



**TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Special Conservation Committee
Virtual Meeting
Tuesday, May 26, 2020 – 1:00 PM**

Special Videoconference Meeting via Zoom

SPECIAL VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING AGENDA

To access the meeting by computer, click on the link below:

<https://zoom.us/j/92184771767?pwd=SGZMcWN0ejdzZU1oZmd0QnRtbGtQQT09>

To access the meeting by phone, dial:

1-699-900-6833

1-888-788-0099 (toll-free)

Meeting ID: 921 8477 1767

Password: 179897

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Zoom instructions – Raise hand to speak, unmute when called on.
3. Oral Communications
4. Approval of Minutes for April 2020
5. Old Business of Minutes for April 2020
 - a. Oversight of Significant Town Owned Priorities. Priorities revised anticipating decreased available Town funding. Remainder of this year, Next year's budget request – assume minimal funding, 5-year plans – hopefully reasonable resumption of funding 2021-22
 - i. Resuming projects as restrictions ease – Coordination with Public Works about resumed maintenance of Open Spaces
 - ii. Spring Down
 - iii. Town Center
 - iv. Frog Pond
 - v. Triangle Park
 - vi. Ford Field
 - vii. Rossotti's Field
 - b. Label trees at Town Center
 - c. Milkweed – Gibson Anderson
 - d. Tip of the Month
 - e. What's blooming now?
 - f. Kudos
 - g. Changes heritage shrubs – in Planning hands
 - h. Stick it to your Thistles
 - i. Rodenticides – hawk photos
 - j. Annual Report to Council
6. New Business
 - a. What are our Singing Frogs doing now?
 - b. Another Community building viral event? Rodent proofing?
 - c. Budget
 - d. SOD Blitz
7. Adjournment

8. Next meeting June 23, 1:00 pm – Virtual most likely

APPENDIX A

PENINSULA SOD BLITZ 2020

Citizen Science responds to the Coronavirus Outbreak

ONLINE TRAINING + IN-PERSON PACKET PICKUP/RETURN

Due to the statewide “Shelter-in-Place” order, the SOD Blitz organizers have decided not to cancel the Blitz, but to redesign it, so that it's safe for everyone to participate in! The SOD Blitzes have become a tradition for many, while providing key information to help save our oaks from a devastating disease. The presence of new SOD strains is alarming and the SOD blitzes are the best, if not the only, program to intercept them before they spread. The SOD Blitz organizers feel that it is important to provide a sense of continuity in our daily lives amidst this crisis, by providing you with the option to participate in a safe, healthy and tremendously useful activity.

Please visit www.portolavalley.net/sodblitz2020 to complete the online training and registration before collecting the sampling materials at the SOD Blitz Stations.

Pickup Packets Starting: Saturday, May 30th 10:00 am

Return Packets by: Tuesday, June 2nd 10:00 am

PLEASE NOTE - two pickup/return locations to comply with shelter-in-place order:

- * **Portola Valley:** SOD Blitz Station will be located on the Historic Schoolhouse porch, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley
- * **Woodside:** SOD Blitz Station will be located between Independence Hall and Town Hall, look for the signs out in front.

APPENDIX B

Link to Chris Field article in NYT re wildfires

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/05/14/opinion/wildfires-coronavirus.html?searchResultPosition=4>