

MidCoast Community Council

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Dear Mr. Britton,

At the January 13 meeting of the MidCoast Community Council (MCC) Mary Hobbs was appointed as the MCC representative to the Coastal Advisory Committee (CAC) of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. Mary is the Chair of the MCC Parks and Recreation Committee and has a long history of interest in open space protection.

In addition, the MCC requests that the CAC allow a voting alternate to be appointed by each of the organizations represented on the CAC. This alternate, for elected bodies, should also be an elected representative. We feel this is appropriate as the committee will be meeting for some time and our vote is important to the Midcoast, yet if Mary is unable to make a meeting we would not have a vote.

The MidCoast Community Council understands that the two at - large seats to be chosen by the CAC are intended to be filled by people representing an underserved population. We recommend that one of these seats be filled by someone from the MidCoast. This is because about half of the voters on the coast live on the MidCoast, and there are several large, and many smaller, MidCoast parcels that could be added to the MROSD, most notably the 4200 Acre Rancho Corral de Palomares. At this point the only MidCoast CAC member to be appointed is Ms. Hobbs. It is appropriate for one of the at-large seats to be a MidCoast resident. The MCC recommends that the other seat be filled by an environmental representative. This is appropriate as this person would be coming to the table with the entire coastal ecosystem as a priority, not any one constituency or area. The environmental community is not currently represented on the CAC.

Thank you for the opportunity to appoint one of our members to the CAC.

Yours Sincerely,



Paul Perkovic
Chair, MidCoast Community Council