



**Council Meeting: February 24, 2009**

**SUBJECT: City Appointment to the Moffett Field Restoration Advisory Board**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

The City's seat on the Moffett Field Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) is currently unfilled; this position was held by Councilmember Lee until his deployment. This assignment is the primary method for communicating the City's position(s) and influencing the Navy's environmental cleanup efforts at Moffett Field, including the restoration of Hangar One.

Staff recommends that Council approve this appointment as an alternate for Councilmember Lee to the Moffett Field Restoration Advisory Board until the Councilmember's return.

**BACKGROUND**

The Moffett Field RAB was formed to advise the Navy on the environmental cleanup efforts at Moffett Field. The RAB is the principal forum for information exchange and community discussion of the concerns and issues about the Moffett Field environmental cleanup program. The Department of Defense, the Navy, NASA, Federal, state and local regulators, any Local Reuse Authority, and the community are all represented.

**EXISTING POLICY**

**Legislative Management Sub-element GOAL 7.3C:** Participate in intergovernmental activities, including national, state and regional groups, in order to represent the City's interest, influence policy and regulations, and enhance awareness.

**Land Use and Transportation Sub-element Policy R1.12:** Protect the quality of life for residents and businesses in Sunnyvale by actively participating in discussions and decisions on potential uses of Moffett Federal Airfield.

**DISCUSSION**

The City's seat on the Moffett Field RAB is currently unfilled; this position was held by Councilmember Lee until his deployment. Though noted in RTC 09-001, *2009 City Council Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) Assignments and Status of Council Sub-Committees*, no action was taken in filling this assignment. The RAB is intended to improve public participation in the

Installation Restoration Program for Moffett Field by involving the community in the Navy's environmental restoration decision-making process. It is important that the City have an active representative on this body and staff encourages councilmembers to consider applying for this appointment.

The RAB typically meets on the second Thursday of each month from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Moffett Field. The next scheduled meeting of the RAB is scheduled for March 12, 2009 at 7 p.m. at the Moffett Field, Building 943 (Public Affairs Building), just before the main gate on NASA Parkway.

Staff notified the Navy of Councilmember Lee's deployment and the Navy has identified the City's options: the City may appoint a replacement (i.e. Councilmember Lee resigns) or may appoint an alternate representative until Councilmember Lee returns.

The Navy also indicated that the City determines the method utilized to make this appointment (i.e. Mayor can appoint, or ratification by full Council).

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact related to this report.

#### **PUBLIC CONTACT**

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall, at the Sunnyvale Senior Center, Community Center and Department of Public Safety; and by making the agenda and report available at the Sunnyvale Public Library, the Office of the City Clerk and on the City's Web site.

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

1. The Mayor appoints an alternate representative to the Moffett Field Restoration Advisory Board until Councilmember Lee's return.
2. Council appoints an alternate representative to the Moffett Field Restoration Advisory Board until Councilmember Lee's return.
3. Council appoints a replacement for Councilmember Lee to the Moffett Field Restoration Advisory Board.
4. Other action as directed by Council.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends Council select an alternate representative to the Moffett Field Restoration Advisory Board by choosing from Alternatives 1 or 2:

1. The Mayor appoints an alternate representative to the Moffett Field Restoration Advisory Board until Councilmember Lee's return.
2. Council appoints an alternate representative to the Moffett Field Restoration Advisory Board until Councilmember Lee's return.

Based on previous Council action to consider Councilmember Lee's deployment as a temporary leave of absence and not a resignation, staff recommends that the appointment be made as an alternate representative rather than a replacement.

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