

# Regional Open Space

MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

December 17, 1998

Honorable Paul Perkovic, Chair  
MidCoast Community Council  
P.O. Box 64  
Moss Beach, CA 94038

Subject: Invitation for MidCoast Community Council to Appoint Representative to the Coastal Advisory Committee

Dear Mr. Perkovic:

At its meeting of June 24, 1998 the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District declared its intent to form a Coastal Advisory Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to review and make recommendations to the Board on certain District policies as they relate to the coastal area of San Mateo County under consideration for possible annexation into the District. The policies to be reviewed are those on land acquisition, eminent domain, and agricultural use, which were identified as the key issues of concern to coastal land owners and voters. After Measure F passed on November 3 by a vote of 55% "yes" to 45% "no," the Board directed its Ad Hoc Committee on Coastal Preservation to proceed with a recommendation for the process of establishing the Coastal Advisory Committee.

Following Ad Hoc Committee discussions with stakeholders, interested individuals, local government representatives, and an annexation and planning consultant, the Board of Directors, at a public meeting on December 16, 1998, decided that each of the following organizations will be invited to appoint one of their members to the Coastal Advisory Committee: Pescadero Municipal Advisory Council, Half Moon Bay City Council, MidCoast Community Council, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, San Mateo County Farm Bureau, San Mateo County Agricultural Commission, Cabrillo Unified School District, and Peninsula Open Space Trust. In addition, the three members of the District's Ad Hoc Committee will serve as District representatives on the Coastal Advisory Committee. These eleven members will then select two additional individuals who represent a group or groups which are otherwise un-represented, or under-represented, on the committee.

I would like to invite your group, as one of the key stakeholders or representative agencies on the coastside, to appoint one of your members to the Coastal Advisory Committee. It will be important to select individuals who have coastside experience or interest in agriculture, farming, and open space in order to ensure that these interests are prominently represented. Part of the Committee's responsibility will be to incorporate input from over 40 identified stakeholder or interest groups that may wish to provide comment on the District's policies as they undergo review.

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I respectfully request that you respond to the District on behalf of your group by January 15, 1999, if at all possible, so that the first Committee meeting can be scheduled without delay, hopefully before the end of January. The first order of business of the Coastal Advisory Committee will be to decide on the appointment process for two additional members. Subsequently, the CAC will elect a chair, set ground rules, determine other rules of procedure, establish objectives, and set an initial schedule of meetings. These meetings will be open to the public.

Please feel free to contact me or the District's General Manager, Craig Britton, if we can provide any assistance to you or answer any questions about your organization's representation on the Coastal Advisory Committee. We look forward to hearing from you by January 15, and commencing with this very important task.

Sincerely,



Betsy Crowder  
President

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cc: MROSD Board of Directors