



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
**DISTRICT 3**  
**File #:** 23-994

Board Meeting Date: 12/12/2023

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**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Supervisor Ray Mueller, District 3  
**Subject:** Appointments to the Coastside Design Review Committee

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommendation for appointments to the Coastside Design Review Committee:

- A) April Bingham, as Miramar Community Representative, for an initial partial term ending March 31, 2024; and
- B) Clinton Miles, as El Granada Community Representative, for an initial partial term ending March 31, 2025; and
- C) James Bennington, as Montara Community Representative, for an initial partial term ending March 31, 2026; and
- D) Julian Martinez, as Alternate Moss Beach representative, for an initial partial term ending March 31, 2025.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Coastside Design Review Committee (CDRC) reviews new development proposals to ensure that they are compatible with the physical setting of the site and the visual character of the communities of Montara, Moss Beach, El Granada, Miramar, and Princeton. The Committee reviews development applications for compliance with specific site planning and architectural standards developed for the area.

**DISCUSSION:**

April Bingham is being recommended to serve on a vacant seat as Miramar Community Representative for an existing partial term ending March 31, 2024. Clinton Miles is being recommended to serve as the El Granada Community Representative for an existing partial term ending March 31, 2025, which was formerly held by Kate Shea who has resigned. James Bennington

is being recommended to serve as the Montara Community Representative for an existing partial term ending March 31, 2026, which was formerly held by resigned member Beverly Garrity. Julian Martinez is being recommended to serve as the Alternate Moss Beach representative for an existing partial term ending March 31, 2025, formerly held by Rebecca Michael.

April Bingham is the Executive Director of Roche Global Medical Compliance and Governance and has spent 23 years in the biotech industry. Following university, her career began in Michigan at UpJohn pharmaceuticals, the inventor of ibuprofen. Over the years she advanced through a number of leadership positions both in the United States and abroad. First, in Poland in 2011 to develop a new shared service division for Roche Pharmaceuticals. Following that, she was appointed the Chief Information Officer for Roche Affiliates in Australia, New Zealand, and Singapore. Returning home to California in 2019 where she currently is directing global medical governance, with oversight of 90 markets and accountability for Roche Global Medical Risk. She is a sixth generation Californian with deep roots in the region and a commitment to the coast community.

Clinton Miles is a third generation coastside resident. He is deeply invested in the coastal community and is raising his family there. He has worked with local contractors, designers, and architects over the years, and is pleased to bring his passion and local knowledge to the Coastside Design Review Committee.

James Bennington served in the US Air Force until 1977 when he began a long career in water utility management with the San Francisco Water Department in 1987. He took great pride in helping to provide potable water to many of the bay area communities and 2.7 million customers and retired in 2012 as Chief Engineer in the operations group. When Covid hit, he returned to support the team and keep water operations going. James served on the CDRC briefly after appointment by Supervisor Horsley and continues to be dedicated to service to his coastal community where his son who once attended Farallon Elementary School is also now raising a family.

Julian Martinez has been a resident of Moss Beach for 25 years with his family, volunteering many years at Farallon Elementary School. He worked as a member of the Local 22 Carpenters Union in San Francisco, then for independent general contractors before joining the Montara Water and Sanitary District where he moved from Maintenance Worker to Water Systems Operator to Superintendent. Julian has a depth of love and understanding of the mid-coast and brings first-hand knowledge of addressing the various infrastructure challenges on the coast.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.