



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Department of Public Works



DATE: February 24, 2012
BOARD MEETING DATE: March 13, 2012
SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING: None
VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: James C. Porter, Director of Public Works
SUBJECT: Appointment to Redevelopment Oversight Board

RECOMMENDATION:

Acting as the governing board of the San Mateo County Flood Control District approve the appointment of Neil R. Cullen to the Oversight Board for the Successor Agency to the dissolved South San Francisco Redevelopment Agency.

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to ABx1 26 and the California Supreme Court's *Matosantos* decision, all redevelopment agencies (RDAs) in the State were dissolved effective February 1, 2012. As of that date, each of the thirteen RDAs in San Mateo County were succeeded by "Successor Agencies" for the purpose of winding down the former RDAs' affairs.

In San Mateo County, Oversight Boards must be formed to oversee the Successor Agencies winding down of the affairs of each of the following former RDAs: Belmont, Brisbane, Daly City, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Menlo Park, Millbrae, Pacifica, Redwood City, San Bruno, San Carlos, San Mateo, and South San Francisco.

DISCUSSION:

Pursuant to ABx1 26, each Successor Agency shall be overseen by a seven-member "Oversight Board." Each seven member board shall consist of individuals appointed by: the County Board of Supervisors (2 members); the mayor of the RDA's sponsoring city (1 member); the County Board of Education (1 member); the Chancellor of California Community Colleges (one member); the largest special district taxing entity (one member); and member appointed by the mayor to represent the employees of the former RDA from the employee organization representing the largest number of RDA employees, if any (one member). The Colma Creek Flood Control Zone (Zone) is the largest special district taxing entity for the former South San Francisco RDA.

Pursuant to ABx1 26, each Oversight Board member serves at the pleasure of the entity that appointed such member or until July 1, 2016, when each of the thirteen Oversight

Boards within the County shall be dissolved and replaced with a single countywide Oversight Board.

Staff contacted potential nominees to represent the interests of the Zone based on their prior experience with the redevelopment process, financial or accounting background, or other experience deemed relevant to the RDA dissolution process. Mr. Cullen was the Director of Public Works for the County of San Mateo until 2006 when he retired. He is familiar with the redevelopment process and debt obligations, as well as, the budgets for the County and Zone. His previous experience will ensure that the Zone's interests are adequately represented in the dissolution process.

Should your Board approve the appointment of Neil R. Cullen to represent the Zone on the Oversight Board, our office will contact the City of South San Francisco as the successor agency to determine if a quorum of members has been appointed so that meetings can be scheduled.

County Counsel has reviewed the Department's recommendation.

Approval of this appointment contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Collaborative Community by authorizing participation in a collaborative process to oversee the dissolution of the RDA.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The appointment to the oversight board should have no direct fiscal impact to the Zone because all administrative costs associated with the oversight boards are the responsibility of the successor agency.