

**EBMUD/EBRPD
LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING
April 15, 2011
9:00 a.m.**

EBMUD Main Wastewater Treatment Plant
2020 Wake Avenue
Oakland, CA

Agenda

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1. Mokelumne Coast to Crest Trail	(EBRPD/EBMUD) I
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- (I) Information
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Davio Santos, Regional Trails/Work Alternative Unit Manager

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

May 17, 2011

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

8. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. EBMUD/EBRPD Liaison Committee (04/15/11) (Lane)

Attendees:

EBMUD

Board Members: Bill Patterson

Staff:

Alex Coate, General Manager; Dave Williams, Director of Wastewater, Cheryl A. Farr, Special Assistant to the General Manager; Richard Sykes, Director of Water & Natural Resources; Donald Gray, Senior Civil Engineer; John Hake, Associate Civil Engineer; Jennifer Ku, Assistant Engineer

EBRPD

Board Members: Beverly Lane, John Sutter

Staff:

Bob Doyle, General Manager; Carol Johnson, Assistant General Manager, Public Affairs; Mike Anderson, Assistant General Manager, Planning/Stewardship & Development; Davio Santos, Regional Trails Manager; Sue Rogers, Confidential Secretary

Guests:

None

EBMUD General Manager Alex Coate called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. at the Main Waste Water Treatment Plant Library.

I. Mokelumne Coast to Crest Trail

EBMUD Director of Water & Natural Resources, Richard Sykes provided a map and background information on the Mokelumne Coast to Crest Trail (MCCT). The MCCT is a regional trail which is planned to extend approximately 300 miles from Martinez Shoreline Regional Park in the East Bay Area to Ebbetts Pass at the crest of the Sierra Nevada Mountains south of Lake Tahoe. In 1992, the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) Board of

Directors passed Resolution #32652 supporting designation of the MCCT on EBMUD lands. In the 19 years following adoption of that resolution, approximately 33 miles of MCCT has been designated or constructed in the Mokelumne area. Presently, a continuous trail extends from Camanche South Shore Recreation Area to Middle Bar Bridge in the upper reaches of the Pardee Reservoir watershed.

The final 2.5 miles of constructed trail to complete the MCCT, on EBMUD's watershed from Middle Bar to near the EBMUD eastern property boundary at Highway 49, is planned for construction beginning on National Trails Day, June 4, 2011. Planning for this segment is currently underway.

Mr. Sykes commented that locally, the Coast to Crest Trail was aligned many years ago with existing EBMUD trails linking Inspiration Trail to Oursan Trail to Bear Creek Trail to Bear Creek Staging area, and ending at EBRPD's Briones Park. EBMUD staff recently surveyed the markers in this portion of the trail and determined that only minor changes are needed. Next steps by EBMUD include the preparation of a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for public distribution and posting in April 2011, consideration of the MND by the EBMUD Board of Directors anticipated in May 2011, initial trail tread construction planned for June 2011, and completion of the final segment of MCCT in the Mokelumne area planned for August 2012.

EBRPD Trails Manager Davio Santos reported on the background of the MCCT and the signage within the Park District. Last fall, Mr. Santos started hiking, bicycling, and driving throughout EBRPD parklands to identify the MCCT within nine different parks and to determine the need for trail markers. Mr. Santos determined that existing trail markers (posts) and infrastructure could be used for many of the 350 MCCT trail disks, which minimizes cost and time spent by Park District staff. A deadline of May 1st of this year was set for completion of the installation and at the date of this meeting the project was 85% complete.

Mr. Santos commented that by the end of May the EBRPD website will include the entire MCCT with a legend. In addition, as each park brochure is updated the MCCT will be included in the legend. Mr. Santos concluded, saying there will be several interpretive panels describing the trail installed at Park District trailheads.

2. Update on EBMUD Mitigation Bank-Oursan Ridge

EBMUD Director of Water & Natural Resources Richard Sykes stated that EBMUD owns approximately 3,700 acres of property in the Pinole Valley. This property was originally intended for development of a water supply reservoir; however, the land is not needed for any current or planned water supply use. At present, the land is leased for grazing and agriculture. The Pinole Valley Mitigation Bank (PVMB) will preserve approximately 3,000 acres of EBMUD's Pinole Valley property as open space while maximizing the benefit to EBMUD by generating revenue through sales of mitigation credits to public or private entities. It is anticipated that the bank will have credits for Alameda whipsnake, California red-legged frog, wetlands, oak woodland, and steelhead. These credits can be used by EBMUD directly, or may be purchased by other public agencies or private entities to mitigate for environmental impacts of their projects within the bank service area.

