

The Board Meeting, which was held on November 18, 2008 at the Peralta Oaks Headquarters Building, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA, was called to order at 12:45 p.m. by Board Vice-President Ted Radke.

## ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Ted Radke, Vice-President  
Beverly Lane  
Carol Severin  
Nancy Skinner  
John Sutter

Directors Absent: Ayn Wieskamp, Doug Siden

At this time, the Board of Directors met in Closed Session to discuss those items outlined on the Closed Session Board Meeting Agenda.

The Open Session of the Board Meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Board Vice-President Ted Radke.

Staff Present Included: Pat O'Brien, Carol Victor, Dave Collins, Bob Doyle, Tim Anderson, Shelly Lewis, Brian Wiese, Mike Anderson, Diane Althoff, Carol Johnson, Terry Noonan, John Swanson, Jeff Rasmussen, David Amme, Paul Miller, Mimi Waluch, Mark Pearson.

### A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Ted Radke announced that Consent Calendar item D-I-L, Authorization to Amend the 2008 Budget and Transfer Funds for the Brushy Peak Loop Trail Construction Project, will be taken off the Consent Calendar and moved to Open Session.

By motion of Director Lane, seconded by Director Severin, the Agenda as amended was unanimously approved.

### B. SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO DIRECTOR NANCY SKINNER

Director Radke announced that this is Director Nancy Skinner's last meeting as a District Board member, and that she will be moving on as a member of the State Assembly in December. On behalf of the Board and the District, Director Radke thanked her for her service to the District and presented her a plaque of appreciation.

Director Radke also introduced incoming Board member Whitney Dotson.

There was a short break at this time to allow for cake and refreshments in honor of Director Skinner.

### C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Director Skinner extended her gratitude to the District Board and staff, stating that she always felt welcome and benefited from the public's love of the agency. The Board unanimously expressed their appreciation for her work as well as wishing her success in her new role in the Assembly.

D. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Director Skinner, seconded by Director Severin, the Consent Calendar was unanimously approved.

Directors present: Beverly Lane, Ted Radke, Carol Severin, Nancy Skinner, John Sutter,  
Directors absent: Ayn Wieskamp, Doug Siden.

D-I-a Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of October 25, 2008 through  
November 7, 2008  
Resolution No. 2008-11-279 (attached)

D-I-b Approval of the Minutes for September 2, 2008 Board Meeting

Director Skinner asked that a slight correction to her Board Comments to reflect that she made a presentation to the “Contra Costa Central Labor Council”.

D-I-c Authorization to Transfer Funds from Salary Savings to Services and Supplies Accounts:  
Public Affairs Division  
Resolution No. 2008-11-280 (attached)

D-I-d Authorization to Execute a License Agreement with Alameda County for a Livestock Water  
System: Lake Chabot Regional Park  
Resolution No. 2008-11-281 (attached)

D-I-e Authorization to Transfer Funds for Capital Project Budget Reconciliation  
Resolution No. 2008-11-282 (attached)

D-I-f Authorization to Amend the 2008 Budget and Transfer Operational Funds to a Capital Account:  
Design and Construction Department  
Resolution No. 2008-11-283 (attached)

D-I-g Authorization to Release Draft Measure WW Local Grant Program Procedural Guidelines for  
Public Review  
Resolution No. 2008-11-284 (attached)

There was a discussion of the features of this program; AGM of Finance and Management Services Dave Collins and Grants Manager Jeff Rasmussen, stated that in general, this program is different from the Measure AA Local Grant Program in that the District will now have Master Agreements with the various participating cities for the entire amount that they are eligible for and not for individual projects as in AA. In addition, Mr. Rasmussen stated that in the 1988 Measure, the unincorporated areas’ share of the funds was automatically disbursed to the neighboring cities. In this new program, the District will retain the funds and will go before the Board before appropriation. In terms of timing, Mr. Rasmussen stated that all projects in this new version are to be completed in 10 years, versus the 2 – 3 year periods in Measure AA.

Director Radke asked that the “willing seller” language be deleted where it appears on pages 1 and 14.

- D-1-h Authorization to Renew a 25-year License Agreement for a 0.3-mile Trail Segment with the Contra Costa Water District: Contra Costa Canal Trail  
Resolution No. 2008-11-285 (attached)
- D-1-i Authorization to Accept and Appropriate Funds from the DeSilva Group for the Construction of a Bridge to Facilitate Maintenance of District-owned Property at Burton Ridge in Lafayette: Calaveras Ridge Trail  
Resolution No. 2008-11-286 (attached)

Director Sutter asked for an update on Burton Ridge. Regional Trails Program Manager Jim Townsend stated that work on the Calaveras Ridge Trail across Burton Ridge is moving forward slowly at this time – there are two remaining parcels on the ridge wherein the District does not have a trail dedication.

- D-1-j Authorization to Amend the 2008 Budget and Transfer Funds for the Purchase and Installation of a Security Camera System: Roberts Regional Recreation Area  
Resolution No. 2008-11-287 (attached)
- D-1-k Authorization to Encumber Funds to Hire Civicorp School Youth Conservation Crews  
Resolution No. 2008-11-288 (attached)

## 2. LAND DIVISION

- D-2-a Authorization to Amend the 2008 Budget and Transfer Funds for the Brushy Peak Loop Trail Construction Project: Brushy Peak Regional Preserve  
Resolution No. 2008-11-289 (attached)

Moved by Director Lane, seconded by Director Sutter, item D-2-a was unanimously approved.

