SUMMARY**

Pursuant to Assembly Bill x1 26 adopted by the State Legislature in 2011, all redevelopment agencies (RDAs) in the State were dissolved effective February 1, 2012. As of that date, each of the thirteen RDAs in San Mateo County were succeeded by "Successor Agencies" for the purpose of winding down the former RDA's affairs. The "Successor Agencies" are the cities that formerly had an RDA in their jurisdiction.

The statute provides that Oversight Boards must be formed to oversee the Successor Agencies winding down the affairs of each of the following former RDAs: Belmont, Brisbane, Daly City, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Menlo Park, Millbrae, Pacifica, Redwood City, San Bruno, San Carlos, San Mateo, and South San Francisco. ABx1 26 provides that the largest Special District taxing agency in the Successor Agency's jurisdiction may nominate one member to each Oversight Board. Since the District is the largest Special District taxing agency in Redwood City, the District must appoint a member to represent the District's interest on the Oversight Board.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Pursuant to ABx1 26, each Successor Agency shall be overseen by a seven-member "Oversight Board." Each seven member board shall consist of individuals appointed by: the County Board of Supervisors (2 members); the mayor of the RDA's sponsoring city (1 member); the County Board of Education (1 member); the Chancellor of California Community Colleges (one member); the largest special district taxing entity in the RDA (one member); and a member appointed by the mayor to represent the employees of the former RDA from the employee organization representing the largest number of RDA employees, if any (one member).

The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District is the largest special district taxing entity for the former Redwood City RDA and therefore is entitled to appoint one member to the Oversight Board for Redwood City.

Pursuant to ABx1 26, each Oversight Board member serves at the pleasure of the entity that appointed such member or until July 1, 2016, when each of the thirteen Oversight Boards within the County will be dissolved and replaced with a single countywide Oversight Board.

The District's interests on the Oversight Board would be best served by an appointee with the following attributes: 1) A strong sense for the relevant inter-agency relationships, both fiscal and non-fiscal, 2) an ability to read the dynamics at play in a complex setting where there are significant competing interests, and 3) a knowledge of financial and budgetary issues (though this last attribute could be filled through supporting staff-work). The other members of this Oversight Board, as presently known, include: Alicia Aguirree, Mayor of Redwood City; Dave Holland, San Mateo Assistant County Manager; Bob Bell, City Manager of Redwood City; and Barbara Christensen, Director of Community/government Relations for the San Mateo Community College District.

Given these factors and needs, staff recommends that the Board appoint General Manager Steve Abbors to represent the District on the Oversight Board, and appoint a Board Member as his Alternate.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The appointment to the Oversight Board should have no *direct* fiscal impact to the District because all administrative costs associated with the Oversight Boards are the responsibility of the Successor Agency.

The *indirect* fiscal impacts, however, could be positive and significant. There is potentially a large amount of real property tax allocations that should be redirected back to the District through this process in the long run, depending at least in part on decisions made by this Oversight Board and the others like it overseeing affected properties within the District. How much comes back to the District could be reduced as a result of the competition for these resources that will inherently play out in this setting.

How much is precisely at stake would require a complex and detailed analysis of all of the Redevelopment Agencies' indebtedness, pass-through agreements, the effects of ABx1 26, and related law and financial issues. For this, staff will likely recommend at a future meeting the engagement of the professional services of a Real Property Tax Allocation specialist.

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public notice was provided as required by the Brown Act. No additional notice is required.

### **CEQA COMPLIANCE**

This proposed action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act and no environmental review is required.

**NEXT STEPS**

District staff will contact the City of Redwood City as the Successor Agency to inform them of this appointment.

The appointee would attend the first Oversight Board meeting at 2:00 p.m. on March 29, 2012, at Redwood City, City Hall.

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