

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

July 5, 2011

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

8. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Executive Committee (6/23/11) (Lane)

Present

Board: Beverly Lane (Chair), Carol Severin, and Doug Siden

Staff: Robert Doyle, Mike Anderson, Ken Blonski, Dave Collins, Meadow D'Arcy, Neal Fujita, Sergio Huerta, Shelly Lewis, Becky Pheng, Mark Ragatz, John Swanson, and Brian Wiese.

Public: William Carmen, Lynn Hovland, Mary McAllister, Ciara Wood, and Linda Yoshikana

The meeting was called to order at 12:55 p.m.

I. 2012 Fuels Management Work Plan

John Swanson, Assistant Fire Chief, gave a short background on the *Wildfire Hazard Reduction and Resource Management Plan* adopted by the Board in April 2010. This is the second year Mr. Swanson has updated the Board Executive Committee on the Fuels Management Work Plan ("Work Plan"). The Work Plan displays the priority for each project and the estimated timeline for project implementation that the District intends to accomplish for the following year. The development of the Work Plan is a joint effort between Fire, Operations, and Stewardship staff.

Mr. Swanson presented a chart (Attachment A) that details work to be performed in 2012. The chart is updated on a quarterly basis by Fire, Stewardship, and Finance and Management Services staff. Mr. Swanson briefly discussed the 2012 Work Plan and discussed the prescribed burn for habitat management program, which is a cooperative effort undertaken by the Fire Department and Stewardship Department. Director Lane asked for clarification about the maintenance acres noted in the chart. Mr. Swanson clarified that after completion of initial treatment, follow-up treatments and maintenance are usually required for several years. Director Lane requested that staff provide the Committee with information on prior/completed treatment projects. Mr. Swanson noted, and Dave Collins, Assistant General

Manager, concurred that those data are included in information provided at the Capital, Trails and Maintenance Workshop (see Exhibit 9b in the June 1, 2011 Workshop materials). Director Siden complimented Mr. Swanson and staff on the *Wildfire Hazard Reduction and Resource Management Plan*. Director Siden asked how the budget relates to the Work Plan. Mr. Swanson responded that funding for the projects will come from Measure CC, from the balance of one-time Capital Funds allocated by the Board several years ago and from the Fire Department's budget. He added that grant funding, such as past FEMA funds and funding recently received from the Department of Labor and the US Forest Service, is also used whenever it's available. The budget will impact the prescribed burn program for habitat management. Bob Doyle, General Manager, asked if there are any other areas that have such an extensive and complex fire management program. Mr. Swanson replied that Lake Tahoe and Los Angeles County have similar programs. There was a short discussion about the District's relationship with the San Ramon Fire Department. Chief Blonski responded that the District has a good relationship with the San Ramon Fire Department.

Public Comment:

Ciara Woods, a resident of Kensington, commented that she supports the *Wildfire Hazard Reduction and Resource Management Plan* and the work of District staff in fuels management.

This was a discussion item and no action/recommendation was needed.

2. Master Plan Update

Mike Anderson, Assistant General Manager, introduced this agenda item. Mr. Anderson gave an overview of the *Community Survey* conducted by SRI. The scientific phone survey was conducted using a random sampling of 400 total residents—200 residents from Alameda County and 200 residents from Contra Costa County. The on-line survey is not scientific and is open to the public. Over 6,000 people participated in the on-line survey, some of whom do not live in Alameda County or Contra Costa County. The questions presented in the on-line survey are identical to the questions in the telephone survey.

Mr. Anderson presented the results of the phone survey results and on-line survey results. The results will be made available on the District's website. Highlights are as follows:

<u>Survey Topic</u>	<u>On-line</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
District is a valuable public resource	96% strongly agree	86% strongly agree
Exercise part of regular routine	92%	86%
Activity in regular routine: Walking dog in park	59%	4%
Policies related to dog parks: existing policies adequate	66%	75%
Aware of the District prior to survey	95%	98%
Dog ownership: own 1 or more dogs	65%	39%

The issues identified in the survey will be addressed in the Master Plan update. The Master Plan update schedule is delayed three months due to the *Community Survey*. The next steps include:

going to the PAC to confirm the policy issues; working with Public Affairs on the document layout; and drafting the actual language. The Committee asked Mr. Anderson to share the survey results and Master Plan update to the full Board of Directors at their August 9, 2011 meeting. Director Severin requested that the results of the *Community Survey* be provided in advance of that meeting to allow for adequate time for review. Director Lane asked staff to confer with SRI regarding the use of the term “Refused” in the *Community Survey*.

Public Comments:

Mary McAllister expressed concerns about terms used in the survey. These terms are: active v. passive parks, natural resource management, and environmental maintenance.

Linda Yoshikana asked about policy changes in the Master Plan.

William Carmen inquired about the telephone survey methodology.

This was an informational item and no action/recommendation was needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky K. Pheng