

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

8. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Executive (4/23/09) _____ (Radke)

Attendees:

Committee Members: Directors John Sutter (For Director Radke), Doug Siden,
Ayn Wieskamp

Staff Members: Dave Collins, David Amme, Everett James, Brian Wiese, Julie
Bondurant, Shelly Lewis, Neal Fujita, Ted Radosevich,
Steve Edwards, Carol Johnson, Hillary Van Austen, Rosemary
Cameron

Public: Julie Baker, Judi Banks,

Director Doug Siden called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m.

I. **Serpentine Prairie Restoration Plan (Redwood Regional Park)**

Brian Wiese, Chief of Planning and Stewardship, gave a brief introduction on this item, followed by a Power point presentation by Wildland Program Manager David Amme showing a photo history and map of the Serpentine Prairie, and discussed the history and the planning and development schedule for the area - he stated that the LUP was adopted, which included restoration recommendations for the prairie, in 1977; Operations and community outreach meetings were conducted in the spring and fall of 2006; staff worked on the development of the Plan with the CA Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) in 2007/2008 with CEQA analysis initiated in 2008.

Mr. Amme stated that if positively recommended by the Executive Committee at this meeting, it is staff's intention to bring the Serpentine Prairie Plan and CEQA before the full Board in June 2009. Staff also intends to release the proposed Plan and CEQS to the public and PAC for review and conduct media outreach and community meetings next month. He added that the tentative schedule includes conducting pre-construction surveys in July 2009 and tree cutting, trail construction and fence installation from August to October this year.

He commented that the Serpentine Prairie restoration elements include the protection of presidio clarkia (endangered), the installation of a protection fence, the removal of exotic planted trees, grassland management, a monitoring/adaptive management process, and a public education program.

Director Sutter commented that there may be some concerns from the community and staff needs to allow enough time to hear the neighborhood concerns, especially the immediate neighbors. He suggested having the local papers print information on the project to include relevant photos. Director Sutter also suggested doing mailings to the Crestmont area neighbors.

Director Wieskamp also suggested that a field trip to the area be scheduled/conducted not only by the Executive Committee but also by the full Board well.

Several members of the California Native Plant Society addressed the Board to express their appreciation for the work that the District has done, as well as its emphasis on public information.

Director Sutter also commented on the importance of the public review process and that decisions should not be made before these are heard.

RECOMMENDATION: Moved by Director Sutter and seconded by Director Wieskamp.

By a unanimous vote, the Executive Committee concurred with staff's recommendation that the draft CEQA document be released for a 30-day public review and comment period; the Committee also directed staff to provide an update at its May Committee meeting for additional discussion and review prior to the Committee giving a recommendation to the full Board for action.

2. Recommendation to Name a Picnic Area at Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area after George C. Roeding, Jr.

Brian Wiese, Chief of Planning and Stewardship, gave a brief introduction, with Park Planner Everett James continuing with the presentation. Mr. James stated that this currently unnamed picnic area built with the assistance of the Boy Scouts organization was recommended for naming in honor of George C. Roeding Jr. in consideration of his historically significant connections with the establishment of Quarry Lakes as well as his involvement in the town of Niles.

Director Siden asked staff to determine if there was any need to get approvals from either the Fremont Liaison Committee or Alameda County Water District before doing adopting this recommendation.

Director Sutter commented that he finds a basic problem with the procedure of this committee making a recommendation before an item goes before the PAC; it seems that it should be brought forward to the PAC prior to a Board committee discussion.

Committee members also asked staff to get more information on the family of Mr. Roeding Jr.

RECOMMENDATION: Moved by Director Wieskamp and seconded by Director Siden, the following recommendation was approved by a vote of 2 yes and 1 abstention (Director Sutter).

The Executive Committee, subject to staff confirmation of the absence of any constraints in the existing District agreements between the City of Fremont and the Alameda County Water District, recommended that the naming of a picnic area at Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area after George C. Roeding, Jr. be submitted to the PAC and full Board for favorable consideration.

There were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.