



Midpeninsula Regional  
Open Space District

**Meeting 12-11**

**SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT**

**April 11, 2012**

**AMENDED MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**I. ROLL CALL**

President Riffle called the Special Meeting of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Board of Directors to order at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Jed Cyr, Yoriko Kishimoto, Pete Siemens, Cecily Harris, Larry Hassett and Curt Riffle

Members Absent: Nonette Hanko

Staff Present: General Manager Steve Abbors, General Counsel Sheryl Schaffner, Real Property Manager Mike Williams, Senior Real Property Planner Sandy Sommer

President Riffle adjourned the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District at 7:00 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING**

**I. ROLL CALL**

President Riffle called the Regular Meeting of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Board of Directors to order at 7:02 p.m.

Members Present: Jed Cyr, Yoriko Kishimoto, Pete Siemens, Cecily Harris, Larry Hassett and Curt Riffle

Members Absent: Nonette Hanko

Staff Present: General Manager Steve Abbors, General Counsel Sheryl Schaffner, Real Property Manager Mike Williams, Operations Manager David Sanguinetti, Natural Resources Department Manager Kirk Lenington, Public Affairs Manager Rudy Jurgensen, Management Analyst Gordon Baillie, and District Clerk Michelle Radcliffe

President Riffle stated that there were no reportable actions for Closed Session Agenda Items #1, #2, and #3.

**II. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

There were none.

**III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** Upon motion by Director Cyr, seconded by Director Siemens, the Board adopted the agenda. (Vote: 6-0-0; Absent: Hanko)

**IV. ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Motion:** Upon motion by Director Kishimoto, seconded by Director Cyr, the Board approved adoption of the Consent Calendar to approve **Revised Claims No. 12-11, the Minutes of February 29, 2012, and the Board Response to the Written Communication from Karen Waugh.** (Vote: 6-0-0; Absent: Hanko)

**V. BOARD BUSINESS**

**1. Agenda Item #4 – District Ombudsperson Interview and Appointment (R-12-44)**

Public Affairs Manager Rudy Jurgensen introduced Ombudsperson applicant Dr. Erik Allen to the Board. Dr. Allen shared his mediation experience with the Board. Discussion followed.

**Motion:** Upon motion by Director Cyr, seconded by Director Hassett, the Board appointed Dr. Erik Allen as the District's Ombudsperson. (Vote: 6-0-0; Absent: Hanko)

**2. Agenda Item #5** – Field Enforcement Activity Report for Calendar Year 2011 and Ten-Year Field Activity Summary (R-12-23)

Management Analyst Gordon Baillie provided a summary of the Field Enforcement Activity Report for Calendar Year 2011. Discussion was held on the bicycle and parking citations.

Extensive discussion was held on dog citations and Director Kishimoto suggested that the District's Dog Use Policy be more visible and that the reasons behind the policy be articulated to the public. Discussion ensued.

No action was taken by the Board.

**VI. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were none.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Public Affairs Manager Rudy Jurgensen reported that he is attending a conference in Monterey, and that there is a Legislative, Funding and Public Affairs Committee meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>. He also reported that Docent training is currently underway and that the audio tours have been popular with preserve users.

Natural Resources Manager Kirk Lenington reported that the Site Specific Weed Management Negative Declaration has been released for public review and that it was posted on the District website. He also reported that the District was awarded a \$150,000 grant from the California Department of Fish and Game Fisheries Restoration Program for the Big Dipper Road Project.

Real Property Manager Mike Williams reported that the District closed on the October Farm purchase at the end of March and that a tenant has been found to lease the structures on the property. He reported that he and Rangeland Ecologist Clayton Koopman attended the San Mateo County Farm Bureau meeting and stated that neighbors are concerned that grazing has not returned to the Mindego property. Lastly, Mr. Williams reported that he will be training to be a District docent.

General Manager Steve Abbors reported he has been heavily involved in the Redwood City Oversight Board and that he attended the first meeting to approve obligation payments. He thanked General Counsel Sheryl Schaffner, Senior Management Analyst Lynn Tottori, and Executive Assistant Maria Soria for their help.

**DIRECTOR REPORTS**

The Board submitted their compensable forms to the District Clerk.

Director Kishimoto announced that the City-Town of Los Altos Hills is holding an Earth Day event to honor Director Mary Davey. She also invited the Board to attend the Watershed Summit Planning meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

President Riffle briefly spoke about the upcoming Board retreat on April 27<sup>th</sup>. He also stated that the Board Appointees will be receiving their annual evaluations shortly. Lastly, he congratulated the Natural Resources Department for becoming an official District department as of April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

President Riffle adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District at 8:27 p.m.

Michelle Radcliffe, CMC  
District Clerk