The development costs for PVMB will be \$10 to \$15 million so as an initial step in creating the PVMB, EBMUD plans to establish a smaller conservation bank on approximately 270 acres of the PVMB. This smaller bank, called the Oursan Ridge Conservation Bank (ORCB), will establish California red-legged frog and Alameda whipsnake credits and have very low development costs. The prospectus for the ORCB was submitted to the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) in February 2010 and an agency review meeting was held in March. EBMUD received formal comments from the USFWS and CDFG in August 2010. The draft Conservation Bank Enabling Instrument (CBEI) was submitted to the USFWS and CDFG in April 2011. Mr. Sykes stated EBMUD expects to receive comments on the ORCB CBEI from USFWS and CDFG in June 2011. EBMUD expects to get all necessary resource agency approvals, establish the bank, and be able to sell credits by fall 2011. Revenues from this bank will fund development of the larger PVMB. Up to 15% of credits can be sold upon approval.

As the ORCB is approved and goes into operation, EBMUD will continue to work on the planning for the larger and more complex PVMB. EBMUD submitted the final PVMB Prospectus for the project to the resource agencies in May 2010. The resource agencies accepted the Prospectus as complete, and publicly noticed PVMB in the Federal Register in August 2010. The formal review period ended on October 29, 2010, and EBMUD received resource agency comments in December 2010. As funds become available, EBMUD will move forward with development of the PVMB Bank Enabling Instrument. There is potentially \$40 to \$50 million in credit sales from the PVMB the bulk of which is for wetlands. EBMUD General Manager Alex Coate added that this is EBMUD's first mitigation bank and doing it in two phases will allow EBMUD to learn with the smaller bank before they take on the larger bank.

EBRPD Board Member John Sutter asked if the \$40 to \$50 million in the larger mitigation bank is the net amount. Mr. Sykes responded that there are costs in the range of \$10 to \$15 million. Mr. Sutter asked if public access will be included. Mr. Sykes answered that EBMUD will continue to maintain public access to the trails and added that the Bay Ridge Trail will be relocated from the valley to the ridge and that Bay Ridge Trail staff are pleased with the proposed new alignment. Mr. Sutter suggested if there is the possibility of other trail corridors within the PVMB they should be considered for conservation easement. Mr. Sykes responded that there will be plenty of time to look at these options prior to the draft enabling agreement being presented for approval to the six agencies.

3. EBMUD Main Wastewater Treatment Plant and Outfall Tour

EBMUD Director of Wastewater Dave Williams provided a brief presentation highlighting renewable energy production, food waste recycling, and water recycling programs. He described EBMUD's wastewater treatment plant facilities and the wastewater effluent outfall and related facilities —pointing out the location of critical structures located in the middle of the proposed Gateway Park. Mr. Williams expressed EBMUD's concern for protecting the outfall from vehicles crossing the pipeline and from vibration caused by construction.

EBMUD General Manager Alex Coate voiced his agency's concerns with the development plans for Gateway Park. The biggest concerns are for the protecting the outfall and related chemical facilities and managing public and worker safety around the wastewater facility.

EBRPD General Manager Robert Doyle described that the Park District has not taken a position other than the desire to have a shoreline park. Mr. Doyle asked EBMUD staff to think about what long-term infrastructure projects they may require for the pipeline and what benefits or improvements EBMUD may need for long-term solutions. EBRPD AGM of Planning/Stewardship & Development Mike Anderson expressed concern that there has not been a clear message from EBMUD about the vulnerability of the pipeline. Mr. Anderson suggested that EBMUD immediately address their ideas, concerns, and estimated costs in a formal document, as the reporting process is near closing. Mr. Coate replied that EBMUD would be sending a letter to specify issues and estimated costs associated with protections for the regional wastewater treatment facilities, and also would continue to present its concerns through oral comments by EBMUD staff at relevant meetings.

The presentation was followed by a tour of related facilities at the wastewater treatment plant. The tour also included the treated wastewater outfall alignment that runs westward from the treatment plant to EBMUD's dechlorination facility and transition structure.