Directors present: Beverly Lane, Ted Radke, Carol Severin, Nancy Skinner, John Sutter.  
Directors absent: Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp.

Regional Trails Program Manager Jim Townsend gave a video presentation on the work that District staff and citizen volunteers performed to finish the 1.2 mile trail. He stated that obtaining the required environmental permits took some time, given the sensitive natural and cultural resources issues in the area. Mr. Townsend also acknowledged Trails Coordinator Terry Noonan for the design and management of the trail construction, and the construction volunteers: civilian conservation corps from Ukiah, various civicorp crews and District staff.

PAC Chair Rich Guarienti commended staff for their work, stating that the Brushy Peak trail is outstanding and offers wonderful views to users.

## 3. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

- D-3-a Measure WW Parks Bond Extension: Election Update  
General Manager Pat O'Brien updated the Board on the most recent tally from the elections offices, stating that as it stands now, Measure WW is passing by a 71.8% Yes vote. He also stated that Whitney Dotson is leading in the election for Director, Ward 1 with 55.04% of the votes counted to-date.

D-3-b Actions Taken by Other Jurisdictions Affecting the Park District

General Manager O'Brien reported on items listed on the staff report.

4. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Aquatics Supervisor Pete Dequincy made a presentation on the programs conducted via the partnership between the Lifeguard Services Unit and the Regional Parks Foundation to provide swim and water safety services to 50 children (with adult participants). The Foundation provided over \$6,000 for transportation and camperships.

GM O'Brien continued with the items on the staff report.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CLOSED SESSION

Board Vice-President Radke stated that there are no announcements from the Closed Session.

6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

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| a. | EBMUD/EBRPD Liaison Committee | (10-10-08) | (Sutter)  |
| b. | Ecology Committee             | (9-10-08)  | (Skinner) |

7. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Sutter reported on meetings attended. Director Sutter

- Attended the Board field trip to Tesla and Tyler properties. He also asked if the District can assist the public in getting to the top of the ridge at Tyler. Director Sutter was asked about the District's role with State Parks regarding the Tesla property;
- Attended annual meeting of Claremont Canyon Association;
- Attended the Chabot Space and Science Center Finance Committee meeting;
- Attended the Oakland Measure DD Committee meeting;
- Attended the dinner for the General Manager arranged by Director Beverly Lane;
- Attended the Board Development Reviews;
- Attended the Alameda County Mayors Conference, where there was a discussion of ERAF;
- Attended the Ethics Training with Director Siden at the Trudeau Center;
- Attended the Measure WW victory party at Café Trieste, where he spoke to various workers who supported the District's measure, many of whom were Sierra Club members who devoted numerous hours staffing the phones, leaflet distribution and various other activities. Director Sutter stated that the District owes a real debt of gratitude to the Sierra Club.

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Attended the Board field trip to Tesla, stating that she also had the opportunity to view the properties via a helicopter ride-along with Director Wieskamp and GM O'Brien and AGM Doyle a week earlier;
- Attended the Board Field trip to the exhibit at Oakland Airport and asked about the possibility of having the exhibits turned over to District for display in the Board room to coincide with District's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration;
- Conducted hikes to Las Trampas from Hemme to Madrone, where she observed some work that Civicorps did on the trail;

- Attended a CNWS study session by the Concord City Council last night wherein there was a presentation on the two alternatives being considered;
- Will attend a program with the Alamo Incorporation group to share experiences on city council work;

Director Severin reported on meetings attended. Director Severin

- Attended the Board field trip to the Oakland airport;
- Attended the Board Development Reviews;
- Attended the Board field trip to Carnegie, Tesla and Tyler and was impressed with State park staff enthusiasm. She also spoke about access to the ridge at Tyler/Pleasanton Ridge and the possibility of involving the volunteer railroad group from Niles (availability of cog-rail use);
- Attended the EBRPD - Livermore Liaison Committee meeting;
- Attended the Alameda County Mayors Conference with Director Sutter;
- Suggested sharing, when available, the "Measure WW Playbook" with CARPD, NRPA and other districts and park and recreation entities.

Director Skinner reported on meetings attended. Director Skinner

- Will be speaking at a Sustainability Summit in Berkeley on November 20;
- Will be sworn in as State Assembly member on December 1 in Sacramento;
- Stated that she was very pleased with voter support from the two counties for Measure WW;
- Spoke about importance of the CNWS project;
- Spoke about her appreciation and importance of the District's swim program;
- Mentioned that she was very pleased with the recent news article on Bay area-based trail designers.

Director Radke reported on meetings attended. Director Radke

- Stated that he was very pleased with the election results;
- Attended the grand opening of the new Pittsburg recycling center. He mentioned receiving numerous congratulations on the District's success with Measure WW, spoke to former Senator Dan Boatwright and wife who mentioned the important role the District played in the development of Camp Arroyo;
- Attended the Board Developmental Reviews;
- Mentioned the positive comments he received on the District's new highway signs giving directions to parks;
- Attended the Board field trip to Tesla, Carnegie and Tyler;
- Announced an issue coming up regarding the use of the cannery property on the Martinez Shoreline.

## E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rich Guarienti spoke about recent activities he was involved with as PAC Chair.

Asst. General Manager of Planning/Stewardship and Development Mike Anderson announced that Joe Didonato, Stewardship Manager, will be leaving the District at the end of this year to join the Ohlone Land Trust.

## F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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Allen Pulido, Clerk of the Board

Attachments: Visitors Log, Resolution Nos. 2008-12-279 to 2008-12-289, Board Committee Reports