

Regional Open Space

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Meeting 04-06
March 8, 2004

MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT
CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION

AGENDA ITEM 1

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Approval of the Agreement Between La Honda Pescadero Unified School District and Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Agreement between La Honda Pescadero Unified School District and District.

DISCUSSION

The *Coastside Protection Program*, approved by the Board at their meeting on June 5, 2003 (see Report R-03-54) for the expansion of the District's boundaries to include coastal San Mateo County would include territory within the jurisdictional boundaries of the La Honda Pescadero Unified School District.

The School District provided comments on the *Coastside Protection Program* and expressed concern that even though the *Fiscal Impact Analysis* projected that the School District's property tax revenue would be reduced by only \$4,100 over the program's 15-year planning horizon, any loss of funds would negatively impact their educational programs.

Given that the mission of the District includes a commitment to further and conduct environmental education, that the School District's educational services promote and conduct environmental education, and that the District is committed to providing environmental education in the *Coastside Protection Area*, the two agencies worked together to develop a mutually beneficial "property tax neutral" program.

The proposed Agreement formalizes the goal of the School District and the District to work together cooperatively to further the mission of both agencies for the public benefit by providing an environmental education program pertinent to the *Coastside* and, in consideration of that program, to provide adequate compensation for any potential reduction in property tax revenue that the School District may consider negative as a result of the annexation and acquisition of lands in the *Coastside Protection Area* by the District.

On March 4, 2004, the Board of Trustees of La Honda Pescadero Unified School District voted to approve the Agreement and passed a resolution finding that implementation of the Agreement between the School District and the District would substantively mitigate the School District's concerns about potential negative fiscal impacts of the *Coastside Protection Program*.

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List of Attachments

1. Resolution of the La Honda Pescadero Unified School District
2. Agreement