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SUBJECT: Report of significant actions at TAAG's regular January 16,
2020, Board meeting.

DATE: January 19, 2020

At TAAG's regular January 16, 2020, Board meeting, TAAG's Board had no applications referred to it by the County Planning Department (PD) for review that were not the subject of PD "information hold" (IH) letters. Reviews of pending projects will be made when these projects are accepted as complete by the Planning Department.

The Board voted 5-0 to appoint Templeton resident Joe Jarboe to replace the vacant Delegate seat of Chris Cobey and voted 5-0 to appoint Templeton resident Erik Gorham to replace the vacant Delegate seat of Marie Roth.

TAAG Board approved (6 in favor and one abstention) Bylaw amendments. See attached Bylaw amendments.

TAAG approved (6 in favor and one abstention) Policy and Procedure Amendments. (See attachment.)

A call was made for candidates to declare their intention to run in TAAG's March, 2020 Board election. The following candidates have submitted their declarations: Murray Powell, Joel Woodruff, Erik Gorham, Don Potts and Kristen Gemeny. According to the TAAG Bylaws, candidates had to declare their intention to run at or before this meeting.

The Board discussed possible response to the recent Cal Poly draft EIR. The Board elected not to respond because Cal Poly is not immediately adjacent to the Templeton Advisory Area.

Addendum

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Motion to Amended TAAG Bylaws as Proposed Below.

In accordance with existing TAAG Bylaws, the following amendments are present for approval by the TAAG Board. Amended wording is indicated in bold type indicated as follows.

These proposed amendments are intended to limit the definition of the number of TAAG Board members to one (1) individual of an “immediate family members” group. There are two proposed amendments to be considered with this motion.

1. Amend TAAG Bylaw Article V Section 1 to add the term “**or cohabitants of the same**

household”. The proposed amended Bylaw Article V Section 1 will read (change in bold type):

Section 1: No member of TAAG shall participate in discussion or deliberation on a matter before TAAG wherein the member knows, or has reason to know, that the making of the decision will have a reasonably foreseeable material financial effect on the member or on the member’s immediate family that is distinguishable from its effect on the general public. Immediate family members are defined as a member’s spouse, partner, children, brothers and sisters, grandchildren, parents and grandparents of both the member and the member’s spouse, partner **or cohabitants of the same household.”**

2. Amend TAAG Bylaw Article XII Section 4 to promote diversity of thought and opinion among

TAAG Board members and to minimize the possibility of undue influence exerted on a TAAG Board that is comprised of two or more Delegates and/or Alternates who are members of an “immediate family member” group (including cohabitants in the same household). Present Bylaws allow for the seating of an unlimited number of individuals of a defined “immediate family members” group on TAAG’s Board serving together as Delegates and Alternates. TAAG Bylaw Article XII Section 4 Is proposed to be amended as follows (changes and additions in bold):

Article XII Election of TAAG Board
Members

Section 4: The procedures for determining **that candidates are qualified to run** for election are as follows:

a. call for candidates will be made at the TAAG Board's regularly scheduled November meeting.

b. Incumbent Delegates and Alternates whose terms are expiring have until the **regularly** scheduled December meeting to declare to TAAG their intention to run for re-election in the March election.

c. Non-incumbents have until TAAG's regularly scheduled January meeting to declare to TAAG their intention to run for office in the March election.

d. Candidates must be registered voters residing within the boundaries of the Templeton Unified School District.

e. Two or more otherwise qualified voters who are "immediate family members", as defined in Article V Section 1. of these Bylaws, may not both run for election or hold office during corresponding office terms. The definition of immediate family members includes persons who are cohabitants in the same household. f. Otherwise qualified voters who are "immediate family members" of a current TAAG Board member whose term of office is not up for election during the current annual election year, as determined in accordance with Article XII Section 5 of these Bylaws, are not qualified to run for election.

g. Otherwise qualified voters who are "immediate family members" of an incumbent Delegate Board member who declares, in accordance Article XII Section 4. b. of these Bylaws, his or her intention to seek reelection to an available Delegate seat are not qualified to run for election.

Respectively
submitted,

Murray Powell – TAAG Bylaw Committee Chair
January 16, 2020

ADDENDUM II

Motion to Amend the TAAG Policy and Procedure Guidelines By Inserting a new Section 5 set forth as follows.

