RESOLUTION NO. 20-10

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT APPROVING SUBMITION OF A FUNDING APPLICATION TO THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA FOR STANFORD RECREATION MITIGATION FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF $272,711 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ALPINE TRAIL AND ENTER INTO A PROJECT AGREEMENT TO RECEIVE THE FUNDING FROM THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Clara has made available $5,242,711 to fund bicycle and pedestrian projects as well as park projects in the southern part of San Mateo County in proximity to Stanford University (Stanford) from the loss of recreational opportunities associated with development at Stanford resulting from the approval of the 2000 Stanford General Use Permit (GUP); and

WHEREAS, the funding must be expended for projects dedicated to new or expanded recreational opportunities, that serve existing or new Stanford residents and Stanford facility users, and that are supported by their governing bodies; and

WHEREAS, the former Alpine Road has experienced a series of slides and floods which have damaged the road beyond repair, but the old roadbed is suitable for construction of a new regional trail; and

WHEREAS, the future Alpine Trail would create a 2.3-mile regional trail for bicyclists, hikers, and equestrians connecting the valley to the skyline area, including trail connections to the Bay Area Ridge Trail and to trail systems within multiple open space preserves, San Mateo County Parks, and State Parks; and

WHEREAS, the Alpine Trail project was one of the top 25 Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District projects identified through the public vision plan process, and the public voted in favor of Measure AA bond funding in 2014 to fund the top 25 projects including Alpine Trail; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo and the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District have signed a memorandum of understanding, which contemplates the District leading the construction of the trail along the former San Mateo County Road alignment with County of San Mateo assistance, and with the County of San Mateo eventually transferring the underlying property rights to the District so that the District can manage Alpine Trail after it is constructed; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing regional trail connections, the Alpine Trail project would also prevent sediment from entering Corte de Madera Creek where it could cause potential environmental damage; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Alpine Trail connects public roads and trails to currently accessible sections of Alpine Road managed by the County of San Mateo and the Town of Portola Valley that connect directly to the Stanford campus; and
WHEREAS, the total construction cost of phase I of the project is estimated at $2.38 million and the District seeks grant funding of $272,711 from the County of Santa Clara for the Alpine Trail to address alternative mitigation resulting from the loss of recreational opportunities due to development resulting from Stanford’s 2000 General Use Permit.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board of Directors authorizes the General Manager, or designee, to:
   a. Submit an application package for Stanford Recreation Mitigation Funding to the County of Santa Clara in conjunction with the joint application coordinated by the County of San Mateo for construction of the Alpine Trail in a total amount of $272,711; and
   b. Enter into a Project Agreement with the County of Santa Clara to receive Stanford Recreation Mitigation Funding, after the County of Santa Clara makes a formal commitment to allocate funding for recreation improvements for the Alpine Trail.

2. The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District ("District") has or will have sufficient funds to complete and, following completion, to operate and maintain the Alpine Trail.

3. The District agrees to provide any funds beyond the grant funding provided by the County of Santa Clara necessary to complete the project.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District on April 6, 2020, at a special meeting thereof, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: CYR, HASSETT, HOLMAN, KERSTEEN-TUCKER, KISHIMOTO, RIFFLE
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: SIEMENS

ATTEST:  

[Signature]
Jed Cyr, Secretary  
Board of Directors

APPROVED:  

[Signature]
Karen Holman, President  
Board of Directors

Karen Holman (Apr 8, 2020)
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Hilary W. Stevenson

Hilary Stevenson, General Counsel

I, the District Clerk of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District by the above vote at a meeting thereof duly held and called on the above day.

Jennifer Woodworth, District Clerk