

# Board Report on Shoreline Regional Park Community (SRPC) and Joint Powers Agreement (JPA)

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## Introduction

The Shoreline Regional Park Community (SRPC) was established in August 1969 through the Mountain View Shoreline Regional Park Community Act to develop the recreational potential of state natural resources. It is a special district that collects all tax revenues from the area, which otherwise would go to local entities, including schools.

This report provides an overview of SRPC, its financial impact, governance, and recent negotiations concerning the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with Mountain View Whisman School District (MVWSD).

## Background and Boundaries

The SRPC is a special district governed by the Mountain View City Council, with the City Manager, Planning Director, Finance Director, and Public Works Director serving as ex officio officers. Unlike other development districts, the SRPC continues indefinitely through legislative action, removing tax revenue from local schools that could have supported capital expenses, salaries, and staffing.

The area is 1,484 acres of which 544 acres are Shoreline Regional Park and 950 acres are of the North Bayshore area. The total represents 19% of the approximately 12 square miles governed by the City. **Purpose of the SRPC**

The main objectives of SRPC include:

- Improving community living conditions through design.
- Increasing housing supply and enhancing employment and investment opportunities.
- Providing a public regional recreational facility managed by a governmental agency.

## Financial Overview

- **Operating Budget:** For the fiscal year 2022-23, the SRPC had an operating budget of \$35,520,524, which is more than one-third of the MVWSD operating budget.
- **Tax Value:** In 1977, SRPC's value was \$33,888,148. By 2022-23, the tax value had increased to an estimated \$4.4 billion.
- **Impact on MVWSD:** Commercial properties within SRPC generate substantial tax revenue. For example, the Sashi hotel alone has a tax base of \$62,682,292, which would have contributed approximately \$150,447 in ongoing revenue for MVWSD. Overall, conservative estimates indicate that SRPC could provide about \$10.3 million annually in tax revenue for local schools.

## **Joint Powers Agreement (JPA)**

The JPA between the City, MVWSD, and Mountain View Los Altos High School District (MVLA) was established in 2006, initially contributing \$400,000 for district funding. The agreement was amended in 2011, guaranteeing a base grant of \$2.8 million plus adjustments based on property tax increases. In the last fiscal year, the JPA provided approximately \$6.5 million to MVWSD. However, the JPA expired in 2023.

## **Timeline of Recent Negotiations**

- **May 30, 2023** - JPA approves agreement
- **June 15, 2023** - One year agreement approved by MVWSD
- **June 27, 2023** - City of Mountain View approves one year agreement
- **September 18, 2023** - Joint Meeting of City Council, MVWSD, MVLA
- **September 28, 2023** - Request for letter of Assurance
- **October 9, 2023** - Letter from then President Ramirez Berman requesting letter of assurance
- **October 10, 2023** - City Council approves 3 year agreement to be sent in place of an agreement
- **December 15, 2023** - Ad Hoc Committee meeting
- **December 22, 2023**: City staff confirmed that they would be in contact after the break to schedule the next Ad Hoc Committee meeting.
- **March-April, 2024**: City staff sent potential meeting times to the school districts, but never set a meeting stating that given the number of public officials involved they were unable to secure a date that accommodated the availability of elected officials from all three agencies. MVWSD offered to make any date work virtually
- **June 13, 2024**: MVWSD sent the City a one-year extension of current terms as a placeholder while negotiations continued.
- **June 25, 2024**: City staff informed the districts that no further Ad Hoc Committee meetings would occur.

## **Current Status**

The MVWSD is seeking further negotiation with the City Council to establish a new agreement that will ensure ongoing revenue for the district. Recent communications between the school district and the City highlight the need for a mutually beneficial resolution to the expired JPA.

## **Conclusion**

The SRPC plays a significant role in regional development but has a substantial financial impact on local school funding. The expired JPA and ongoing negotiations are critical to ensuring that MVWSD receives adequate support. The district's leadership is actively working to secure a new agreement that meets the needs of the school community while fostering positive relations with the City of Mountain View.