



Biography of the New Governing Board Member



Karen Holman, Vice President of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Board of Directors, has been active in the community for many years, including a long public record of environmental stewardship. She was a member of both Acterra and the City of Palo Alto Zero Waste Task Forces and has had roles in neighborhood associations and numerous non-profit organizations. In Palo Alto over the last 17 years she served as mayor, city councilmember, and planning commissioner. In 2013-14, Karen co-chaired the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Advisory Committee, contributing to the creation of the District's Vision Plan.

Born and raised in Missouri, Karen has lived in Palo Alto since 1975. Karen had a long career in graphic design before pursuing work in the conservation and historic preservation field, including serving as Executive Director of the Palo Alto History Museum. She holds a B.A. in graphic arts from the University of Arkansas.