Section 5 – Procedures for Conduct of TAAG Annual Board Elections

1. The TAAG Election Committee should meet before TAAG's regular monthly scheduled January Board meeting

and present, for the Board's review and approval, the following:

- A review of the Committee's proposed voting process procedures.
- Samples of the ballot forms (accepted and provisional forms) and any other items such as mailing list sign-up sheets and signage (see item No. 3 below) to be utilized during the TAAG Board election process.
- Definitions of prohibited "electioneering" activities that shall be prohibited in the designated voting area(s) and the proposed responses to "electioneering activity" by a designated TAAG Election Committee member. See item No. 2. for examples of electioneering activities.
- The proposed election facility's location and arrangement of the voting area and separate candidates' meeting areas as defined in item. No. 2 below.
- Other various matters indicated in the items presented below.

2. Electioneering" shall be prohibited within the designated voting area(s). If a separate room is not provided for candidates to meet with voters (see 4. below), electioneering is prohibited within 200 feet of the entrances and exits of the designated voting area(s). Electioneering is a form of campaigning in an election whereby a candidate and the candidate's supporters carry signs, wear items of clothing such as T-shirts or buttons, and display or distribute other items which explicitly convey the support of a candidate at the polling place on election day. In doing so, their goal is to influence last minute undecided voters to vote for their desired candidate or party. Candidates should not be present in the designated voting area(s) except to cast their vote. Candidates should be prohibited from conversing with potential voters within the designated voting area regarding TAAG matters, the TAAG election processes and procedures and other matters concerning the election or influencing voters to vote for the candidate.

3. The Election Committee should consider whether to request declared candidates to complete an optional

questionnaire developed by the Election Committee and submitted to the Board for approval by no later than the Boards' regularly scheduled January Board meeting.

4. A separate room or a designated area should be provided to allow candidates to display their campaign

statements and to meet voters outside of the designated voting area boundaries where voting activities are conducted. The entrance and exits for the room should be separated from the designated voting area. If a separate room that provides isolation from the voting area is not available within the facility, a separate isolated facility or outdoor location should be designated for candidate campaigning activities. The designated outdoor location should be located not less than 200 feet from the entrances and exits of the designated voting area.

5. Instructional signs should be provided the designated voting area. The signs below are provided as examples to

identify the voting steps in an instructional manner. The signs should be readily visible to voters.

- Meet the Candidates
Here
- Voting Area
Entrance
- Start Voting Here – Check In to Obtain Your Ballot
Form
 - Mark Ballots
Here
- Fold Ballot and Place in Ballot
Box
- Exit. Thank you for
Voting
- A sign prohibiting any use of cameras, recording devices and cell phones within the voter designated area.

6. The area where ballots are filled out or marked should be kept separate from all other areas. Voting booths

should be provided with curtains or other means of privacy in a manner that prevents others from observing the marking of ballots by individual voters.

7. Use a different color of paper (or easily identifiable form) for provisional ballots to differentiate them from the

regular ballot and pre-print the word "PROVISIONAL" on the ballot using a method that allows the ballot to close but with the term PROVISIONAL evident. Provisional ballots shall remain unopened and separated from other ballots during the counting process.

8. The ballot box used for the receipt of completed ballots should be monitored or observed, and voters should be

instructed to fold their ballot before depositing them in the ballot box.

9. No cameras, recording devices or cell phones shall be operated in the voter designated area(s). A sign reminding voters of this prohibition shall be provided.

10. The physical arrangement of the voting area should be spacious enough to provide space between each of the steps identified in the ballot process. (as illustrated by the signs above). Organize the voting area beforehand and take steps to eliminate extraneous noise (including noise from voters chatting as they stand in line) from the voting area.

11. A “Questions?” station staffed by two volunteers should be established at the entrance to the voting area.

Develop a list of frequently asked questions (FAQ) that may be handed voters to assist them in the voting process. The “Questions” station should not delay the voting process.

12. A TAAG Election Committee member should be assigned to the voting area floor as a “sergeant at arms” to ask

people disrupting the process to leave the voting area should the need arise.

13. A sign-up sheet may be provided for voters to be added to a TAAG mailing list. The sign-up sheet should be

located at the “question station”. Not in an area where the voting process is being conducted. Signage should be provided to identify the material displayed.

14. The voting line should not contain any information, literature, sign up lists, or any items not relevant to the voting.